



Editorial

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During the first half of 2024, the Economic and Statistical Observatory for Sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT) carried out various actions in terms of statistical coordination and resource mobilization, development and strengthening of partnerships, statutory meetings and direct technical assistance to Member States.

As part of the coordination and resource mobilization missions, five member states were visited. The revival of countries in arrears with the payment of their contributions to AFRISTAT Fund 2016-2025, the follow-up of recommendations of the Council of Ministers as well as negotiation of collaborations within the framework of the project for Harmonizing and Improving Statistics in West and Central Africa (HISWACA) constituted the main points of discussions.

Regarding partnerships, it was a matter of consolidating existing collaborations and developing new ones.

Their consolidation is observed through:

- The closing of the Regional Project to support the strengthening of digital economy statistics and support the use of data science by tax and customs administrations (DATAFID) in collaboration with Expertise France;
- The monitoring of the implementation of statistical programs and projects entrusted to AFRISTAT by WAEMU Commission, FAO, INSEE, Expertise France as well as Djibouti and Guinea;
- The participation in statutory meetings of partners as well as in the joint organization of activities. It is for this reason that the Observatory was represented at the following main meetings: the 55th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, the regional workshop on the Statistical Business Register of the second Strategy for the harmonization of statistics in Africa (SHaSA 2), the 1st ordinary session of the Steering Committee (COFIL) of the project for, Harmonizing and Improving Statistics in West and Central Africa (HISWACA) of the WAEMU Commission. AFRISTAT also took part in the meeting of Directors General of ECOWAS NSIs, the 18th Colloquium of the National Accounting Association and the joint IAOS-ISI 2024 conference;
- The joint organization of workshops with INSEE and the WAEMU and CEMAC Commissions on the quality approach and the short and medium-term situation and forecasts of AFRISTAT member states.

The development of partnerships took place, on the one hand, during exchanges with the Institute of Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) with a view to studying the feasibility of jointly hosting young economists and statisticians and, on the other hand, during the discussions held in Côte d'Ivoire and Mali with a view to establishing technical assistance conventions for harmonizing and improving national statistical production.

Regarding statutory meetings, the Observatory organized the 47th session of its Steering Committee virtually. The latter allowed the adoption of the 2023 activity report of the Directorate General, the review of the draft of AFRISTAT Founding Treaty revised and updated to the standards of international texts, the examination of the opinions on proposal contributions by country to the AFRISTAT 2026-2035 Fund. This Committee also ensured validation of terms of reference for the recruitment of the Deputy General Director of AFRISTAT for the period 2026-2029 and adoption of AFRISTAT administrative, financial and accounting procedures manual.

Non-project technical assistance concerned around ten member and non-member States in the following areas: business statistics, national accounts, social accounting matrix, general business census, quality approach, processing of survey data and calculation of indicators, etc.

Finally, the Observatory supervised a statistics technician student (ATS) from the Statistics Training and Development Center (CFP-STAT) in Mali, for an academic internship.

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AFRISTAT NEWS

Visits

The Director General of AFRISTAT, Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé, carried out a series of visits to its member states during the first half of 2024. These visits, primarily focused on statistical coordination and resource mobilization, included the following countries:

■ CÔTE D'IVOIRE

From June 12 to 14, 2024, the Director General of AFRISTAT carried out a partnership mobilization mission to Abidjan. He held working sessions with the Director General of the National Institute of Statistics (INS) of Côte d'Ivoire and his Deputy, expressing the gratitude of all AFRISTAT staff for Côte d'Ivoire's contribution to the AFRISTAT Fund

2016-2025, made in the first quarter of 2024. The discussions mainly focused on identifying activities to be carried out under a technical assistance agreement to accelerate the execution of the national component of the project for harmonizing and improving statistics in West and Central Africa.

■ EQUATORIAL GUINEA

On May 29, 2024, Mr. Nguema Meyé met with the Secretary of State for Planning and Economic Diversification, H.E. Antonio Pedro Oliveira Burupu, in Malabo.

The discussions covered two main topics:

- (i) accelerating AFRISTAT's support to the statistical services of Equatorial Guinea, particularly in quality assurance,
- (ii) raising awareness and mobilizing resources for the AFRISTAT Fund 2016-2025.

■ TOGO

From April 7 to 10, 2024, the Director General of AFRISTAT visited Lomé for a coordination mission. During this stay, he met with Mrs. Ablamba Ahoéfavi Johnson, Secretary-General of the Presidency of the Republic of Togo and Chair of the AFRISTAT Council of Ministers for the 2024-2025 period.

They reviewed AFRISTAT's technical and financial situation and discussed the challenges facing the organization in the short and medium term. The Director General received directives from the Chair of the Council regarding upcoming actions, especially in preparation for the next Council of Ministers meeting.



■ MALI

On February 23, 2024, Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé, Director General of AFRISTAT, held a working session in Bamako with Mr. Arouna Sougane, Director General of the National Institute of Statistics (INSTAT).

The discussions centered on:

- (i) reviving AFRISTAT's Resource Mobilization Technical Committee, chaired by Mali,
- (ii) monitoring the recommendations from the last AFRISTAT Council of Ministers meeting. It was agreed to hold consultations with various stakeholders to advance these matters.

■ SENEGAL

From January 22 to 24, 2024, the Director General of AFRISTAT carried out a resource mobilization and partnership mission in Dakar. He met with the Director General of the National Agency for Statistics and Demography (ANSD) and the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Cooperation. The discussions focused on

Senegal's contributions to the AFRISTAT Fund 2016-2025. A working session was also held with the Head of the Training and Research Division of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) in Dakar, to explore the possibility of jointly hosting young economists and statisticians.

Arrival

■ The Observatory has been welcoming since June 3 until July 26, 2024, **Ms. Mariam Hafsatou Togola**, senior statistics technician student (ATS) from the Center for Training and Development in Statistics

(CFP-STAT) of Mali, to an academic internship. She works on the descriptive analysis of youth unemployment and employment in Mali.

Activities of the Directorate General

47th meeting of the AFRISTAT Steering Committee

The AFRISTAT Steering Committee held its 47th meeting on June 18, 2024 by videoconference under the chairmanship of Mr. Laurent Mahounou Hounsa, Director General of the National Institute of Statistics and Demography of Benin (INStAD), who serves as the current President of the Committee. The meeting focused on the review and adoption of the 2023 activity report and the corresponding budget. The Committee also addressed several specific issues included in its agenda.

Regarding the implementation of the 2023 Action Plan and Budget, the execution rate

of activities was 72.5% as of December 31, 2023, showing a slight improvement compared to the 70.3% rate in 2022.

After reviewing the 2023 activity report, the Committee commended the Directorate General for the good results achieved despite the challenges faced, particularly cash flow issues and the impact of political and security crises on its activities.

The Committee approved the 2023 activity report of the Directorate General and gave its full confidence in the management. On specific issues, the Committee examined several points, including the revised four-

ing treaty document, updated to meet international standards by a small working group, and the feedback from consultations on the allocation of country contributions.

The Committee also approved the terms of reference for recruiting the Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT for the period 2026-2029 and authorized the Directorate General to publish them. Furthermore, the Committee reviewed and adopted AFRISTAT's administrative, financial and accounting procedures manual.

Workshop for the first half of 2024 on the economic situation and medium-term forecasts 2024-2027 in WAEMU member states, Guinea, Mauritania and Cabo Verde



AFRISTAT, West AFRITAC and the WAEMU Commission organized the traditional mid-year seminar on economic situation and medium-term forecasts 2024-2027 for the benefit of West African member states. It took place from June 3 to 7, 2024 in Ouagadougou.

All WAEMU member states, Guinea and Mauritania were represented by participants respectively in charge of economic analysis and macroeconomic forecasting.

Executives from the BCEAO and the Central Bank of the Republic of Guinea also took part. The main objective of the seminar was to take stock of the recent situation and the 2024-2027 macroeconomic forecasts in the States and to also allow exchanges and discussions between the participants. The seminar made it possible to strengthen the capacities of around twenty executives on economic analysis and short-term forecasts.

Webinar for the first half of 2024 on the economic situation and short-term forecasts 2024-2025 in the CEMAC member states, in the DRC, Burundi, Comoros, Sao Tome and Principe, Djibouti and Madagascar

AFRISTAT, Central AFRITAC and the CEMAC Commission organized a virtual seminar on the economic situation for the first half of 2024 and the short-term forecasts for 2024-2025 for the benefit of the member states of Central Africa. The event took place from May 7 to 10, 2024 and was attended by

representatives in charge of economic analysis and macroeconomic forecasting from CEMAC member states as well as the DR Congo, Djibouti, Burundi and Sao Tome and Principe. The BEAC, the United Nations Economic Commission for Central Africa and the Economic Community of Central

African States (ECCAS) also took part in the work. The seminar made it possible to take stock of the recent economic situation and the macroeconomic forecasts for 2024-2025 in the states as well as a sharing experiences between 18 executives from the participating countries.

Regional workshop on the statistical quality approach

The Observatory and INSEE organized, in collaboration with INStAD of Benin, a regional workshop on quality assurance in Cotonou, from May 20 to 24, 2024.

This activity brought together 24 participants from seven Member States.

The workshop mainly aimed to raise awareness and initiate the executives of the statis-

tical systems of AFRISTAT Member States, the Commissions of the Regional Economic Communities and the central banks in the development of National Quality Assurance Frameworks (NQAF).

It was also an opportunity to promote sharing experiences in the statistical quality approach.



Project of CPI rebasing and Social accounting matrix (PRI/MCS) WAEMU

Activities within the framework of the PRI/MCS – WAEMU project concerned the rebasing of consumer price index (CPI) and the development of social accounting matrices (SAM).

SAM component

During the period under review, two technical support missions were conducted in Ouagadougou by Serge Jean Edi, Deputy Director General for this component, namely:

■ A support mission from January 22 to 26, 2024 for the consolidation of the 2019 social accounting matrix (SAM) of Burkina Faso according to the harmonized format. It made it possible to:

- (i) review the developed 2019 SAM,
- (ii) adjust the format to the harmonized version,
- (iii) bring the branches and products back to level 1,
- (iv) rebalance and finalize the SAM with a draft of the methodological document.

■ The second mission allowed to participate in a technical workshop organized by the WAEMU Commission from April 29 to May 3, 2024 for the preparatory work for the development of the countries' computable general equilibrium (CGE) models.

The work allowed to:

- (i) reformat the eight SAM of the WAEMU countries with a view to developing the CGEs,
- (ii) receive all the country methodological documents on the development of the disaggregation sub-matrices with a view to finalizing the regional document.

Price statistics Component

■ AFRISTAT conducted a third series of joint circular support missions at the level of the National Institutes of Statistics (NIS) of the WAEMU member states in collaboration with the Project partners.

These missions took place from April 22 to June 28, 2024 and made it possible to:

- (i) identify and correct the outliers of the basic prices and the renovated indices from January to May 2024;
- (ii) recalculate the renovated indices from January to May 2024 in the Phoenix-WAEMU application for all regions;
- (iii) refine the consumption expenditure of products,
- (iv) finalize the comparative analysis of consumption expenditure between 2014, 2018 and 2021.

■ Regional workshop from March 18 to 29, 2024

From March 18 to 29, 2024, AFRISTAT organized, in Saly, a regional workshop for configuring and initializing the secondary classifications and calculating the first test indices. The workshop brought together two experts in price statistics from each WAEMU Member State, experts from AFRISTAT, the WAEMU Commission, the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) and the IMF.

It made it possible for each country to configure and initialize secondary classifications in the Phoenix-WAEMU application, to finalize the data estimation methods and the replacements of varieties and points of sale in the application and to calculate the first test indices for January and February 2024.

■ Support mission in Niger

Mr. Tchadéléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao, Price Statistics Expert at AFRISTAT, led a support mission to the NIS of Niger from February 26 to March 1, 2024.

It made it possible to:

- (i) take stock of the progress of the work on setting up the renovated CPI production system,
- (ii) refine the consumption expenditure for each region,

- (i) finalize the comparative analysis between 2014, 2018 and 2021,
- (iv) proceed with the import of the surveys and the entry of the data for January and February 2024 in the Phoenix-WAEMU application.

■ Regional workshop from January 29 to February 9, 2024

AFRISTAT, organized, from January 29 to February 9, 2024 in Cotonou, a regional workshop which brought together two experts in price statistics from each WAEMU Member State, experts from AFRISTAT, WAEMU Commission and BCEAO.

The objective of the regional workshop was to determine the consumption expenditure of the CPI subclasses not covered by the EHCVM 2021 and to carry out a comparative analysis of consumption expenditure in 2014, 2018 and 2021.

The workshop made it possible by region and by country to:

- (i) exploit data sources for the processing of consumption expenditure of the subclasses concerned;
- (ii) determine their consumption expenditure;
- (iii) update the consumption weight of the products;
- (iv) prepare data files to be imported into the Phoenix-WAEMU application;
- (vi) update and validate the weighting structure at the regional level according to the NCOA- CPI 2018;
- (vii) carry out a comparative analysis of consumer expenditures in 2014, 2018 and 2021 ; (viii) also make available consumer expenditures from the results of the EHCVM 2021 for Niger.

Project to strengthen the institutional and organizational system of the NIS of the Republic of Guinea to improve the production of economic statistics

AFRISTAT and National institute of statistics (NIS) of the Republic of Guinea signed, on October 11, 2022, a service provision agreement for the improvement of statistical production in the Republic of Guinea.

Business statistics component

■ Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, AFRISTAT expert in charge of business statistics, carried out a technical assistance mission in Conakry (Guinea) from February 5 to 23, 2024, with the NIS for the implementation of the general business census (GBS).

This mission made it possible to develop the

detailed budget and timetable of activities by step of implementation of the GBS, to finalize the methodology document and the questionnaire for the main collection of the GBS.

A meeting with the Technical Committee for Information Exchange of Guinea was organized to inform its members of the upco-

ming implementation of the GBS by the NIS. The GBS work will continue through the implementation of preparatory activities.

The mission made proposals on the timetable of activities for the implementation of the GBS.

Project for Economic Management and Development of Statistics for Policy Development (GEDES) Djibouti

AFRISTAT signed an agreement on October 28, 2021 with the Djiboutian authorities to strengthen the capacities of the Djibouti National Institute of Statistics (INSTAD) in the areas of national accounts, business statistics, price statistics, social accounting matrix (SAM) and foreign trade statistics. The project resulting from this agreement is financed by the World Bank.

Price statistics component

As part of capacity building in price statistics and the continuation of work relating to CPI production, four (4) executives from the price department of Djibouti's National Institute of Statistics (INSTAD) carried out a study trip to the premises of AFRISTAT and the National Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) in Bamako, Mali, from January 22 to 26, 2024. The aim is to familiarize themselves with

methods for replacing points of sale and basic products in the Phoenix application and with the methodology of entire process of collecting, processing and calculating a price index.

The study trip made it possible to:

- (i) improve the existing points of sale in the Phoenix application in terms of addresses and locations,
- (ii) replace the missing points of sale in the

application with those proposed by the collection agents,

- (iii) configure in the database the basic products that needed modification in relation to the points of sale,
- (iv) explore in the Phoenix database the methods for removing basic products,
- (vi) share experiences with colleagues responsible of price statistics at INSTAT of Mali.

GEDES Djibouti Project: Agreement AFRISTAT - Direction of economy and planning (DEP)

AFRISTAT signed a second agreement on October 3, 2022 with the Djiboutian authorities to strengthen the capacities of the Directorate of Economy and Planning (DEP) of the Ministry of Economy and Planning in charge of Industry, in the areas of monitoring of the economic situation, the macroeconomic framework, the public investment program (PIP) and computable general equilibrium modeling. The project resul-

Macroeconomic framework component

Three activities took place on this aspect, namely:

- The organization of a virtual meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, between AFRISTAT and the Directorate of Economy and Planning of Djibouti, focusing on the progress of the project, the difficulties encountered and the prospects for the activities. At the end of the meeting, the DEP planned to

acquire the GAMS software for computable general equilibrium (CGE) models and provided an updated schedule of upcoming activities.

- A mission to support the use of the renovated Djibouti Economic Model (MED) for the production of macroeconomic frameworks. It was conducted by two associate experts, from April 21 to May 2, 2024 in Djibouti. The mission made it possible to produce the macroeconomic framework

from 2024 to 2027 using the renovated MED, to write a scoping note and to make improvements to the draft guide for using the model.

- Working sessions were carried out online, from May 6 to 10, 2024 by the same associated experts. These made it possible to take into account the observations of the last mission and to finalize the methodological guide for using the MED.

FAO - AFRISTAT protocol for strengthening the capacities of 10 African countries for the production of SDG 2.1.1 and SDG 2.1.2 indicators

AFRISTAT signed a memorandum of understanding with FAO to strengthen the capacities of 10 AFRISTAT member states (national institutes of statistic and statistical units within the Ministries of Agriculture and/or food security of Benin, of Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Chad and Togo) to produce, analyze and communicate SDG 2.1.1 and SDG 2.1.2 indicators.

Within the framework of the AFRISTAT-FAO agreement, several activities were organized during the first half of 2024.

- Mr. Sansan Kambou and Mr. Djabar Adechian, respectively expert in survey and census data processing and expert in socio-demographic statistics, participated in the training seminar on food security indicators, in particular the prevalence of undernourishment (SDG 2.1.1 – PoU) and the Experience-Based Food Insecurity Scales (FIES), from February 26 to March 1, 2024 in Bamako. In addition to AFRISTAT, about fifteen participants from government agencies and the FAO office in Mali actively participated.

- From March 11 to 14, 2024, AFRISTAT and FAO organized an online training for the calculation of SDG 2.1.1 and SDG 2.1.2 indicators for the benefit of executives from the 9 beneficiary countries of the project. Around forty participants from NSIs and structures in charge of agricultural statistics took part in this training.

- AFRISTAT in collaboration with FAO organized a regional training workshop on the calculation and development of a note on SDG 2.1.1 and SDG 2.1.2 indicators from June 3 to 7, 2024 in Lomé. Eight countries were represented, each by two participants.

The workshop enabled for:

- training 16 managers from country NIS on the concepts and methods for estimating the prevalence of undernourishment and food insecurity;
- training participants in the use of scripts developed for estimating SDG 2.1.1 and SDG 2.1.2 indicators and the Shiny application for calculating the FIES (Food Insecurity Experience Scale);
- producing estimates of SDG 2.1.1 and SDG 2.1.2 indicators and discussing them with country experts;
- defining a roadmap for the next steps.

Regional Support Project for Digital Economy Statistics

The Regional Project to Support the Strengthening of Digital Economy Statistics and Support the Use of Data Science by Tax and Customs Administrations (DATAFID) is implemented by Expertise France for the benefit of six pilot countries, (Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo). Its financing is provided by the Directorate General of the French Treasury. As part of the execution of certain project activities, AFRISTAT and Expertise France signed a service provision agreement in May 2022.

The first half of 2024 was devoted to the final activities on the agreement, including supporting Côte d'Ivoire in implementing a study on the digital economy. AFRISTAT worked alongside the NIS on all aspects of the study. This is a two-part survey: one part on access to and use of ICT by households and individuals and a second part on access to and use of ICT by businesses.

As a reminder, the Observatory worked to transfer the methodology and collection tools. It also assisted the NIS on the analysis and tabulation plans as well as on data cleaning and processing.

■ From February 5 to 16, 2024, Mr. Sansan Honkounne Kambou and Mr. Djabar Dine C. Adechian, respectively experts in data processing and social statistics, carried out a

support mission to NIS of Côte d'Ivoire for the analysis of data from the survey on access to and use of information and communication technologies (ICT) by households, individuals and businesses. The mission made it possible to:

- produce the complementary analysis tables for the two parts of the survey;
- prepare the first versions of the report;
- prepare the preliminary draft report;
- establish an updated timetable for the continuation of the activities of the agreement.

The results of the pilot survey, which include two components (household and business), were presented during a national dissemination workshop, held in Abidjan on April 23, 2024.

Project Closing Steering Committee

On April 29 and 30, 2024, the Steering Committee marking the closing of the DATAFID project was held in Paris. AFRISTAT, was represented at this meeting by its Director General. He assisted the executives of the NIS of Côte d'Ivoire who presented the results of the survey on the digital economy, the implementation of which benefited from the technical support of the Observatory. In addition to the statistical aspect, the meeting also drew lessons from training and experiments conducted in the context of the use of data science. With a view to a new project, the possibilities for intervention are oriented, among other things, towards the digitalization of public finances, the popularization of data professions and the use of artificial intelligence.

AFRISTAT-INSEE Agreement

On March 10, 2023, AFRISTAT and INSEE signed a partnership agreement within the framework of the PAS2 ECOBUSAF-SOCSTAF project for technical assistance and monitoring-evaluation missions of activities to improve production in national accounts and informal sector statistics in four countries (Congo, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Madagascar).

In this context, a mission took place from March 4 to 8, 2024 in Antananarivo (Madagascar). The mission was conducted jointly by Mr. Ibrahima Sory and Mr. Harouna Traoré, respectively experts in national accounts from AFRISTAT and INSEE. The main objective of this mission was to diagnose the national accounts in the pers-

pective of a change of base year and the migration to the 2008 SNA.

The mission made it possible to:

- (i) analyze the institutional and organizational system in relation to national accounts;
- (ii) describe the working methods of the national accounts department, by taking

stock of human, material and financial resources;

- (iii) analyze the current state of production of national accounts;
- (iv) take stock of the data sources used for the development of national accounts;
- (v) collect the needs for technical assistance and training in the ERETES module.

Other AFRISTAT activities

BENIN

■ Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, AFRISTAT expert in charge of business statistics, carried out a technical assistance mission in Cotonou from June 13 to 24, 2024, with the National Institute of Statistics and Demography (INStaD) to support the executives of the Economic Sector Statistics Service in the overhaul of the Agricultural Producer Price Index (APPI).

This mission made it possible to: (i) assess the existing APPI production system in accordance with international standards and AFRISTAT guidelines, (ii) train four INStaD executives on the APPI production and publication system and (iii) discuss with sectoral

Support missions by AFRISTAT experts

public structures involved in the primary sector for the purpose of collaborating in the process of overhauling this indicator.

These discussions made it possible to diagnose their data collection system, particularly production.

BURKINA FASO

■ As part of the analysis work of the National Basic Survey on Employment and the Informal Sector (ENB-ESI), Mr. Djabar Dine Adechian, expert in sociodemographic statistics (April 29 to May 14, 2024) and Mr. Sansan Honkounne Kambou, expert in data processing (May 13 to 24, 2024), carried out

a support mission to the INSD for the development of the analysis and tabulation plan and the production of the analysis tables.

The mission's work made it possible to:

- develop a three-part analysis plan covering:
 - part 1: Characteristics of households and the population and the situation of governance, peace and security,
 - part 2: Employment, underutilization of labor and working conditions,
 - part 3: Characteristics and performance of the informal sector;
- develop tabulation plans for the three parts;
- develop f SPSS processing programs;

- produce all the analysis tables for the three parts of the ENB-ESI report.

BURUNDI

■ A mission, organized by the East African Community (EAC), in collaboration with AFRISTAT and the National Institute of Statistics of Burundi (INSBU) stayed from June 24 to July 5, 2024 in Bujumbura, as part of a training course to accelerate the catching up of the production of national accounts under the 2008 SNA. The mission was carried out by Mr. Gervais Nduwimana and Mr. Ibrahima Sory, experts in national accounts, respectively from the EAC and AFRISTAT.

The mission made it possible to: (i) present the general approach and experiences of accelerating the catch-up of national accounts; (ii) resolve technical problems related to the use of the ERETES module; (iii) present the data source processing work; (iv) present the pre-arbitration approach; (v) present the conduct of resource-use balances (ERE) and branch accounts (CB); (vi) present the method for producing the Resource and Use Table (TRE) and the Integrated Economic Accounts Table (TCEI); (vii) develop a roadmap for the catch-up work on the production of national accounts.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

■ AFRISTAT expert in charge of business statistics, Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, carried out a technical assistance mission in Abidjan from April 22 to May 3, 2024, with the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) to support the executives of the Directorate of Business Statistics and Economic Situation in the work of data processing and calculation of service turnover indices (ICA-S). This mission made it possible to process the available data, develop the model for calculating these indices and calculate the provisional turnover indices for the 12 months and 4 quarters of the base year 2022 and the first 3 months and first quarter of the current year 2023.

■ An AFRISTAT mission carried out by Mr. Ibrahima Sory, Expert in national accounts, took place from May 21 to June 5, 2024 in Yamoussoukro, as part of support for national accounts.

The main objective of the mission was to provide support for the development of institutional sector accounts according to the 2008 SNA methodology.

The mission took place in a workshop and made it possible to: (i) present the methodology for developing institutional sector accounts; (ii) develop the Integrated Economic Accounts Table (TCEI) for the years 2015 to 2021; (iii) produce indicators related to institutional sector accounts.

GABON

■ Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana and Mr. Issoufou Meité, respectively AFRISTAT expert in charge of business statistics and IT consultant expert, carried out, from June 10 to 21, 2024, a technical assistance mission in Libreville with the General Directorate of Statistics (DGS) to continue the work of setting up a national business directory for statistical purposes in Gabon. The mission made it possible to: (i) set up the provisional version 0 of the national business directory of Gabon, (ii) train eight DGS executives and nine representatives of sectoral structures on the use of the TIGRE application (Computer Technology for Business Directory Management) for creating and managing the national business directory and (iii) transpose the provisional version 0 of the national directory into the TIGRE application. This provisional version 0 includes 1,782 companies in the formal sector.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

■ From May 27 to 29, 2024, Mr. Nguema Meye Paul-Henri, Director General of AFRISTAT, assisted the National Institute of Statistics of Equatorial Guinea (INEGE) in organizing the validation workshop of its CNAQ. This workshop, which brought together all the stakeholders of the Equatorial Guinean statistical system, made it possible to: (i) review the assessment of the conformity of the statistical system of Equatorial Guinea to operate and produce statistics according to international quality standards, (ii) examine the recommendations of the CNAQ for improving the quality of statistical production and (iii) technically validate the CNAQ before defining the roadmap.

The next step is to encourage the adoption of the CNAQ by the National Council of Statistics and/or by the Government.

MALI

■ On May 9, 2024, Mr. Sansan Honkounne Kambou, Data Processing Expert, took part in the workshop to relaunch the activities of the ad hoc committee for the development of the operational dictionary of jobs and professions (DOME).

As a reminder, the development of the DOME began in 1999 with the following main objectives:

- to support the qualitative and quantitative analysis of the definition of job offer and demand profiles in order to facilitate the integration and reintegration of active people;
- to present an operational documentary source on the content of jobs and professions;
- to contribute to the adaptation of training programs to the conditions of jobs and professions.

The workshop made it possible to make proposals for the commission's future activities.

■ Ms. Boukenem Fatima Diallo represented AFRISTAT at the official launch ceremony of the National Human Development Report (NHDR), 2023 edition, on May 16, 2024. The theme of this edition focuses on the impact of inflation on household purchasing power in a context of multidimensional crisis in Mali from 2017 to 2022. The ceremony was co-chaired by the Minister of Health and Social Development and his counterpart of Industry and Trade as well as the UNDP Resident Representative in Mali.

■ Mr. Serge Jean Edi, Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT, took part in the technical session of the 2024 annual review of the Statistics Master Plan (NSDS) of Mali, held on June 13 and 14, 2024 in Bamako. This session, which brought together all the stakeholders of the national statistical system and the technical and financial partners, made it possible to present: (i) the status of implementation of the recommendations of the 2023 annual review of the NSDS; (ii) the assessment of the 2023 NSDS; (iii) the 2024, 2025 activity program and the 2026-2027 indicative program.

■ Previously, the Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT took part in the seventh statutory meeting of the National Statistics Council (CNS) of Mali which took place on June 11, 2024 in Bamako. The meeting which brought together the statutory members and executives of INSTAT, provided an opportunity to discuss: (i) the presentation of the status of implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the 2023 statutory meeting of the CNS; (ii) the presentation of the roadmap for the process of implementing Quality Assurance within the NSS; (iii) the presentation of the roadmap for the process of developing the NSDS 2025-2029

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

■ The Central Bank of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) had made a request for technical support from AFRISTAT in the establishment of an industrial production index (IPI). The aim was to train two executives from this institution on the process of establishing this cyclical activity indicator. This training was held from April 16 to 19, 2024 at AFRISTAT's premises. The Central Bank of DRC delegation was composed of Messrs. Christian Mulongo and Déogratias Shako Djeko.



TOGO

■ The Director General of AFRISTAT, in partnership with ECA experts, led the national workshop to launch the development of the National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF) of Togo from 2 to 5 April 2024 in Lomé. During this workshop, executives of

the Togolese statistical system were made aware of and introduced to the development of NQAF. During the work, AFRISTAT and ECA helped to develop a provisional diagnosis of the compliance of Togo's statistical system to operate and produce statistics according to international quality standards.

They also demonstrated the impact of the quality approach in achieving the objective of transforming and modernizing the African statistical system to which Togo committed in 2022, during the meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa.

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International activities

AFRISTAT took part in international meetings organized by its partners

N°	Events	Period	Location	Organizers
1	Virtual workshop on tourism satellite accounts	February 22, 2024	Virtual	Insee
2	55 th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission	February 27 - March 1, 2024	New York	United Nations Statistical
3	Virtual seminar to validate the methodological guide for the projection of the table of financial operations of public administration (TOFAPU)	March 6-8, 2024	Virtual	West and Central AFRITAC
4	CEMAC Regional Workshop on Business Statistics	March 12-15, 2024	Libreville	CEMAC Commission
5	Regional Workshop on the Statistical Register of Businesses of the Second Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA 2)	March 20-22, 2024	Douala	STATAFRIC
6	HISWACA-WAEMU CoPil Meeting	March 13-15, 2024	Abidjan	WAEMU Commission
7	Meeting of the Directors General of the NIS of ECOWAS	March 25-29, 2024	Cotonou	ECOWAS Commission
8	Regional Seminar of Afritac Center in the field of Real Sector Statistics	April 15-19, 2024	Douala	AFRITAC Center
9	Regional Technical Workshop for the Completion of MCS Work	April 29 - May 3, 2024	Ouagadougou	WAEMU Commission
10	Joint IAOS-ISI Conference 2024	May 15-17, 2024	Mexico	IAOS-ISI
11	Third Regional Training Workshop on Agricultural Statistics	May 20-24, 2024	Lusaka	UNECA
12	Regional Meeting of Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) of West Africa	June 10-11, 2024	Abidjan	UNECA
13	Final Workshop of the Second Phase of the GSARS: Celebrating Progress and Shaping the Future of Agricultural Statistics in Africa	June 11-12, 2024	Abidjan	AU Commission
14	18 th Colloquium of the Association of National Accountants (ACN)	June 20-21, 2024	Paris	Insee
15	Conference of Directors of African Statistical Schools (ESA)	June 27, 2024	Paris	CAPESA
16	Thirty-fourth Meeting of the Orientation Committee of Afritac West	June 20, 2024	Cotonou	West AFRITAC
17	Conference of the African Sports and Creative Institute (ASCI)	June 27, 2024	Paris	African Sports and Creative
18	CEFIL Workshop 2024 on the topic: «Data protection in official statistics: issues, risks and trade-offs »	July 2-4, 2024	Abidjan	AFRISTAT, Insee
19	Meeting of experts in the coordination of national statistical systems (NSS), CEMAC	July 22-25, 2024	Douala	CEMAC Commission

N°	Events	Period	Location	Organizers
20	WAMA mid-annual statutory meetings 2024	July 26-30, 2024	Dakar	WAMA
21	10 th session of the CEMAC Sub-Regional Statistics Committee	July 29-30, 2024	Douala	CEMAC Commission
22	Meeting of the specialized technical group AGNA and price	July 29-30, 2024	Virtual	AU Commission
23	Regional workshop on best practices in macroeconomic forecasting in WAEMU member states	July 29-31, 2024	Virtual	WAEMU Commission
24	Regional technical workshop on the operationalization of the common regional platform for compilation and presentation of GDP resources and uses in the ECOWAS region	August 5-10, 2024	Abuja	ECOWAS Commission
25	AfDB Innovate Africa Symposium	September 25-27, 2024	Kigali	AfDB

Echoes from National Statistical Institutes

BURUNDI

www.insbu.bj

■ The main census mapping of the General Census of Population, Housing, Agriculture and Livestock (RGPHAE) started on December 16, 2023 and will end on May 15, 2024.

■ The Technical Committee for Statistical Information (CTIS) held its 26th ordinary meeting in Gitega from February 5 to 10, 2024.

■ A mission was conducted by PAS II, from February 19 to March 1, 2024 in Bujumbura for the preparation of the 2017 national accounts, the first current year of Burundi under the 2008 SCN.

■ By Decree of the President of the Republic No. 100/047 of March 15, 2024, the new leaders of the National Institute of Statistics of Burundi (INSBU) have been appointed.

CAMEROON

www.ins-cameroun.cm

■ The NIS, in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health, launched in January 2024 the HIV Impact Assessment Survey among the Population of Cameroon.

■ A MINPOSTEL-NIS technical assistance agreement was signed for the production of statistics for the postal, telecommunications and ICT sector in Cameroon.

■ As part of the National Development Strategy (SND30), the Government has set up the Social Transfers program in the municipalities receiving Ordinary Monetary Transfers from the Adaptive Social Safety Nets and Economic Inclusion Project (PFS-AIE), financed by the International Development Association (IDA)

■ The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) have signed a technical assistance agreement to conduct a survey on forced displacement in Cameroon (EDFC).

■ A workshop to draft the national report on child labor in Cameroon was held from June 19 to 26, 2024, in Ebolowa

MALI

www.instat-gov.ml

■ The National Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) is organizing in 2024 a series of training courses for regional stakeholders of the National Statistical System (NSS) on the collection and calculation of indicators for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 of the African Union (AU).

■ Under the aegis of INSTAT, the statistical community of Mali held, on June 13 and 14, 2024, the 15th session of the Annual Review of the Statistics Master Plan (SMP).

■ The seventh ordinary session of the National Statistics Council (CNS) took place on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

■ The NIS organized a capacity building workshop for national executives on data analysis software from the fifth General Population and Housing Census with the technical and financial support of UNFPA Mali from May 29 to June 8, 2024.

TOGO

www.togostat.org

■ From March 19 to 22, 2024, the seventh biannual meeting of NIS (INSEED) senior officials was held in Atakpamé.

■ Presentation of the key results of the official statistics user satisfaction survey (ESUSO) by INSEED on March 21, 2024.

■ The National Institute of Statistics and Economic and Demographic Studies (INSEED) organized from June 24 to 28, 2024, a self-assessment workshop of the national statistical system as part of the development of the national quality assurance framework (NQAF) of Togo.

■ INSEED organized a workshop to improve its graphic charter from June 4 to 7, 2024 following its evaluation.

Meetings, workshops and seminars

Addis-Ababa, October 28 - November 1, 2024

Nineth Session of the Statistical Commission for Africa

Tunis, November 18-20, 2024

2nd meeting of the the Specialized Technical Group (STG - SHaSA 2) on national accounts and price statistics (AGNA)

November 5, 2024

PARIS21 Board Meeting

Rabat, November 19-21, 2024

Joint Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICSOEs) for the North and West African countries

Dakar, November 4-8, 2024

Expert's meeting on « Guidelines for estimation of formal and informal remittance flows using survey data collected with the AIR RHS Survey solution tool »

November 2024

29th AFRISTAT Scientific Council meeting

November 6, 2024

Webinar on measuring the blue economy in Africa

November 2024

48th meeting of the AFRISTAT Steering Committee

Bujumbura, November 6-8, 2024

Meeting of the Sub Group on Migration - Specialized Technical Group on Demography, Migrations, Health, Human Development, Social Protection & Gender

Banjul, December 2-4, 2024

Executive Committee of SHaSA II

Bujumbura, November 11-13, 2024

Meeting of the Specialized Technical Group on National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (STG-NSDS)

Banjul, December 5-7, 2024

African Statistical coordination Committee

Abu Dhabi, November 13-14, 2024

11th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Arab Statistics Initiative (ARABSTAT)

Banjul, December 9-13, 2024

18th Session of the Committee of Directors General of National Statistics Office (CoDGs)

December 2024

32nd AFRISTAT Council of Ministers



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**SUPPORTING EDUCATION BY
MODERNIZING THE PRODUCTION OF
FIT-FOR- PURPOSE STATISTICS**



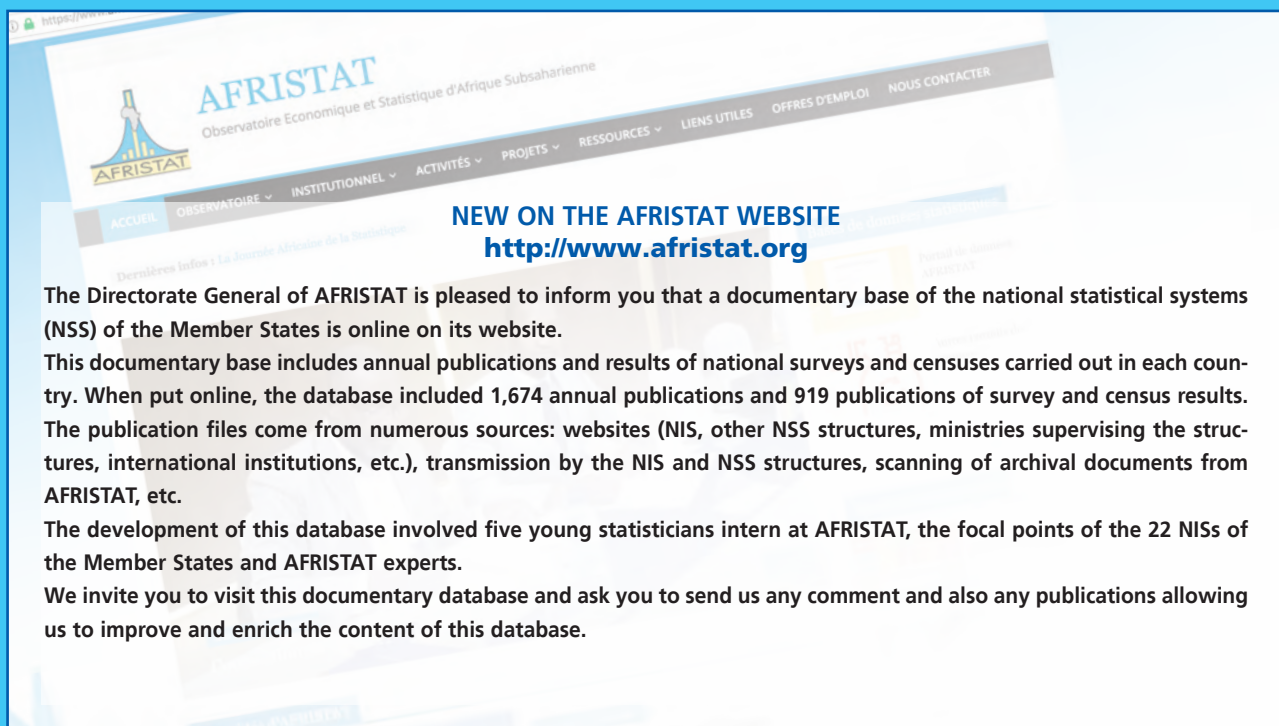
Modernizing data ecosystems to produce fit-for-purpose education statistics

The modernization of African data ecosystems is crucial to the production of fit-for-purpose education statistics that accurately reflect the unique challenges and opportunities with which the continent is presented. Such modernization involves making use of big data and of advanced data-collection methods, such as digital surveys, mobile data collection and administrative data systems, which enhance the timeliness, quality and relevance of education statistics. By leveraging new technologies, States can gain improved insights into enrolment rates, learning outcomes, teacher distribution and resource allocation. Ultimately, the modernization of data ecosystems will empower African States to make evidence-based decisions that drive educational improvements, promote equity and support sustainable development.

In Africa, it is critical that national statistical systems commit themselves to their role in the modernization of data ecosystems, with a view to informing policy decisions pertaining to the production of education statistics. The statistical community has recognized that compilers of official statistics need to be transformed and modernized in order to adequately respond to all data demands arising from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; Agenda 2063: The Africa We

Want, of the African Union; the 10-year strategy 2024–2033 of the African Development Bank; subregional and national development plans; other agendas and frameworks. When such transformations and modernizations are being implemented, due consideration needs to be given to the African Charter on Statistics and to the second Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa, with a view to ensuring the comparability of the education statistics produced by different African States.

While African States and institutions face challenges in respect of the production of reliable and timely education statistics, such as limited resources and inadequate technological infrastructure for data collection and management, they have huge potential for overcoming these challenges. Modernization efforts, including the use of digital tools and the fostering of inter-State collaboration, can significantly enhance the quality and relevance of education data. Such improvements will support evidence-based decision-making, drive meaningful educational reforms and help with the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals across the continent.



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