

UNSD's capacity development work in Africa

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UNSD work in Africa (1)

- Work with African countries has always been a priority for UNSD
- 2020 has been an exceptional year due to the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Events had to be postponed or changed in format
- In 2021, activities can hopefully return to normal levels
- UNSD and ECA will partner in those activities

UNSD work in Africa (2)

- Capacity development work by UNSD has focused on institutional development and support of statistical domains
- It also includes coordination with other partners

UNSD work in Africa (3)

- An example of institutional support is the *Handbook on management of statistical systems*, with the supporting regional Thematic Conferences
 - The first such conference world-wide took place in South Africa
 - A 2nd conference for Francophone countries is planned
 - With support from Morocco (in 2021)
- Most Handbook chapters are ready and can be accessed (for comments) on the Wiki:
 - <https://unstats.un.org/wiki/display/HSO/Handbook+Statistical+Organization>

Expected events in 2021 ⁽¹⁾

- New and ongoing UNSD activities on capacity development in the region are part of:
 - Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation
 - UN Development Account projects
 - Other funded projects
 - Supporting and coordinating activities

Expected events in 2021 ⁽²⁾

- Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation:
- (postponed from 2020)
 - 2020 Round of Censuses - francophone Africa #2
 - Republic of the Congo
 - UN Legal Identity Agenda Africa
 - Namibia

Expected events in 2021 ⁽³⁾

- UN Development Account
- 12th tranche (2020-2023):
 - Time Use Data for better policies
 - Pilot countries: Morocco, South Africa
 - Environmental-Economic Accounting for evidence-based policy
 - Pilot countries: Senegal, Kenya, Namibia, +
- 13th tranche (2021-2024)
 - Use of administrative data sources to produce official statistics
 - Pilot countries: Namibia, Tanzania, Cameroon

Expected events in 2021 (4)

- Other projects
- FCDO project (till mid-2021) (formerly DFID project)
 - Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
- Data4now
 - Senegal
- DESA-wide project on Strengthening the capacity of LDCs to develop evidence-based, coherent and well financed strategies to implement the 2030 Agenda (till end-2021)
 - Ethiopia, Tanzania

Expected events in 2021 ⁽⁵⁾

- UNSD will also partner with other agencies and entities to support African countries
 - Including coordination and support activities
 - GIST, ISWGHS
- E-learning development will increase in 2021 and beyond
 - E.g. new courses on gender statistics, several courses on use of Big Data
 - Facilitated access to such resources for African countries is a concern for UNSD
 - UN Global Platform and regional hubs may assist in this

Thank you

