



Editorial

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2019 highlights at AFRISTAT included: (i) partnership strengthening and developing; (ii) capacity building; (iii) publication and dissemination; (iv) financial resource mobilization; (v) organization of statutory meetings; and (vi) power transfer between the institution's incoming and outgoing Director Generals.

Partnership strengthening involved the implementation of programs and projects carried out by the Observatory alone or in collaboration with other institutions. These initiatives included ICP-Africa 2017, SCB 4 of AfDB, WAEMU Regional Statistical Program (RSP) and CEMAC Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI) projects or the SODDA project. Furthermore, AFRISTAT partook in statutory meetings and exchanges with the Commissions of the AU, WAEMU and Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC), WAMA, INSEE, IMF, the World Bank, Expertise France, PARIS21 and the network of African statistical schools. Similarly, specific partnerships have been developed

through the signing of agreements between Cote d'Ivoire and Mali.

As far as capacity building activities are concerned, AFRISTAT has carried out technical assistance missions and organized training sessions for member and non-member states. In turn, AFRISTAT's experts were trained with the support of some partners such as INSEE, PARIS21 and the African Union's Pan-African Statistics program. Training themes covered the institution's areas of intervention, except those relating to the GIS and leadership.

In the course of the reporting year, AFRISTAT's "Publication and Dissemination" component has been highly vibrant, as methodology documents relating to population projections, preparation of economic outlook memos or newsletter, agriculture output price index, introduction to descriptive statistics and quality approach, have been finalized. Several of them have been published and disseminated. The quarterly paper, "AFRISTAT's Letter", was normally published. The WAEMU RSP Project's survey component outcomes were presented during a regional dissemination workshop held in December 2019. Apart from the update of employment and informal sector-related indicators that the survey showed, the users who attended the workshop were able to appreciate the data produced on governance-peace and security, as well as the methodological innovations that AFRISTAT introduced in the operation.

In order to provide the organization with resources necessary for its smooth operation, AFRISTAT Directorate General has undertaken awareness-raising and financial resource mobilization missions in ten member states or so and with a few partners. Beyond a few partial financial contributions recorded from member states, only the Central Bank of the Republic of Guinea has contributed to the 2016-2025 AFRISTAT Fund as a non-state contributor. With a view to improving contributions collection ratio, the last AFRISTAT Council of Ministers held in March 2019 decided to revitalize the Ministerial Committee in charge of financial resources mobilization. The Committee includes six countries and is chaired by Mali.

AFRISTAT statutory bodies have all held their meetings according to the 2019 program. The work programs and the budgets for their implementation were adopted during these meetings. Other important decisions were also taken on the occasion, including the appointment of Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meye, Gabonese nationality, to the position of AFRISTAT Director General for the period 2020-2023. In consonance with that decision, a handover ceremony was organized in December 2019 between the incoming and outgoing Director Generals, under the supervision of Mr. Nguessan Gabriel Doffou, Chairman of the Management Committee.

Finally, activities to be carried out in the course of year 2020 will follow the major thrusts validated by the Management Committee while ensuring they are well in tune with AFRISTAT's 2017-2021 Strategic Work Program. At the operational level, it will be necessary to take carry on with the uncompleted activities of 2019, launch new initiatives, promote greater visibility and strengthen AFRISTAT's professionalism. Happy New Year 2020 to each and every one.

Paul-Henri NGUEMA MEYE
 AFRISTAT Director General

Current state of SDG indicators related to food and agriculture in Africa and opportunities

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Following the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development in 2015, the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDG) developed a list of 232 unique indicators to monitor the implementation of the ambitious 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) and their related 169 targets. This global indicator framework was adopted by the UN statistical Commission and the General Assembly in March and July 2017 respectively. While some of these global SDG indicators were already produced internationally in the context of the Millennium Development Goals or other international framework, a majority of them require additional data collection efforts to ensure the availability of comparable data on SDG progress at the global, regional and national level. Indeed, the IAEG-SDG have made important progress in adopting standard methodologies to produce the indicators. The development of new data collection and reporting processes has however been slower. In the next sections, more information will be provided on the situation of the SDG indicators related to food and agriculture and FAO's programmes to address data and statistical capacity gaps for the SDGs.

FAO and SDG indicators related to Food and Agriculture

The sustainable development of food and agriculture systems is critical to achieving nearly all of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is crucial to ending poverty and hunger, fighting malnutrition and obesity, ensuring gender equality and decent jobs, promoting peaceful and inclusive societies and halting environmental degradation and climate change. FAO plays a key role in coordinating international efforts in this area and because of its long-standing experience in producing statistics related to food and agriculture, it was designated as the custodian agency for 21 SDG indicators and the contributing agency for an addi-

tional 5, almost 10% of the SDG monitoring framework.

As a custodian agency, FAO has the mandate to (1) lead the methodological development and documentation of its indicators, (2) support statistical capacity of countries to generate and disseminate national data, (3) collect data from national sources, ensure their comparability and consistency, and disseminate them at global level, (4) contribute to monitor progress at the global, regional and national levels (e.g. storyline and data for the annual SDG reports, Agencies' flagship publications). The SDG indicators under its responsibility contribute to the monitoring of SDGs 2, 5, 6, 12, 14 and 15 and all of them now have inter-

nationally-agreed methodologies.

Many of them are included in the *Integrated regional indicators framework of Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063* and some of them find their equivalent in the list of *Malabo Declaration* indicators.

FAO encourages countries to prioritize the adoption of SDG indicators in their national SDG monitoring framework, and only supplement these with national and regional indicators if truly necessary.

This approach will significantly reduce their reporting burden, data requirements and capacity development needs, while freeing up resources to improve data quality, coverage and timeliness.

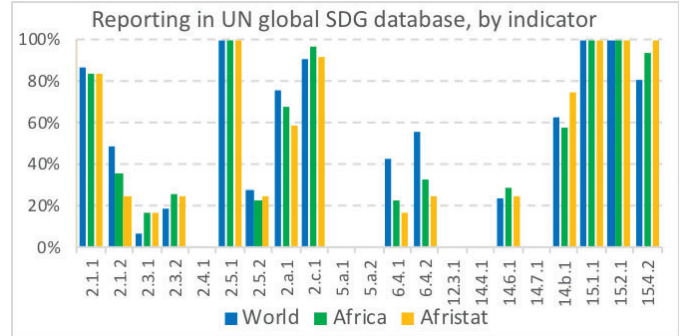
SDG indicators under FAO custodianship	Malabo Declaration related indicators	Integrated 2030 and 2063 Agenda framework
2.1.1: Prevalence of undernourishment (PoU)	3.5iv	Included
2.1.2: Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the population, based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)	3.5vii	Included
2.3.1: Volume of production per labour unit by classes of farming/pastoral/forestry enterprise size		Included
2.3.2: Average income of small-scale food producers, by sex and indigenous status		Excluded
2.4.1: Proportion of agricultural area under productive and sustainable agriculture	6.1ii	Included
2.5.1: Number of plant and animal genetic resources for food and agriculture secured in medium or long term conservation facilities		Excluded
2.5.2: Proportion of local breeds, classified as being at risk, not-at-risk or unknown level of risk of extinction		Excluded
2.a.1: The agriculture orientation index for government expenditures	2.1i	Included
2.c.1: Indicator of (food) price anomalies	5.2ii	Excluded
5.a.1: (a) Percentage of people with ownership or secure rights over agricultural land (out of total agricultural population), by sex; and (b) share of women among owners or rights-bearers of agricultural land, by type of tenure	3.1vi	Included
5.a.2: Percentage of countries where the legal framework (including customary law) guarantees women's equal rights to land ownership and/or control		Excluded
6.4.1: Change in water use efficiency over time		Excluded
6.4.2: Level of water stress: freshwater withdrawal as a proportion of available freshwater resources		Included
12.3.1.a: Food Loss Index (GFLI)	3.3	Excluded
14.4.1: Proportion of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels		Included
14.6.1: Progress by countries in the degree of implementation of international instruments aiming to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing		Excluded
14.7.1: Sustainable fisheries as a percentage of GDP in small island developing States, least developed countries and all countries		Included
14.b.1: Progress by countries in adopting and implementing a legal/regulatory/policy/institutional framework which recognizes and protects access rights for small-scale fisheries		Excluded
15.1.1: Forest area as a percentage of total land area		Included
15.2.1: Progress towards sustainable forest management		Excluded
15.4.2: Mountain Green Cover Index		Excluded

Reporting status and capacity development needs

As of October 2019, only 6 of the indicators related to food and agriculture had reporting rates above 80% at the global, regional and AFRISTAT level. However, for 6 indicators, no data had yet been produced and for another 7, the reporting rates in African and AFRISTAT countries were below 30%. In a majority of cases, AFRISTAT countries reporting rates were below those of the African region.

To better understand countries' data and capacity gaps for the production of FAO-relevant indicators and therefore inform FAO's programmes on SDG monitoring, the Office of the Chief Statistician in FAO (OCS) conducted a *Statistical Capacity Assessment for the FAO-relevant SDG Indicators*.

The survey collected information on the national coordination mechanisms for SDG reporting, current food and agriculture data availability, plans for filling data gaps, and needs for technical and financial support. Targeted respondents were the National Coordinators for SDG Monitoring or the SDG focal points nominated by National Statistics Offices. The data collection was conducted between December 2019 and May 2019. 111 countries globally, 31 in Africa and 12 among AFRISTAT member States submitted a questionnaire.



Main findings of the Statistical Capacity Assessment for the FAO-relevant SDG Indicators 2018-19

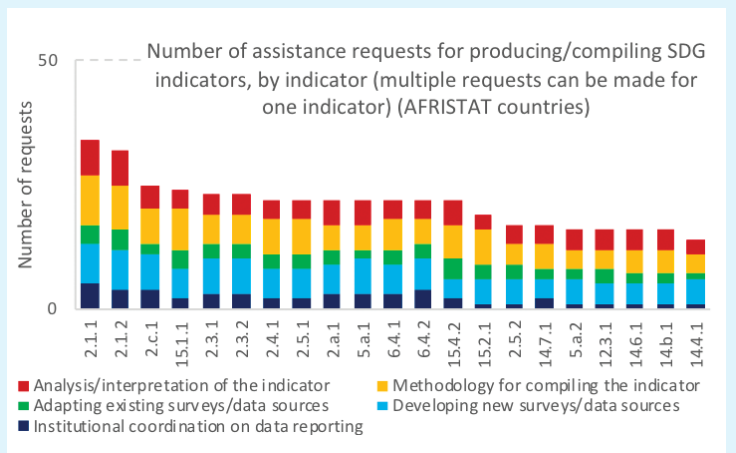
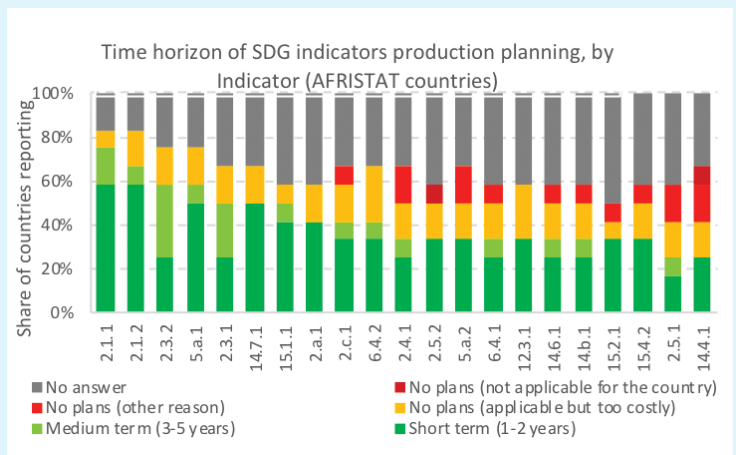
- Four years in the 2030 Agenda, countries (globally and in the African region) still suffer from weak coordination and/or information sharing among agencies at the national level and outside with international custodian agencies. Moreover, most of the countries were not able to identify an SDG-specific national focal point for almost all indicators under FAO custodianship.
- The majority of African and AFRISTAT countries do not regularly conduct most of the key data collection activities that provide the main data sources to compile the SDG indicators related to food and agriculture (e.g. agricultural surveys, nutrition surveys, forest inventory assessment, water supply and use assessment and value chain analysis). And, among the data collection activities which have not been carried out recently, plans have not yet been made to carry them out in the near future.
- While production plans on the various indicators by African and AFRISTAT countries are expected to increase the current reporting rates, they remain most of the time below the 50% level required for the production of regional aggregates, mainly due to lack of financial resources.
- Indicators related to Food security indicators (2.1.1/2.1.2), productivity and income of small-scale food producers (2.3.1/2.3.2) and land ownership and secure rights (5.a.1) were AFRISTAT countries' top priorities in terms of data production and reporting.
- To fulfill these data production and reporting plans, all countries have requested some form of assistance. In priority, capacity development will be required on the methods to compile the indicators and the development of new data sources/surveys to collect the necessary information.

FAO Capacity development programmes to increase data for the SDGs

To tackle the data and capacity gaps expressed by countries, FAO has followed a two-pronged strategy. First, corporate resources were mobilized to provide capacity development support to countries in various modalities: development of e-learning courses on all 21 indicators, conduct of regional and sub-regional workshops on indicator methodologies, assistance in the design of national actions plan for the production of the SDG indicators, country-level trainings and technical assistance, technical cooperation projects on SDG monitoring...

The organization has also increased its extra-budgetary resource mobilization efforts, with a view to accelerating progress in ensuring that the majority of countries are able to report on the 21 FAO-relevant SDG indicators by 2030. Two capacity development programmes were specifically designed to address data gaps for the SDGs: the Measuring the SDGs programme and the 50 by 2030 Initiative.

These programmes are complementary to other FAO programmes (e.g. the Forest Resources Assessment programme, GEMI, the Global Strategy to improve agricultural and rural statistics) and activities (e.g. Increased collaboration with AUC, UNECA and other regional stakeholders to further align regional monitoring frameworks and capacity development activities) that directly or indirectly contribute to supporting countries on SDG monitoring.



Countries interested in receiving support from FAO can contact their FAO Country Office:

<http://www.fao.org/about/who-we-are/worldwide-offices/en/>

or the Office of the Chief Statistician: Chief-Statistician@fao.org.

More detailed information related to FAO-relevant SDG indicators, including the Country profiles produced based on the SDG Capacity Assessment can be found here: <http://www.fao.org/sustainable-development-goals/indicators/en/>.

BOX 1: Measuring the SDGs programme

The overall objective of the Measuring the SDGs programme is to enable countries to produce and use more comprehensive data on FAO-relevant SDG indicators, allowing them to design effective evidence-based national strategies to ensure the achievement of SDG related targets. The direct beneficiaries are the national institutions responsible for collecting, computing and disseminating the SDG data and indicators, as well as policymakers, whose decisions will be better informed as a result.

The programme is global in scope and is designed to assist countries in the following areas:

- comprehensive assessments of SDG data and capacity gaps;
- alignment of national SDG indicators with the global monitoring framework;
- development of SDG-compliant National Statistics Master Plans;
- training and technical assistance on methods, data collection tools and data dissemination;
- disaggregate the SDG indicators to make sure no one is left behind;
- use of cost-effective methodologies to produce the indicators (e.g remote sensing techniques);
- preparation of Voluntary National Reviews and national SDG reports.

By addressing all the steps of the data cycle and establishing a strong link to the policy work of FAO, it is foreseen that the programme will ultimately help countries reach the SDG targets related to food and agriculture.

BOX 2: 50 by 2030 Initiative to Close the Agricultural Data Gap

The *50x2030 Initiative* aims to empower and support fifty low and lower-middle income countries to build strong national data systems that produce and use high-quality and timely agricultural data through survey programs. Supporting the overall aim for countries to build high-quality data systems and building off the experiences of previous programs (FAO AGRISurvey and World Bank LSMS-ISA), the 50x2030 Initiative will support countries to build and implement either an *Agricultural Survey Program* or an *Integrated Agricultural and Rural Survey Program* – depending on the country's needs, wishes, capacity, and potential for technical and financial take-over by the respective governments. The implementation of these survey programs will allow countries to collect key data related to food and agriculture, including 5 SDG indicators (2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.4.1, 5.a.1 and 12.3.1a). The Initiative is global in scope and will be implemented in partnership with the World Bank and IFAD. Finally, it also aims at addressing countries' funding gaps by providing them with financial resources for data collection activities.

Visits

In 2019, Mr. Cosme Vodounou and Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meye, respectively Director General and Deputy Director General, carried out many missions abroad to meet with various partners in member states and beyond. They also received some visits at their headquarters. For visits carried out, the executives traveled:

- From January 27 to 30, 2019, to Bangui to meet with Mr. Félix Moloua, Minister of Economy, Planning and Cooperation of the Central African Republic, President of AFRISTAT Council of Ministers. The issues discussed during this meeting pertained to the implementation of the 2017 International Comparison Program for Africa (ICP-Africa) in Central African Republic and the mobilization of the AFRISTAT Fund for the period 2016-2025;

- to the Consortium headquarters of PARIS21, Paris, on June 28, 2019. During that visit, Ms. El Iza Mohamedou and Mr. Philippe Gafishi, respectively Assistant Secretary and Regional Program Coordinator at PARIS21 discussed with the mission to explore collaboration opportunities in the following areas: development and monitoring of National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS), human resource management and extension of quality approach in Sub-Saharan African countries statistical systems.

Training initiatives have also been mentioned and offered by PARIS21 involving topics such as leadership and the use of tools to enhance statistical productions;

- to Conakry from August 19 to 23, 2019 where they conferred with Guinean authorities represented by Mr. Ibrahima Khalil Kaba, Mr. Mamadi Camara and Mr. Loucény Nabe, respectively Minister-Director of the Office of the President of the Republic, Minister of Economy and Finance and Dr. Governor of the Central Bank of the

Republic of Guinea (BCRG).

Discussions with these various high-level officials essentially dealt with the contribution of Guinea and BCRG to AFRISTAT Fund, completion of the transformation of Guinea's National Statistical Office (NSO), the strengthening of economic monitoring of prevailing conditions at BCRG and the problems involved in the harmonization of statistical production in the ECOWAS area with a view to the single currency in the said area;

- on September 16, 2019 to Libreville where the mission was received by Mr. Eric Menzu Me N'kiet, Director of Cabinet of the Minister of Economy, Finance and National Solidarity (MEFSN) of Gabon. AFRISTAT's support for Gabon's statistical system and the country's position in relation to the contribution to the AFRISTAT Fund 2016-2025 were the main talking points;

- to Cotonou on November 21, 2019, where Mr. Hermann Takou, Director of Cabinet of the Minister of Economy and Finance of Benin was the primary Mission contact. Issues discussed concerned the mobilization of contributions and the monitoring by Benin of the implementation of activities carried out concomitantly at regional level;

- to Paris from October 30 to November 5, 2019, meeting with several partner administrations. The mission availed itself of the opportunity to exchange: (i) at the National Institute for

Statistics and Economic Studies (Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques-INSEE) with Mr. Jean Pierre Cling, Head of the Department of Statistics and International Coordination; (ii) at AFD with Mr. Jean-François Almanza, Head of the Governance Division; (iii) Ms. Sophie Maysonnave, Assistant Deputy Director General at the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of France; (iv) at Expertise France with Ms. Yamina Doolaur, Head of the Expert Relations Department; and (v) meeting with a team from the Directorate General of Treasury led by Mr. Cyril Rousseau, Deputy Director of Multilateral Financial Affairs and Development.

During these meetings, discussions mainly centered on thematic areas for collaboration to be jointly achieved in the last weeks of 2019 and in 2020, provision of international technical experts and mobilization of the 2016-2025 contributions to AFRISTAT Fund;

- from November 3 to 6, 2019 to Abidjan where meetings were held with two ministerial authorities including Mr. Moussa Sanogo, Minister, responsible to the Prime Minister, in charge of budget and State portfolio, and Ms. Nialé Kaba, Minister of Planning and Development.

With these two Senior State Officials, discussions focused on Cote d'Ivoire's 2016-2025 contribution to AFRISTAT Fund, AFRISTAT's support for the rebasing of national accounts and the dissemination of national results of the Regional Integrated Survey on Employment and Informal Sector.

The following were recorded regarding the reception given to AFRISTAT missions:

- The arrival of a WAEMU Commission delegation led by Mr. Komlan Dodzi Agbodji, Director of Forecasting and Economic Studies.

The visit from March 4 to 6, 2019 provide an opportunity to discuss the finalization approach of all the Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) produced by WAEMU member states and to initiate the approach with a view to develop a regional SAM;

- Reception by the French Cooperation on February 4, 2019 under the good care of Ms. Françoise Gianviti, Head of the Cooperation and Cultural Action Service at the French Embassy in Mali.

The French delegation also included Mr. Hervé Conan, Executive Director of Operations at

Expertise France and Mr. Benoît Massuyeau, Regional Governance Project Manager at AFD. Discussions focused on the implementation of the support project for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in Africa and the ways and means to speed them up.

- On May 23, 2019, the visit of a UNFPA delegation led by Mr. Cheikh Mohamed Tidiane Mbengue, Deputy Representative of UNFPA Mali. Exchanges during that meeting centered on progress made in the implementation of the 5th General Population and Housing Census (RGPH), the work of the Statistical Technical Group, which brings together the majority of donors funding statistical activities in Mali;

- The visit on April 17, 2019 of Mrs. Marlène Marques Lopes, Deputy to the Head of the Regional Economic Service-West Africa, in the presence of Mr. Valéry Alves, Head of the Economic Service at the French Embassy in Mali. Discussions focused on information exchange and exploring collaboration opportunities.

The purpose of the visit was the capacity building of executives on procedures for creating and managing a national business directory for statistical purpose.

- A study visit by Ms. Angue Murielle and Nkoma Elisabeth Marie, executives from the National Agency for the Promotion of Investments (ANPI) in Gabon from September 9 to 13, 2019.

Arrivals



■ **Mr. Tchadèléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao**, a Togolese nationality, joined AFRISTAT team on January 3, 2019, as an Expert in Price Statistics. He holds a Master II Degree in Statistics and Econometrics (University of Toulouse I, Capitole, France) and a Degree in Statistical Engineering (ENSEA, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire). Mr. Bahaze-Dao

has been working since October 2003 at the National Statistical Office (INSEED) of Togo where he held the position of Head of Division of Studies, Prices and Living Conditions of Households (November 2007 to March 2018) and also a position of Head of the Division of Statistics and Environmental Scans (April to December 2018).

■ **Mr. Cocou Nathanaël Yahannon**, Beninese nationality, joined AFRISTAT team on March 11, 2019, as Expert responsible for the Support Project Coordination in charge of monitoring Sustainable Development Goals in Africa (SODDA). Statistician-Economist Engineer trained at the National School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA Abidjan), he also holds a Research Master in Quantitative and Econometric Methods for Research in Public Health.



He worked as Program Evaluation Monitoring Officer in Benin, Project Coordinator for the strengthening of the health information system in Niger (International NGO Solthis) and then Technical Advisor in charge of Monitoring and Evaluation in Chad (International Development and Research Center).

Appointments



■ Following a decision made at the Board of Ministers of Madagascar on March 20, 2019, **Mr. Saora Zefania Romalahy** was appointed Director General of INSTAT. Mathematician by training, Mr. Romalahy holds a degree in Economic Statistic Engineering (ISE) from ENSEA

in Abidjan. This course was supplemented by a higher education degree in the field of diplomatic and strategic studies.

On professional level, Mr. Romalahy began his career at the Ministry of Economy and Finance of his country, precisely at INSTAT in 2003. As from 2008, he was promoted as Permanent Technical Advisor to the Prime Minister in charge of Aid Coordination and Effectiveness. He will leave this position in 2010 to become Permanent Technical Secretary to the Prime Minister responsible for Aid Coordination until his appointment to INSTAT. It would be worth mention that cumulatively with his position involved main duties, Mr. Romalahy found the time to continue giving courses at the University and colleges in the fields of applied statistics, micro and macroeconomic analysis. In addition, he sat on the Board of Directors of INSTAT Madagascar from 2009 to 2016.

■ **Mr. Baradine Zakaria Moursal** has been appointed as Director General of the National Statistical Office (INSEED) of Chad, by Decree of August 16, 2019 by the Head of State.



Departures

■ **Mr. Symphorien Ndong Tabo**, an Expert in national accounts since July 2016, left AFRISTAT on January 31, 2019 after loyal and brilliant service to the Observatory and to the member states. Mr. Tabo has significantly contributed to the development of economic statistics in various countries. A very active member of AFRISTAT Newsletter editorial board, he is the author of several articles published in our information magazine. AFRISTAT Directorate General and all staff wish him every success in his new duties.

■ **Mr. Oumarou Elhadj Malam Soulé**, senior expert in institutional organization of statistical systems, coordinator of the department of strategic support and dissemination, asserted his pension rights. He left AFRISTAT on April 30, 2019 after loyal and brilliant service to the Observatory and to member states. Mr. Soulé has supported countries in the area of institutional reforms and national statistics development strategies (NSDS). He has greatly contributed to the work of the

Observatory to achieve the results obtained in recent years. AFRISTAT Directorate General and all staff wish him an active and peaceful retirement.

■ **Mr. Cosme Vodounou**, Director General of AFRISTAT since January 2012 left AFRISTAT after two four-year terms in late December 2019. A handover ceremony, chaired by Mr. Nguessan Gabriel Doffou, Chairman of the Management Committee, was held on December 20, 2019 between the outgoing CEO and his successor Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meye.

After eight years at the head of the Observatory Mr. Vodounou is delighted to have made his contribution to consolidate the quality of Center of Excellence for the development of statistics in Africa recognized by AFRISTAT. He wished to thank the whole of the staff for the teamwork that enabled to achieve this result. A symbolic gift from the entire staff of the Observatory was given to the outgoing Director

General wishing him an active and peaceful retirement while still remaining in the service of statistics.



Of Power transfer between the outgoing Director General Mr. Cosme Vodounou and Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meye, incoming Director General in the presence of Mr. Nguessan Gabriel Doffou, Chairman of the Management Committee.

Activities of the Directorate General

Statutory Meetings

The statutory bodies of AFRISTAT were able to organize their ordinary meetings in 2019 throughout the year.

AFRISTAT Council of Ministers held its **29th ordinary session** on March 27, 2019 in Niamey, under the chairmanship of Mr. Félix Moloua, Minister of Economy, Planning and Cooperation of the Central African Republic.

The Council proceedings focused on issues relating to the day-to-day management of the organization, the implementation of 2018 action plan, as well as its 28th session decisions in Brazzaville in April 2018.

The Council of Ministers reviewed the situation of contributions to AFRISTAT 2006-2015 and 2016-2025 Funds and took appropriate measures to speed up the recovery of countries quotas on their contributions to various Funds with a view to providing AFRISTAT with resources (material, financial and human) allowing, which allow it to continue its mission in good conditions

To this end, the Council instructed AFRISTAT Directorate General to continue raising awareness among member states competent authorities on the mobilization of resources.

During that latter session, the Council of Ministers appointed Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meye, of

Gabonese nationality, to the position of AFRISTAT Director General for a four-year term starting on January 1, 2020.

AFRISTAT Management Committee held its **39th session** on March 22 and 23, 2019 in Niamey (Niger) and its **40th session** on September 23 and 24, 2019 in Bamako (Mali) under the chairmanship of Mr. N'Guessan Gabriel Doffou, Director General of the National Institute of Statistics (INS) of Cote d'Ivoire, President in office of the said Committee.

Proceedings focused on the execution of 2019 action plan as of June 30, 2019 and the 2020 draft action plan. The members of the Committee also reviewed candidates for the position of AFRISTAT Deputy Director General for the period July 2020-June 2024, the situation of contributions to AFRISTAT 2006-2015 and 2016-2025 Funds as well as the Concept note on the organization of sessions of the Council of Ministers on sidelines of the annual meetings of AfDB.

The Committee took note of the implementation report of 2019 action plan as of June 30, 2019. As far as the 2020 draft action plan, the

Committee adopted it while inviting member states to send their specific needs to the AFRISTAT general management for their consideration in the activities programming.

As regards the situation of contributions to AFRISTAT Funds, the Committee asked Director Generals of NSO's members states to continue advocating with their authorities in order to free up their share, in consonance with the resolution of AFRISTAT Council of Ministers held in Niamey in March 2019, inviting them to pay at least 40% of their contributions to AFRISTAT 2016-2025 Fund by end of 2019 at the latest.

The Committee also urged all the Director Generals and the Directorate General to carry out active advocacy with the authorities in order to provide AFRISTAT with the financial resources required to achieve its missions.

The Committee congratulated the Directorate General for the quality of the documents presented and the good organization of the sessions.

The **24th meeting** of AFRISTAT Scientific Council was held on September 20, 2019 in Bamako (Mali).

Implementation Agreement of WAEMU RSP 2015-2020 statistical works

In 2019, technical assistance missions continued in the areas of surveys, business statistics and national accounts. Several regional workshops were organized in various fields.

Survey Component

■ In 2019, Surveys component activities the activities of the Household Survey (ERI-ESI) component continued with the organization of two regional workshops, support to countries, preparation of reports, review of country reports by AFRISTAT, national dissemination and regional dissemination.

- AFRISTAT provided support to countries (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Niger and Togo) for the processing of informal sector module and completing the development of programs for calculating the GINI Index under SPSS and segregation indexes, the development of methodology and programs for creating the standard of living indicator and of the Governance, Peace and Security.

- Regarding Governance, Peace and Security component, the regional data processing workshop on "Governance, Peace and Security" module, was organized from February 18 to 22, 2019 in Bamako (Mali). The workshop enabled to have for each country the whole of the tables and graphs of Governance, Peace and Security report.

- AFRISTAT organized from May 13 to 24, 2019 in Bamako, the workshop to finalize ERI-ESI (Integrated regional survey on employment and the informal sector) reports and prepare the country summary reports. At the end of the workshop, each country produced a provisional version of the summary report of the survey and the general report of the three components (employment, informal sector and governance, peace and security) compiled in a single report.

- The review of country reports made by AFRISTAT enabled to have, for each country, the final

version of the summary report and the final report. In addition, Guinea Bissau's reports were translated into Portuguese by two NSO's experts during a mission to AFRISTAT from August 19 to 30, 2019.

- The last quarter was devoted to the finalization of regional reports, the development of PowerPoint presentation patterns relating to results and the dissemination of ERI-ESI results. Regarding results dissemination, six countries have achieved it at the national level. Regional dissemination organized on December 6, 2019 in Ouagadougou provided an opportunity for AFRISTAT Director General to officially transmit the whole of the deliverables of Household Survey component deliverables to households involved in the Implementation Agreement of WAEMU RSP and to produce country and regional reports as well as database.

Business Statistics Component

■ As part of Business statistics component activities, 2019 was marked by the continuation of direct support to countries and by the organization of a regional workshop on the assessment of RSP activities implementation. In terms of direct support to countries, beneficiary countries include Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal and Togo through the organization of a regional workshop focusing on the outcome of RSP activities implementation. Work on setting up the turnover index (ICA) in industry, construction, trade and services continued (i) in Benin where the provisional ICA for the four (4) quarters of baseline year 2015, and reference years 2016, 2017 and 2018 of all the sec-

tors were calculated, (ii) in Senegal where only the provisional ICA for the four (4) quarters of baseline year 2015, and reference years 2016, 2017 and 2018 for industry, construction and services were calculated and (iii) in Togo where the provisional ICAs for all sectors were calculated only for the four (4) quarters of baseline year 2015 and current year 2016

As far as industry volume and price indexes are concerned (renewed industrial producer price index - IPPI and industrial production index - IPI), the completion of the work to set up the IPPI and to overhaul the renovated IPI in consonance with new international recommendations continued in Benin and Cote d'Ivoire where the IPPI and IPI renewed in the four (4) quarters of baseline year 2015, and reference years 2016, 2017 and 2018 were calculated and chained to baseline year. Publication documents of the calculated renewed IPPI and IPI have been developed in the countries. Regarding the system for opinions qualitative survey in the industry, data processing and opinions qualitative indicator calculation were made in Togo. A representative sample of industrial fabric for qualitative opinion survey was set up, benchmark weights of product ranges and companies were calculated as well as the provisional indicators survey.

Finally, AFRISTAT organized a workshop from November 25 to 29, 2019 in Abidjan (Cote d'Ivoire) on the balance sheet of activities in business statistics. The workshop enabled to: (i) Take stock of the progress made by countries in data implementation, data collection, establishing production and publication of short-term activity

indicators; management of statistical business directory; the monitoring of qualitative opinion survey system with industrial companies and calculation of qualitative opinion indicators; (ii) Draw up country profiles as regards their state of progress in the implementation of WAEMU RSP activities; (iii) Share the experiences of countries in advance; (iv) Identify for each country the prospects for 2020 in terms of achieving program results.

National account component

■ Several technical assistance missions were carried out for the benefit of countries and regional workshops on specific subjects were held:

Regarding technical support to WAEMU member states, AFRISTAT undertook technical assistance missions as part of the change of baseline year and migration to 2008 SNA in Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo. Such support made it possible to strengthen the capacities of national accounts teams in preparing accounts for baseline year, current year, and backcasting projection.

In the number of supports provided it should be noted that joint missions of peer reviews and institutions were organized in Niger and Cote d'Ivoire, in consonance with WAEMU Regional Statistics Committee recommendations.

Such assessment missions enabled to: (i) analyze the extent to which SNA 2008 recommendations were considered; (ii) review the coverage level of data sources used in the process of preparing national accounts; (iii) review the methods used to calculate various aggregates; and (iv) make operational recommendations after a scrutiny of results.

The development of social accounting matrix (SAM) was the subject of two final missions to Mali and Côte d'Ivoire and enabled the two countries to finalize their disaggregated SAM 2013 as well as country methodological document.

The regional methodological guide for the preparation of SAMs was finalized after collection of countries comments.

As part of regional workshops, WAEMU RSP organized several technical meetings in order to share experiences and good practices, and to

strengthen the capacities of national accounting managers.

Thus, four (4) workshops were organized for member states around the following themes:

- "Experience Sharing on specific applications developed in the process of drawing up national accounts", organized by AFRISTAT, from July 1 to 5, 2019 in Cotonou (Benin);
- "Experience Sharing on the integration of data from 1-2-3 type surveys in national accounts: exchanges between national accountants and survey statisticians", took place from September 2 to 6, 2019 in Bamako (Mali);
- "Evaluation of WAEMU RSP National Accounting component: assessment of migration to 2008 SNA and construction of Social Accounting Matrix (SAM), experience sharing, ERETES module and perspectives", organized from October 7 to 11, 2019 in Ouagadougou;
- "Experience Sharing on backcasting projection of national accounts", organized from November 11 to 15, 2019 in Saly (Senegal).

CEMAC Household Consumer Prices Index (CEMAC-HCPI) Project

The European Union-funded CEMAC-HCPI Project from the 10th EDF is the subject of Contract No. 2017 / 385-477 signed between CEMAC Commission and AFRISTAT on 04/10/2017. The overall objective of the project is to provide CEMAC and its Member States with Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI), tools necessary for the conduct of monetary policy and for the credibility of multilateral surveillance exercise within the Community, and to improve consumer price indexes in DRC and Sao Tome and Principe

In 2019, several technical assistance missions were carried out for countries in addition to project steering committee meetings and a regional workshop for data purification and basic price calculation.

Regarding technical supports (TS) they have been provided to:

■ Central African Republic

A technical assistance mission was carried out from January 28 to February 8, 2019 aiming at migrating Phoenix-UEMOA (tool to produce price index) to the new version with integrated CAPI.

A test has been conducted from an empty base for CEMAC States. In addition to this objective, the mission held a working session with the World Bank on household's budget survey in Bangui and surroundings and training on harmonized survey regarding the living conditions of households in Central African Republic.

■ São Tomé and Príncipe

The country benefited from two TS missions in São Tomé respectively from February 16 to 28, 2019 and from September 2 to 13, 2019.

The two missions enabled to: (i) strengthen the capacities of managers on the entire calculation process of an index with using Phoenix app and to have a base price, as well as provisional indexes for January 2018 calculated with the Phoenix app.

■ Gabon

Three TS missions were carried out in Libreville successively from March 10 to 23, 2019, from May 6 to 10, 2019 and from July 29 to August 16, 2019.

The three TS allowed: (i) to install Phoenix application, train NSO's staff in its installation, maintenance

and use; (ii) initialize the application for four sites (Libreville, Port-Gentil, other urban and rural areas); (iii) to test a computerized collection module attached to Phoenix application, for the beneficiary States of the HCPI-CEMAC Project; and (iv) to clear the (clear the basic prices and calculate a provisional national price index for the month of January 2019 using four regions.

■ Congo

A TS mission carried out from March 18 to 29, 2019 in Brazzaville allowed to assess the work carried out since the launch of the project and to provide support to executives in the work of completing initialization operations and configuring Phoenix app. A provisional HICP was calculated for January 2018 in Brazzaville.

■ Chad

The technical assistance carried out in Ndjamena from March 18 to 29, 2019 allowed to assess the work accomplished since the project's launch and to provide support to executives involved in the completion work of initialization and configuration operations of Phoenix application.

The work carried out nevertheless made it possible, among other things, to prepare and import the 24 notebooks with their composition, as well as price statements for the month of July 2018 in Phoenix application.

■ Cameroon

Three technical assistance missions were carried out in Yaoundé in April (1 to 12), in May (20 to 30) and in September (2 to 13). The missions focused on: (i) introduction to Phoenix application; (ii) the supervision of ECAM4 2014 data use work for the derivation of the CEMAC-HCPI weights in the 10 regions. The missions allowed

to: (i) test a computerized collection module attached to Phoenix application; (iv) to have basic prices and weights for the capital city Yaoundé, as well as a provisional index for January 2019 calculated with Phoenix application. Six INS executives, including a computer scientist, partook in this work.

■ Equatorial Guinea

A mission carried out from April 8 to 20, 2019 enabled to assess the progress of CEMAC-HCPI activities ever since the launch meeting and to highlight what remains to be done, to be downloaded or completed (after evaluation) and any other data necessary in the initial database of Phoenix application.

■ Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

An installation and training mission on the use of PHOENIX software package is carried out from August 26 to 31, 2019 in Kinshasa. The mission mainly tackled: (i) configuration, initialization of the Kinshasa site; (ii) format price data and import them into the database; and (iii) install and train on the use of Phoenix computerized collection module

■ The following meetings and workshops were organized as part of the project:

A mission is carried out from March 20 to 23, 2019 in Niger to prepare the CEMAC member countries meeting for the Director Generals of six National Statistics Offices or their representative on March 23.

In attendance to the meeting were also the Director General of São Tomé and Príncipe INE, and on sidelines an AFRISTAT Management Committee Meeting, the administrative and technical officials responsible for implementing the

project within AFRISTAT. The DRC Statistics Director was absent.

Discussions focused on: (i) the project implementation status in each country; (ii) administrative and financial constraints and requirements; (iii) the request for a calendar endorsement with no financial impact on the EU.

■ **The 2nd meeting of the CEMAC-HCPI Project Steering Committee** held in Cameroon on August 19 and 20, 2019 brought together CEMAC countries National Statistical Institutes representatives, in charge of administrative,

financial and technical implementation; the CEMAC Commission; the Sub-regional Institute of Statistics and Applied Economy (ISSEA), AFRISTAT and the representative of the African Development Bank (AfDB) as an observer. Discussions focused mainly on the Project implementation status and the review of various options for the continuation of the project.

■ **A regional workshop** on data clearance, index calculation and training on computerized price collection was organized from September 16 to 27, 2019 in Douala, Cameroon. All the

eight beneficiary States of the project were represented at a ratio of at least two executives by INS. CEMAC Commission was also represented by two experts. At the end of the workshop, all the states calculated the indexes of two to five regions for the period from January to March 2019 using Phoenix application.

The most advanced state has calculated national coverage indexes in five regions and for the first seven months of 2019. Tablets (2 per state) have been configured for the computerized price collection and the 19 NSO staffs have been trained in the use of dedicated CAPI module.

Capacity building project in Chad

The National Statistical Office (INSEED) of Chad signed an agreement with AFRISTAT in September 2018, relating to the improvement and economic statistics production, more specifically in the fields of national accounts and business statistics. The agreement falls within the context of the up-scaling and strengthening of its National Statistical System (NSS) for which Chad has negotiated with the World Bank a medium-term statistical development program (PDST 2017-2022). Activities continued during the reporting period through missions involving national accounts expert, experts in business statistics and price statistics experts.

In national accounts, in consonance with the established work program, four technical support missions were achieved in keeping with 2017 baseline year change and the migration to 2008 SNA for 2019. For this:

■ The first mission carried out from January 14 to 18, 2019 in N'Djamena allowed (i) to validate the technical documents of the specific surveys; (ii) to adopt the methodological approaches (field of study, target population, sample, budget and timeline); (iii) to organize pilot operations for the main specific surveys (trade and transportation margin, company structure and NPISH surveys).

■ The second mission carried out from March 18 to 28, 2019 in N'Djamena enabled to (i) train national accounting managers in the general and operational aspects of the 2008 SNA; (ii) introduce managers to ERETES module from an overview of the work steps to follow in the preparation of national accounts; (iii) starting the initial campaign for accounts regarding the new baseline year 2017; and (iv) carry out some processing of available source data.

■ The third mission carried out from 19 to 29 August 2019 in N'Djamena helped build the

capacities of national accountants team in the processing of data sources essential for the preparation of accounts regarding the new baseline year 2017 according to 2008 SNA, and according to ERETES module format. At the end of the day, the team was able to: (i) review the sources processed with a view to their validation for the primary sector; (ii) complete the processing of sources in progress on public administrations; (iii) initiate administrative sources not yet processed and pertaining to companies statistical and fiscal statements, foreign trade statistics and Balance of payments; (iv) initiate the processing of specific surveys carried out on trade and transportation margins, non-profit institutions and the media.

■ The fourth mission, carried out from December 9 to 20, 2019, had the main objective of building the capacities of the national accountants' team in processing and completing data sources essential for the preparation of accounts for new baseline year 2017 according to 2008 SNA. More specifically, it involved: (i) the review and completion of sources processed by the team with a view to their validation; (ii) start administrative sources not yet processed; (iii) initiate the processing of specific surveys carried out (trading margin, NPOs, media, etc).

In business and price statistics, 2018 activities continued during the period with the setting of construction cost index (CCI).

In this regard:

- A second support carried out from May 13 to 17, 2019 allowed to: (i) validate with building professionals the types of housing for residential use retained for N'Djamena major conurbations; (ii) to discuss with building professionals the content of the quotes; (iii) to draw up questionnaires for construction materials prices collection, daily or hourly costs per task for each trade and daily or hourly equipment rental costs, as well as (iv) a road map for the continuation of the ICC implementation work.

- The third support mission carried out from November 18 to 29, 2019 enabled the following results to be achieved: (i) the weights of varieties, positions, families and groups of products were calculated and processed; (ii) outlets have been sampled; (iii) price data have been processed and basic prices calculated; (iv) an index calculation model has been developed; (v) provisional sub-indices and overall index as well as provisional indexes by type of accommodation have been calculated; (vi) a roadmap has been drawn up for the rest of the work; (vii) nine (9) INSEED staff trained on the CCI calculation process.

Statistical Capacity Building Program IV of AfDB

SCB IV support in 2019 has benefited at multitude areas. Areas mainly concerned are price statistics, national accounts and economic conditions. The themes relating to the monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), coordination and statistical cooperation were also taken care of.

Price statistics and national accounts: As part of the implementation of the international comparison program in Africa – cycle 2017 – (ICP-Africa 2017), technical support or supervision missions were provided by Mr. Yankhoba Jacques Badji, expert in price statistics: (i) in Morocco from February 11 to 16, 2019 to find the best strategy allowing the use of financial resources mobilized by AfDB for the price collections; (ii) in Gambia from March 11 to 20, 2019 to improve the country's data submission rate for ICP; and (iii) in Angola, Liberia and Sierra Leone in July/August 2019 to improve the quality of price data produced by these countries. Mr. Badji and Mr. Ibrahima Sory, experts in Price

statistics and national accounts, participated in the facilitation of the regional data validation workshop submitted by the countries as part of ICP-Africa 2017. The workshop was held from March 31 to April 6, 2019 in Addis Ababa.

Economic situation: Mr. Serge Jean Edji, Senior Economist Expert at AFRISTAT went to Bangui (CAR) from March 6 to 17, 2019 to diagnose economic monitoring in Central African Republic. The program contributed to the success of the business, economic situation of the first half-year 2019 for Central African countries organized in Douala from May 4 to 12, 2019 by allowing Mr. Serge Jean Edji to participate in its facilitation. The

main theme of the workshop was "the seasonal adjustment of time series". In the same field, Mr. Serge Jean Edji also represented AFRISTAT during the workshop organized by CEMAC Commission on the tool for early warning of macroeconomic shocks which took place on June 21, 2019 in Douala.

SDG monitoring: Mr. Madior Fall, expert in agricultural statistics and climate change, represented AFRISTAT at the following meeting:

- The Intergovernmental Committee meeting of Experts from West Africa on population dynamics for sustainable development: challenges and policy measures organized from

- May 6 to 10, 2019 in Robertsfield;
- The African Center Conference on SDGs held from June 10 to 16, 2019 in Kigali.

Statistics coordination and cooperation: Mr. Cosme Vodounou, AFRISTAT Director General, represented the Observatory at the annual meetings organized in Paris by the network of African

statistical schools with French partners from June 24 to 28, 2019.

In parallel, Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé, Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT, held a coordination meeting with the Secretariat of PARIS21.

On June 28, 2019 in Paris and participated in organization of workshop CEFIL 2019 from July 1st to 5, 2019. The theme of the workshop was:

"Crossed views on the governance of official statistics in Sub-Saharan African States and in Maghreb countries". Nguema Meyé also took part in the 2019 mid-annual statutory meetings of WAMA and in the 34th meeting of the Committee of Governors of ECOWAS Member States Central Banks, organized in Conakry from August 19 to 23, 2019.

International Comparison Program for Africa 2017 (ICP-Africa 2017)

AFRISTAT and the African Development Bank (AfDB) signed on April 14, 2017 a memorandum of understanding (MOU) No. 2100155030621 relating to the implementation of 2017 International Comparison Program (2017 ICP). Previously by letter dated February 17, 2017, AfDB's Statistics Department had designated AFRISTAT as sub-regional organization to support the Bank in implementing ICP-Africa 2017, to manage 30¹ of the 54 African countries from an administrative, financial and technical point of view. AFRISTAT made financial resources available to participating States with the understanding that they should report to it for the use of resources and AFRISTAT in turn will report to the AfDB.

In 2019, AFRISTAT carried out monitoring activities of ICP-Africa 2017 in the area under its supervision. Such activities include both technical aspects such as work on price statistics and national accounts as well as administrative and financial aspects of the program.

Technical activities focused mainly on monitoring data submissions by member countries and support and supervision missions.

Supervision and support missions

The missions were achieved in 5 countries under the supervision of AFRISTAT as part of the program.

- Morocco from February 11 to 15, 2019 jointly with the AfDB to consult on the conclusions of the work undertaken in Morocco since the previous missions, on the harmonization of data submitted by the country as part of its ICP ESCWA² /AFRICA dual participation. In particular, the mission met and exchanged with the Senior Statistics Officials on procedures for the provision of funds and the practical arrangements for carrying out ICP 2017.

- Gambia from March 12 to 19, 2019 to help the Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS) fill the gap in data provision

- Sierra Leone from July 5 to 9, 2019 to supervise and collect the Program technical and financial data.

- Liberia from July 17 to 26, 2019 to supervise and collect the Program technical and financial data.

- Angola from July 29 to August 3, 2019 to supervise and collect the Program technical and financial data.

Workshops and seminars organized by AFRISTAT or its partners

■ Regional data validation workshop from April 1 to 5, 2019

AFRISTAT organized and partook in the regional ICP-Africa data validation workshop 2017, held in Addis Ababa from April 1st to 5, 2019. The workshop was jointly organized with the African Development Bank, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

From an administrative point of view, AFRISTAT issued invitations and took care of travelling expenses for 60 managers from the 30 member countries of its sub-coordination. AFRISTAT was represented by Mr. Yankhoba Jacques Badjil, expert in price statistics and Mr. Ibrahima Sory, expert in national accounts.

On the technical level AFRISTAT experts supervised working groups for data validation regarding both national accounts and price statistics

■ Training workshop for AfDB regional member countries on compiling indicators

AFRISTAT partook in the capacity building workshop organized in Lomé in Togolese Republic from December 9 to 13, 2019 with the support of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDD). The workshop brought together participants from twenty-one (21) countries in transition, each represented by two (2) statistical experts.

Economic communities such as COMESA, WAEMU Commission and ECA took part in the workshop. AFRISTAT was represented by two (2) price statistics experts.

The main objective of the workshop was to raise awareness among national accounting experts on the importance of strengthening partnerships around fragility diagnosing tools to make resilience effective in countries in transition

The workshop also dealt with questions related to surveys on households' consumer products as well as capital goods and services and their relation to the compilation of detailed GDP expenditure, and also price data validation procedures and national accounts.

AFRISTAT has facilitated the workshop to upgrade country experts on ICP-Africa tools 2017.

Monitoring of ICP-Africa 2017 activities

Regarding the monitoring of data submission the situation is as follows:

■ National Accounts Component

2017 ICP-Africa data submission rate, AFRISTAT area, as of December 30, 2019:

Surveys (or activities)	Private education	Compensation of public employees	Housing rent	Housing volume	MORES
Number of AFRISTAT submissions over 30 countries	30	30	29	28	30
Submission rates	100%	100%	97%	93%	100%

■ Price Component

Data submission rate from January 2017 to December 2018 at December 31, 2019:

Number of months out of the expected 24 months ³	24	15 to 23	Less than 15
Number out of 30 countries expected	24	3	3
Submission rate (in% of 30 countries)	80%	10%	10%

¹ Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Cap-Vert, Centrafric, Comoros, Congo, Congo (D.R.), Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Madagascar, Mauritania, Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Chad, Togo, Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Gambia, Algeria, Angola, Morocco, Tunisia.

² Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA, 1973).

³ CPI-ICP joint product extract.

As regards administrative aspects, countries continue to submit copies of expenditure incurred documents in under the Program.

From financial point of view, funds paid to countries in keeping with 2017 ICP-Africa activities represent 86.44% of the amounts due. Only 2

countries (Congo and Ghana) have not yet received the second tranche due to incomplete supporting documents.

Support project for monitoring Sustainable Development Goals in Africa (SODDA)

In February 2019, AFRISTAT signed a grant agreement with Expertise France for the implementation of activities associated with the Support Project to Monitor SDGs in Africa (SODDA). It is a project funded by the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and jointly implemented by AFRISTAT and Expertise France with INSEE technical support. The purpose of the project is to meet the growing needs in terms of quality and availability of statistical data in measuring progress made as part of the SDGs.

The project beneficiaries include AFRISTAT and its member states, African statistical and demographic research schools.

Food Balance Sheets Activities

Technical and financial support was provided to three countries (Benin, Mali and Guinea) for the production of analysis reports on food balance sheets and calculation of two SDG indicators relating to the prevalence of undernourishment (2.1.1.) And the food loss index (12.3.1).

To achieve this, four national consultants were mobilized to produce analysis reports. The reports have been validated in each country with the support of the project. They are available and can be downloaded from AFRISTAT website or from that of countries.

An article presenting the report on the work carried out in the three aforementioned countries was presented to the 26th session of the African Commission for Agricultural Statistics held in November 2019 in Libreville. The article is entitled: "Use of food balances for food security and information on SDG indicators of undernourishment prevalence and post-harvest losses: cases of three countries (Benin, Guinea and Mali)".

Production of leaflets on SDGs

Each of the six pilot countries participating in the project was assisted in the production and dissemination of leaflets illustrating the levels of certain SDG indicators. Leaflets also show the organizational frameworks and methods selected to prioritize SDGs.

SDG awareness days in African statistical schools

The Monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals in Africa (SODDA) project provided support for the

organization of awareness days for monitoring the SDGs for the benefit of students from 4 African statistics and demographic research schools. The activity was undertaken to inform as well as support the training of above-mentioned students in SDGs monitoring and evaluation. In addition to referred students, the awareness-raising activity is also open to heads of public institutions, civil society and development partners.

During those days, the best presentations were awarded with "SODDA awards".

ENSEA Abidjan awareness day took place on November 18, 2019 and had as theme "Quality official statistics for better consideration of SDGs in Africa". The one organized at ENSAE in Dakar was held on December 18, 2019 around the theme "Statistical training for monitoring and evaluation of SDGs". ISSSEA and IFORD will later on organize a joint awareness day under the theme "Role of the statistician and demographer in SDGs monitoring and evaluation in Africa".

Meeting of the Regional Technical Group on monitoring SDGs

A regional technical group was formed in the context of the project to brainstorm on actions to be implemented for a better monitoring of SDGs. The group was also to serve as framework for experience and best practices sharing, what could help least developed countries learn from the success stories.

On November 6, 2019, the 3rd session of the technical group met in Paris. Representatives of AFRISTAT, INSEE, and Expertise France, the 3 schools of African statistics and IFORD as well as representa-

tives of NSIs (Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, and Togo) continued their reflections initiated at previous meetings. On that occasion, each country presented its experience in SDGs monitoring and enriching discussions followed.

The technical group also proposed actions to be implemented in relation to SODDA project 2020.

Steering Committee session

On November 7, 2019, SODDA Project Steering Committee members met in Paris. During this meeting, the committee discussed the implementation status of activities in 2019 and validated the outlook for the end of the second half of 2019 and for year 2020. SODDA project, initially planned to end in May 2020, is now extended to December 2020. The extension of the implementation period will allow the project team to carry out new activities validated by the statutory body members.

AFRISTAT support for the validation of Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC) directives for monitoring the contribution of forests to Sustainable Development Goals

SODDA project funded the participation of an AFRISTAT expert in the Central African Forests Commission Directives validation workshop for monitoring the contribution of forests to the Sustainable Development Goals.

The workshop was held from November 26 to 27, 2019 in Libreville. AFRISTAT contributed to the review and validation of the proposed directives and indicated its availability to collaborate with COMIFAC in the process of operationalizing validated Directives.

Workshops on economic situation and macroeconomic short-term forecast

Four workshops were organized in 2019:

- AFRISTAT, West AFRITAC (IMF) and the WAEMU Commission organized a workshop on short term economic situation and macroeconomic forecasts 2019-2021 for the first semester of 2019 for WAEMU member states, Guinea and Mauritania. The workshop took place in Lome, Togo on May 27 to 31, 2019 and focused on the topic "Methods of forecasting inflation rate".

- The workshop on short-term economic situation for the firstsemester of 2019 and macroeconomic

forecasts 2019-2020 in CEMAC member States, Burundi, Comoros, Congo DRC, Sao Tome Principe, Djibouti and Madagascar, took place from May 6 to 10, 2019 in Douala, Cameroon.

The central topic chosen by the organizers AFRISTAT, Central AFRITAC (IMF) and CEMAC Commission, focused on seasonal adjustment of time series.

- AFRISTAT, West AFRITAC (IMF) and the WAEMU Commission organized a workshop on short term economic situation and macroeconomic forecasts 2019-2022 for the second semester of 2019 for

WAEMU member states, Guinea and Mauritania. The workshop took place in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on November 25 to 29, 2019 and focused on the topic "Macroeconomic framework: Countries situation and medium-term prospects".

- The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and AFRISTAT organized a workshop on short term economic situation and macroeconomic forecasts 2019-2020 for ECOWAS English speaking country members and Cabo Verde. The workshop took place in Accra, Ghana on November 19 to 21, 2019 with the participation of ECOWAS Commission.

Other AFRISTAT activities

AFRISTAT expert support missions

During 2019, AFRISTAT experts carried out support missions to member countries in the various fields of competence of the observatory. The missions were in addition to those carried out within the framework of projects and work agreements between AFRISTAT and partner institutions but also with certain countries. This support concerned the following countries:

BURKINA FASO

■ INSD received a support mission in relation with **household survey** in Ouagadougou from December 16 to 21, 2019. The mission processed the data stemming from the survey called "Harmonized survey on household living conditions (ECHVM)".

It allowed, (i) to correct duplicate lines and to make the unit prices consistent with the size of local unit price report file, (ii) to correct price file extreme values and (iii) to provide more consistency to unit values of consumption data with market price data.

CAMEROON

■ In **business statistics**, technical support from June 10 to 13, 2019 related to the launch of the process of setting up an Agricultural Production Price Index (APPI).

Twelve (12) executives from INS and four (4) executives from sectoral services were trained on APPI production and publication system to set up provisional samples of agriculture, livestock, forestry, logging and fishing.

COMOROS

■ In **price statistics**, two AFRISTAT TS missions have been undertaken in collaboration with IMF/AFRITAC South (AFS) to support the Union of Comoros NSO (INSEED) to improve consumer price index data.

The work of the mission from January 28 to February 8, 2019 enabled INSEED to have a single series of the CPI over the period from August 2012 to December 2018 with a treatment of seasonal products. The mission from October 21 to November 1st, 2019 helped connect the 2011 base series to those of 1999 over the period from 2000 to September 2019. One manager and nine field staff were trained on taking into account products quality changes at the time of replacements.

CONGO

■ As part of **household surveys** processing, AFRISTAT carried out in Brazzaville, from 4 to 15 November 2019, a support mission for the validation of the national survey documents on employment, informal sector and households living conditions called 1-2-3 survey.

The work made it possible to validate (i) the general methodology document for 1-2-3 survey and (ii) the collection tools for 1-2-3 survey by incorporating the recommendations of the 17th and 19th International Conference on Labor Statistics (CIST) relating to the criteria for identifying enterprises in informal employment sector. In addition, a food security module was included in the questionnaire to inform SDG 2 indicators.

In addition, specific working sessions with the technical team enabled: (i) to finalize sample allocation according to the strata; (ii) to reclassify products of the "consumption expenditure" questionnaire for the purposes of work on poverty and weights for HICP; and (iii) make recommendations on activities with a view to completing the 1-2-3 survey system.

COTE D'IVOIRE

■ Cote d'Ivoire has benefited from two support missions relating to national accounts and price statistics in 2019.

The first **national accounts** mission carried out from December 23 to 27, 2019 in Jacqueville, was intended to provide support for the preparation of accounts related to baseline year 2015 and current year 2016.

The mission enabled to: i) take into account the recommendations on balance between resources and employments for certain important economy products; ii) provide support for the achievement of resource-employment balances in current year 2016, as part of the preparation of national accounts at constant prices

The second support took place from October 16 to 18, 2019 in Abidjan. It was organized with peers to review the activities of the change of baseline year of Cote d'Ivoire national accounts and the adoption of the National Accounts System (SNA) 2008.

The work of the mission enabled to:

- analyze the preliminary results of 2015 baseline year accounts;
- analyze the extent to which the 2008 SNA recommendations have been taken into account;
- review the level of coverage of data sources used for the preparation of the national accounts for the new baseline year;
- review the methods used for calculating different aggregates; and
- formulate operational, general and technical recommendations.

A mission in **price statistics** on monitoring the quality of Harmonized Consumer Prices Index (HCPI) was undertaken jointly with WAEMU Commission and the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) from June 24 to 27, 2019.

The purpose of the mission to understand the problems inherent on the one hand, to the organizational framework of labor relating to the production of the HCPI, and on the other

hand, to also understand the measures for monitoring the quality 2014 baseline indexes in the States. A diagnostic report has been drawn up on the implementation status of Regulation No. 03/2017/CM/UEMOA adopting the methods for developing and calculating the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices within WAEMU member states (HCPI baseline 2014).

DJIBOUTI

■ Two AFRISTAT missions were carried out relating to **national accounts**.

The first, took place from February 24 to March 7, 2019 in Djibouti, enabled to revise the series of national accounts 2013-2017 by incorporating new information provided by the partners of INSD (Authority of sea Ports and Free Zones, Central Bank of Djibouti, etc.). In addition, it was also a question of ensuring the consistency of national accounts with the revised balance of payments data, and presenting the new results obtained from the members of the macroeconomic framework committee.

The second mission was organized in collaboration with IMF/METAC from September 8 to 19, 2019 to provide support for the preparation of Djibouti national accounts.

The support allowed to:

- help the INSD national accounting executives to finalize the collection of additional data for the final accounts from 2013 to 2016;
- strengthen the capacities of INSD executives to finalize the 2018 rapid accounts;
- assist INSD in documenting the sources and procedures for national accounts estimates.

GABON

■ In **price statistics**, one mission was carried out involving the Directorate General of Statistics in Libreville as part of the implementation of the CEMAC-HCPI project. A mission from January 9 to 23, 2019 allowed weights to be calculated and to put them in line with baseline year 2018 for all 963 varieties of products in the national basket and for the four economic regions formed.

The second mission, carried out from July 29 to August 15, 2019, enabled the baseline prices to be cleared and a provisional national index to be calculated involving 4 regions for January 2019.

In **business statistics**, a support mission visited Libreville, from February 11 to 22, 2019, at

the General Directorate for Statistics (DGS) to support the Technical Committee in the review and completion of the general business Census (RGE) technical documents developed by a small local team. The support enabled to review the document, to draw up the draft detailed activities timeline as well as the detailed budget of RGE.

GUINEA

■ Guinea NSO benefited from two supports in **price statistics**. The first was organized in Conakry from July 8 to 12, 2019. It worked specifically with NSO executives on the initialization of Phoenix-UEMOA Phoenix application. It involved preparing data import files in Phoenix app after four months of data collection in 2019.

The second mission carried out from November 18 to 29, 2019 enabled the following results to be achieved:

- The Conakry, Kankan-Faranah, Labé-Mamou and Kindia-Boké sites were initialized;
- The January 2019 index was calculated for Conakry as well as the provisional national index;
- The price team has been trained in database backup process.

All the executives of the Prices sub-department through their user accounts have access to Phoenix database via the server.

GUINEA BISSAU

A **price statistics**-based mission focusing on monitoring the Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI) quality was carried out jointly with WAEMU Commission and BCEAO from May 14 to 17, 2019.

The purpose of the mission was to understand problems inherent on the one hand, to labor organizational framework for HICP production, and on the other hand, to understand the arrangement for monitoring the quality of baseline year 2014 indexes in States.

A diagnostic report has been drawn up on the implementation status of Regulation No.03/2017/CM/WAEMU adopting the methods for developing and calculating the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices Index within WAEMU member states (HCPI baseline 2014).

MALI

■ The country benefited from seven support missions in 2019 in the areas of Price Statistics, National Accounts, Business Statistics, Business Conditions Monitoring and Institutional Support. Regarding **price statistics**, the National Statistical Office (INSTAT) of Mali has received two supports. The purpose of January 24, 2019 mission was to correct the malfunction of Phoenix application. Efforts enabled to identify the problem of duplicating 15 notebooks and to solve it by importing the notebooks after having decomposed them with the actual collection dates.

The second mission was carried out jointly with WAEMU Commission and BCEAO from June 17 to 20, 2019 and was part of HCPI quality monitoring.

The objective of the mission was to understand the problems inherent on the one hand, to labor organizational framework for HICP production, and on the other hand, to understand the mechanism for monitoring baseline year 2014 index quality in states. A diagnosis report was drawn up on the implementation status of Regulation No.03/2017/CM/UEMOA relating to the adoption of Modalities for developing and calculating the Harmonized Consumer Prices Index within WAEMU member states (HCPI baseline 2014).

National accounts-wise, Mali received two supports which were held in Koulikoro, respectively from September 23 to October 4, 2019 and from December 2 to 20, 2019.

The purpose of the support mission focused on the preparation of national accounts according to the 2008 SNA and have allowed to:

- take stock of data sources available and having to be collected;
- finalize the nomenclatures of national accounts for the ERETES module;
- start processing government data, Balance of Payments, and foreign trade statistics;
- process and format source data for financial services;
- process data relating to non-financial companies;
- achieve pre-arbitration work;
- develop the first round of resource use balances (ERE) and branch accounts (CB);
- develop a first version of Inter-Industrial Exchange Table (IET); and
- develop the provisional Supply and Use Table (SUT).

In **business statistics**, technical assistance was provided to INSTAT from January 18 to February 1st, 2019 for the finalization of work to set up Agricultural Production Price Index (APPI). That support enabled to review the weights and calculate indexes. The data collected from partner structures regarding for 2017, 2018 and 2019 monthly data were reviewed. The APPIs for the twelve (12) months of 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 have been calculated.

In the area of economic situation, a joint mission has been carried out by an expert from AFRITAC West (AFW) in Bamako from July 15 to 26, 2019. The purpose of the mission was to strengthen the framing mechanism and ownership taking of the macroeconomic forecasting of MME_DNPDP in extant at the National Directorate for Development Planning (DNPDP) of Mali.

The mission allowed: (i) to take stock of the implementation of the road map of previous mission and to update the pattern data; (ii) to make corrections to the pattern; (iii) to test the pattern by projecting years 2017 and 2018; (iv) to make projections on 2019-2022 period and

(v) to facilitate communication on macroeconomic framing practices

As part of **institutional support**, a joint PARIS21, AFRISTAT, AfDB and ECA mission was carried out for the final evaluation of Mali's 2015-2019 Statistical Master Plan (SDS).

The mission rolled out from July 15 to 19, 2019 in Bamako. At the end of the evaluation, the mission deemed that the implementation rate for the 2015-2019 SDS was around 60%. Substantial progress was made advances, notably in terms of resource mobilization and improvement of working resources.

The mission advised the National Statistical System (NSS) of Mali to consider adopting the special data dissemination of IMF by 2025 and to remove the remaining constraints on the availability of quality human resources throughout NSS.

MAURITANIE

■ This year's interventions mainly covered **national accounts**. ONS of Mauritania benefited from three supports in Nouakchott.

The work of the mission from January 24 to February 4, 2019 enabled to analyze the quality of the preliminary outcomes in consonance with 2008 SNA and to make operational recommendations.

The methods used for the preparation of the accounts in current year (in this case 2015 and 2016) and the backward projection of the accounts for the period 2005-2013 were presented.

The second mission carried out from March 12 to 15, 2019 in Nouakchott, enabled to (i) finalize and validate 2015 and 2016 national accounts; (ii) analyze the first back-projection works held over the period 2005-2014. Finally, a third support enabled (i) to review and validate the outcomes of national accounts from 2014 to 2016; (ii) to review the backward projection work carried out over the period 2005-2013; and (iii) to prepare and participate in the workshop for disseminating the results of the national accounts in keeping with the new system (2008 SNA).

NIGER

■ A mission in **price statistics** relating to the monitoring of the quality of the Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI) was jointly undertaken with WAEMU Commission and the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) from June 10 to 13, 2019.

The goal of the mission was to understand the problems associated on one hand, with labor organizational framework for HCPI production, and on the other hand, to understand the mechanism for monitoring the quality of indexes based on 2014 in States. A diagnostic report has been drawn up on the implementation status of Regulation No. 03/2017/CM/UEMOA, adopting the methods for developing and calculating the Harmonized Consumer Price Index within WAEMU members States (HCPI base 2014).

As part of **institutional support**, two missions stayed in Niamey from October 12 to 19, 2019 and from December 2 to 8, 2019.

The first mission enabled to suggest actions with a view to operationalizing the National Quality Assurance Framework for Niger and to advise an organizational mechanism for the evaluation of the quality of statistical productions, as well as to create a Scientific Council.

The second mission was undertaken jointly with INSEE and allowed to formulate guide-

lines in the conduct of activities on the level of the Inspectorate for Statistical Services in full adequacy with the mandate generally attached to such category of service.

TOGO

■ In **business statistics** a support mission has been carried out in Lomé from March 4 to 15, 2019. It was a mission to INSEED, as part of the continuation of the implementation of turnover index (ICA) in industry, construction, trade and services.

The support allowed to set up final samples of

companies and construction and trade witness activities as well as a provisional sample of companies and services in the absence consideration of representativeness of several branches of activity and services.

The support mission allowed to calculate the provisional weights for 2015 at lower and aggregated levels of the nomenclature.

It also allowed to develop ICA calculation layouts in construction, trade and services and to calculate ICA provisional indexes in construction, trade and services for the four (4) quarters of 2015 and 2016.

Echoes from National Statistical Institutes

BENIN

www.insae-bj.org

■ Organization of the dissemination of the 5th Demographic and Health Survey of Benin (EDSB-V) in Cotonou on Tuesday 2 April 2019 under the chairmanship of Mr. Abdoulaye Bio Tchané, Minister of State responsible for Planning and Development.

■ Organization of the first ordinary session of the National Statistics Council under the theme: Validation of SNDS-3

■ On the basis of survey reports carried out over the period from September 1st, 2018 to January 31, 2019, the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis (INSAE) has been identified as a public body meeting the standards of good governance by the "Power of Love" certification firm.

■ Organization of the 2015 food balance sheet validation workshop on Thursday 25 July 2019.

BURKINA FASO

www.insd.bf

■ Continuation of the work of the fifth general census of population and housing in Burkina Faso (5th RGPH) with the support of Technical and Financial Partners.

CAMEROON

www.statistics-cameroon.org

■ Organization of the annual meeting of central and decentralized services of the National Statistical Office in Yaoundé on February 20 and 21, 2019 on the central theme: Quality statistics for better monitoring of the second

phase of Vision 2035 and development international Agendas.

■ End of data collection for the fifth Demographic and Health Survey of Cameroon (EDSC 5).

■ Organization of the workshop to proofread and finalize the IT Master Plan (SDI) for the National Institute of Statistics in Kribi from February 26 to March 1st, 2019.

■ Third Survey on the traceability of public spending in Health, Nutrition, Water, Sanitation and Education sectors (PETS3).

■ Organization of a workshop from June 11 to 13, 2019 in Douala on the mechanism for setting up agricultural producer price index (IPPAP) with the technical support of AFRISTAT.

■ Organization of the 18th session of the National Statistics Council (CNS) on December 16, 2019.

■ High Level Meeting on the Development of Environment Statistics organized on December 17, 2019.

■ Organization from November 4 to 7, 2019 of the National Workshop for the development and implementation of a strategy to promote and strengthen dialogue between producers and end users of official statistics in Cameroon.

COTE D'IVOIRE

www.ins.ci

■ Preparation of the 2019 Population Census: pilot census, cartographic work and comple-

tion of the counting methodology.

■ Work to change baseline year and migration to 2008 SNA.

■ Achievement of the National Survey of Self-Employed Workers (ENTI) by INS upon CNPS request.

■ IMF mission to Cote d'Ivoire as part of the 5th review of 2016-2019 Economic and Financial Program (PEF) of Cote d'Ivoire.

■ Achievement of the Economic Census of Industrial Companies and Establishments of Cote d'Ivoire (REEIE-CI).

■ Project to prepare regional accounts in Cote d'Ivoire.

■ ECOWAS PSR assessment mission 2014-2018 from August 12 to 15, 2019.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

www.inege.gq

■ Publication of the Statistical Yearbook of Equatorial Guinea 2018.

■ Publication of Equatorial Guinea in figures Publication of the first Collection of concepts and statistical variables of Equatorial Guinea.

■ Publication of inflation rate in the quarters of 2019.

■ Publication of 2016 national accounts results.

■ The World Bank vice-president in charge of Africa visits INEGE.

- Launch of the national summary data page (PNDR) of the improved General System for Dissemination of International Monetary Fund Data.

- Estimated Quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDPT): First half-year 2019.

- VIIIth Statistical Conference of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP) and Meeting of Presidents and General Directors of National Statistical Institutes of CPLP countries in Malabo from July 15 to 17, 2019.

MADAGASCAR

www.instat.mg

- National Accounts results were rebased in SNA 93 and revision of the national accounts from 2007 to 2017.

- A New Price Index more respectful of international standards with 2016 as the baseline year.

- Publication of the provisional results of the RGPH-3 carried out in 2019 on August 6, 2019.

MALI

www.instat-gov.ml

- Validation on January 16, 2019 of INSTAT data dissemination policy.

- Launch on January 25, 2019 of the Economic Units General Census fieldwork.

MAURITANIA

www.ons.mr

- Publication of new national accounts according to the 2008 SNA.

NIGER

www.ins.ne

- Workshop to present the outcomes of work

to revalue Niger's GDP, baseline 2015, in consonance with the United Nations national accounting system (SNA 2008) and backward casting on August 7, 2019.

- Celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Statistics Department at Niger.

SENEGAL

www.ansd.sn

- Senegal rolls out the 7th phase of the Demographic and Continuous Health Survey (EDS – Continue) in 2019.

- Completion of the first Survey on Employment, Remuneration and Work Hours (SEPH).

- Visit of the new Minister of Economy, Planning and Cooperation.

- Work to set up a monitoring system for non-profit institutions serving households (NPISH): Monographic study on the sector.

- Opening, on July 23, 2019, of the "UCAD Center for Access to Statistical Data" for researchers and doctoral students from the Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar.

- Organization of the national workshop on employment and business informality statistics from 20 to 21 August 2019 and the development of a monitoring system.

- Development of its 3rd National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (SNDS III).

CHAD

www.inseed-tchad.org

- Achievement of 2019 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS6).

- Organization of processing work for the fourth Survey on Household Consumption and Informal Sector in Chad (ECOSIT4).

- Continuation of the implementation of the Multidimensional Poverty Index.

- Hosting an AFRISTAT mission in the context of monitoring SDG indicators.

- Reception of an AFRISTAT mission from 13 to 17 May as part of the construction of a Construction Cost Index (CCI).

TOGO

www.togostat.org

- Organization of the Sixth and Seventh Ordinary Session of INSEED Board of Directors.

- Achievement of a series of surveys from March to April 2019 as part of migration to 2008 SNA.

- 9th Ordinary Session of the National Statistics Council (CNS) on April 2, 2019.

- Adoption on June 11, 2019 by the National Council of Statistics of the draft roadmap for the development of the second national strategy for the development of statistics (SNDS-II) 2020-2024 of Togo.

- Meeting to share the results of the general census of businesses (RGE) on May 9, 2019.

- Official launch of the permanent survey on international trade in services in Togo on August 19, 2019.

Celebration of African Statistics Day

Under the theme:

"Everyone counts: quality statistics for better management of forced displacement in Africa",
the African Day of Statistics (JAS) 2019 edition was celebrated on November 18
by the National Statistical Offices of AFRISTAT members States.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

AFRISTAT took part in international meetings organized during 2019

N°	Events	Period	Location	Organizers
1.	Data processing workshop for the first wave of Harmonized Household Living Conditions Survey (EHCVM) and poverty measurement	January 28 to February 8, 2019	Ouagadougou Burkina Faso	WAEMU Commission
2.	Regional data processing workshop of "governance, peace and security" module of the ERI-ESI for WAEMU member states within the framework of WAEMU RSP project	February 18 to 22, 2019	Bamako Mali	AFRISTAT
3.	Statutory 2018 end-of-year meetings of the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA)	February 18 to 21, 2019	Dakar Senegal	WAMA
4.	Third Technical Committee meeting of African Center Excellence in Statistic project	March 11 to 15, 2019	Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire	ENSEA
5.	39 th AFRISTAT Management Committee Meeting	March 22 to 23, 2019	Niamey Niger	AFRISTAT
6.	Meeting of Experts from the African Institute of Money Transfer	March 25 to 27, 2019	Dakar Senegal	African Union
7.	Regional workshop on situational analysis of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063	March 26 to 29, 2019	Harare Zimbabwe	African Union
8.	29 th Session of AFRISTAT Council of Ministers	March 27, 2019	Niamey Niger	AFRISTAT
9.	Meeting of Finance Ministers of Zone franc	March 28, 2019	Niamey Niger	Zone franc
10.	Training workshop on rapid estimation methods	April 8 to 12, 2019	Paris France	INSEE, AFRISTAT
11.	Third Meeting of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) on the Pan African Statistical Program (PAS)	March 19, 2019	Addis-Ababa Ethiopia	AUC
12.	ICP-Africa 2017 Data Validation Workshop	March 31 to April 6, 2019	Addis-Ababa Ethiopia	AfDB and AFRISTAT
13.	SHaSA 2 Meeting of the specialized group (GTS) on Governance Peace and Security (GPS)	April 23 to 26, 2019	Tunis Tunisia	UA Commission
14.	International Big Data Conference	April 29 to May 3, 2019	Kigali Rwanda	UN GWG for Big Data
15.	Economic situation seminar –1 st half-year 2019 and short term forecast – Central Africa	May 6 to 10, 2019	Douala Cameroon	CEMAC Commission

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16.	Ad-hoc meeting of West African group of experts on "National organizational capacities and mechanisms for assessing progress in the implementation of 2030 and 2063 agendas: State of play, challenges and way forward in West Africa "	May 6 to 7, 2019	Robertsfield Liberia	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
17.	Regional workshop to complete ERI-ESI analysis reports for WAEMU member states within the framework of PSR-UEMOA project, AFRISTAT/ WAEMU Commission	May 13 to 24, 2019	Bamako Mali	AFRISTAT
18.	Business seminar – 1 st half-year 2019 and short term forecast West Africa	May 27 to 31, 2019	Lomé Togo	WAEMU Commission
19.	Working group on demographic, economic and educational profiles of young people in French-speaking Africa	June 10 to 16, 2019	Paris France	Observatoire démographique et statistique de l'espace francophone (ODSEF)
20.	Monitoring of Target 12.3 relating to food losses	June 11 to 13, 2019	Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire	FAO, ENSEA
21.	African Center SDG Conference on "Financing Health, Education and clean water in Africa"	June 13 to 14, 2019	Kigali Rwanda	SDG Center for Africa
22.	ECA/ENSEA Scientific Council project	June 14 to 15, 2019	Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire	ENSEA
23.	International Conference on Statistics and Applied Economics (CISEA) – 2019 edition	June 17 to 19, 2019	Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire	ENSEA
24.	Regional workshop to validate the early warning tool for macroeconomic imbalances in the CEMAC Zone	June 21, 2019	Douala Cameroon	CEMAC Commission
25.	Regional workshop on the implementation of a composite indicator of economic activities in the CEMAC Zone	June 24 to 29, 2019	Douala Cameroon	CEMAC Commission
26.	Data exchange standards training	June 25 to 26, 2019	Tunis Tunisia	INS-Tunisia and INSEE
27.	Methodological seminar on governance, peace and security	June 24 to 25, 2019	Bamako Mali	INSTAT and IRD
28.	Continental workshop on improving remittance statistics	June 25 to 29, 2019	Libreville Gabon	African Institut on Remittances (AIR)
29.	CODESA and ECA/ENSEA Project Steering Committee meetings, General Assembly of the CESD Statistician Association	June 21 to 30, 2019	Paris France	CODESA, GENES, ENSEA and CESD Statistician Association
30.	CEFIL 2019 workshop on the theme: "Crossed views on the governance of official statistics in Sub-Saharan African States and in Maghreb countries"	July 1 st to 5, 2019	Libourne France	INSEE-AFRISTAT

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31.	Meeting of the working group of the regional statistics committee on the HCPI	July 1 st to 5, 2019	Ouagadougou Burkina Faso	WAEMU Commission
32.	Regional workshop for sharing experiences on specific applications (excluding ERETES) developed in the process of preparing national accounts	July 1 st to 5, 2019	Cotonou Benin	AFRISTAT
33.	Regional workshop on quarterly national accounts	July 8 to 12, 2019	Tunis Tunisia	Pan-African Statistical Program (PAS)
34.	Meetings of the Regional Statistics Committee	July 12 to 23, 2019	Cotonou Benin	WAEMU Commission
35.	Statutory 2019 mid-year meetings of the West African Monetary Agency meetings	August 16 to 22, 2019	Conakry Guinea	WAMA
36.	Regional workshop for experience sharing on data integration from 1-2-3 type surveys into national accounts: exchanges between national accountants and survey statisticians	September 2 to 6, 2019	Bamako Mali	AFRISTAT
37.	Tenth Conference of the Consultation Framework of WAEMU area Ministers in charge of Employment and Professional Training	September 22 to 26, 2019	Cotonou Benin	WAEMU Commission
38.	Technical workshop for calculating poverty and well-being indicators	October 21 to 1 November, 2019	Ouagadougou Burkina Faso	WAEMU Commission
39.	Workshop on the preparation of national accounts	October 22 to 25, 2019	Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire	Expertise France
40.	Workshop on the Assessment and Mapping of migration in ECOWAS Region	October 22 to 25, 2019	Cotonou Benin	AU - ECOWAS
41.	Regional workshop on the evaluation of national Accounts component of WAEMU RSP, balance sheet of social accounting matrixes, balance sheet of migration to the 2008 SNA, experience sharing, way forward and ERETES module	November 7 to 11, 2019	Ouagadougou Burkina Faso	AFRISTAT
42.	3 rd Meeting of the Technical Working Group of Support Project for Monitoring the SDGs in Africa (SODDA)	November 6 to 7, 2019	Paris France	Expertise France
43.	3 rd Meeting of the Steering committee of Support Project for monitoring the SDGs in Africa (SODDA)	November 7, 2019	Paris France	Expertise France
44.	Thirteen Session of the Committee of Directors Generals of National Statistics Offices (CoDGs)	November 19 to 21, 2019	Tunis Tunisia	AU Commission
45.	Regional workshop on experience sharing in the backward projection of national accounts	November 11 to 15, 2019	Dakar Senegal	AFRISTAT
46.	Business seminar – 1 st half-year semester 2019 and short-term forecast for ECOWAS English speaking and Cape Verde	November 19 to 21, 2019	Accra Ghana	UNECA

N°	Events	Period	Location	Organizers
47.	Business seminar – 2 nd half-year 2019 – and short term forecast – West Africa	November 25 to 29, 2019	Ouagadougou Burkina Faso	WAEMU Commission, AFRISTAT, AFW
48.	Workshop on the rollout of the Country Resilience and Fragility Assessment framework(CRFA)	December, 9 to 13, 2019	Lomé Togo	AfDB

Meetings, workshops and seminars

Ouagadougou, January 13-24, 2020

Technical workshop to complete poverty and well-being indicators and outlying of poverty figures

Yaounde, March 17,2020

22nd meeting of the AFRITAC Center Orientation Committee

Freetown, February 6-13, 2020

Statutory end-of-year meetings 2019 of the West African Monetary Agency (WAMA)

Dar Es Salaam, March 23-27, 2020

Regional Workshop on the Operational Guidelines of the World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2020 (WCA 2020)

Addis-Ababa, February 20, 2020

50th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

Abidjan, March 26, 2020

30th meeting of AFRITAC West Orientation Committee

Ouagadougou, February 25-28, 2020

Capacity building workshop of WAEMU member states experts in the production, dissemination of employment and vocational training indicators

Paris, April 7-8, 2020

PARIS21 annual board meeting

New York, March 3-6, 2020

51st session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

Livingstone, May 19-21, 2020

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