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The Economic and Statistical Observatory of Sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT) is pleased to wish a happy new year 2022 to all its partners and to readers of its information review. He hopes that the health crisis related to COVID-19, which has further hampered the normal course of statistical activities in 2021, will see its dangerousness stump.

AFRISTAT activities in the end of the year 2021 were dominated by organization of statutory meetings, coordination missions in certain countries, monitoring of the implementation of current projects, continuation of traditional technical support, strengthening and development of partnerships.

The three statutory meetings for the 2nd half of 2021 were held in virtual format. This is the 26th meeting of the Scientific Council, the 43rd meeting of the Management Committee and the 30th session

of the Council of Ministers. Among the main decisions and orientations resulting from these meetings, we can notice appointment of the new Deputy Director General, Mr. Serge Jean Edi of Ivorian nationality, adoption of the orientations of AFRISTAT's Strategic Work Program (PSTA) for the period 2022-2025, adoption of AFRISTAT Action Plan for 2022 and the related budget. In addition, public access to AFRISTAT's multisectoral database called "Super Jupiter" was officially launched and the conclusions of the study on the revision of the Treaty establishing AFRISTAT and the feasibility of a new economic model of the Observatory were examined.

During this semester, meetings with the authorities in charge of statistics in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger and Togo were organised. These made it possible to discuss the issues and challenges facing AFRISTAT and to collect the countries needs for technical assistance for 2022. At the same time, ongoing training and technical assistance missions were organised in countries concerning several fields: national accounts, price statistics, economic situation, business statistics, employment statistics, numerical statistics, monitoring of the SDGs, organization and processing of statistical surveys, statistical coordination and dissemination. Furthermore, the reception of trainees from African statistics schools has resumed and a team from the National statistical office of Central African Republic has done a study visit and working session in Bamako.

With regard to the strengthening and development of partnerships, AFRISTAT's General Management was represented at the statutory meetings of its partners, including the WAEMU Commission, Expertise France projetct, PARIS21, IFORD, West AFRITAC and STATAFRIC. It also resumed joint organization with INSEE of annual workshops organized at CEFIL after interruption recorded in 2020 due to health crisis.

The Observatory also attended the launch of France's Action Plan for international statistical cooperation for the period 2021-2025 and the meetings organized by the ECA on the data platform and the young statisticians program. With specific regard to new partnerships, a delegation from the West African Development Bank (BOAD) was received at AFRISTAT headquarters to discuss potential future collaborations. Throughout 2021, AFRISTAT celebrated its 25th anniversary.

For 2022, AFRISTAT proposes to carry out unfinished activities of 2021 which remain relevant, to multiply partnerships, to finalize the strategic work program 2022-2025 and to launch AFRISTAT's prospective reflections on long term.

Paul-Henri NGUEMA MEYE
Director General of AFRISTAT

AFRISTAT NEWS

Visits

During the second half of 2021, Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé, Director General of AFRISTAT, paid courtesy and working visits to Member States and welcomed some partners of the Observatory.



■ CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé, Director General of AFRISTAT made two visits to Côte d'Ivoire between October and December 2021. On these occasions, he met Mr. Koffi N'Guessan, Minister of Technical Education, Vocational Training and Apprenticeship and Ms. Nialé Kaba, Minister of Planning and Development. With Mr. Koffi, discussions focused on employment statistics that can be used based on ERI-ESI data and the chal-

lenges to their production in the context of the health crisis. Advice was also provided to the Director General to highlight the effects of the health crisis on AFRISTAT activities.

The meeting with Ms. Kaba focused on presenting the main achievements of the WAEMU regional statistical project (PSR-UEMOA) for the benefit of Côte d'Ivoire and the entire West African community before addressing the difficult financial situation that crosses AFRISTAT and the main

organizational and institutional challenges of the institution. In both cases, the authorities promised support to the Observatory.

During his last stay in Abidjan, the Director General of AFRISTAT honored with his presence at the gala dinner at the end of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of ENSEA in Abidjan. During this ceremony, AFRISTAT was awarded for its contribution to the development of statistical training on the African continent.



■ MALI

On December 2021, the Director General of AFRISTAT was received in audience by Mr. Alousséni Sanou, Minister of Economy and Finance of Mali. On this occasion, the Minister was impressed by the state of implementation of AFRISTAT's activi-

ties over the 2019-2021 period and the difficulties hindering their proper execution. In addition, the Director General has requested the support of Mali for the completion of several files which will be submitted for the approval of the Council of Ministers at its next session.

At the end of the interview, the Minister instructed Mr. Arouna Sougane, Director General of INSTAT, to follow up on the resolution of the operational pitfalls observed in relations with the administrations in Mali.

■ BURKINA FASO

In December 2021, AFRISTAT's Director General carried out a mission in Ouagadougou to coordinate and collect technical assistance needs in 2022 for Burkina Faso statistical system. It is in this context that Mr. Nguema Meyé was introduced to the office of Mr. Moussa Kaboré, Minister of Agriculture, Hydro-agricultural Developments, Mechanization and Animal and Fishery Resources by Mr. Boureima Ouedraogo, Director General of the National Statistical Office (INSD).



At this meeting, which was also attended by Dr. Seglaro Abel Somé, Secretary General of the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Development, the challenges of training in statistics were widely discussed. Immediately after the interview, the Minister invited the Director General to take part in the Session of National Council of Statistics twinned with the commemoration of 2021 African Statistics Day.

During this work, the priority needs of technical assistance from Burkina Faso were well received.



■ TOGO

Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé, Director General of AFRISTAT, was received in audience in Lomé in August 2021, by Mr. Simféitchéou Pré, Minister, Advisor to the President of the Togolese Republic.

Discussions during this meeting focused mainly on (i) support provided by AFRISTAT to Togo, particularly in the areas of institutional organization, national accounts, price statistics and business statistics; (ii) the continuation of technical assistance from the Observatory in Togo within framework of implementation of the Regional Project for the Harmonization of Statistics in West Africa and (iii) the measures taken by Togo for the payment of balance of its contributions to the AFRISTAT's Fund.

Mr. Pré encouraged AFRISTAT to continue the effort to meet the many expectations of his country's authorities in terms of quality of statistical data.

■ NIGER

Mr. Rabiou Abdou, Minister of Planning of Republic of Niger granted an audience in Niamey in August 2021 to Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meye, Director General of AFRISTAT.

On this occasion, Mr. Nguema Meye presented to AFRISTAT Council of Ministers Member the situation of activities implementation and current challenges of the Observatory. The Minister Abdou paid particular attention on AFRISTAT's requests for support for the completion of institutional reforms underway at the level of the institution and his efforts to mobilize resources. The discussions also concerned AFRISTAT's support priorities on statistical system of Niger.



■ BOAD

A mission from the West African Development Bank (BOAD) led by Mr. Alain Tchibozo and accompanied by Mr. Latif Abdoulaye, resident representative of BOAD in Mali was received in audience by the Director General of AFRISTAT in November 2021.

Exchanges focused on examining possibilities of

collaboration between BOAD and AFRISTAT. After specifying to his guests the fields of intervention of the Observatory and listening to next areas of interest of BOAD, the two parties agreed to maintain the consultations. The needs of prospective work expressed by BOAD gave informations on the areas to be prioritized among the partnership possibilities.

■ WAEMU

Mr. Mahamadou Gado, Commissioner of the Department of Economic Policies and Internal Taxation at the WAEMU Commission granted an audience to the Director General of AFRISTAT in August 2021 in Lomé. On this occasion, the Director General began by presenting the Observatory and its long and fruitful collaboration with the Commission to the newly appointed Commissioner.



The two personalities dwelt on execution of the WAEMU Régional statistic program in progress by highlighting the factors of satisfaction on one hand and the need to take on challenge recorded on other hand. In addition, for future collaborations, Mr. Gado made the Director General aware of the need to put a little more emphasis on visibility actions both at regional level and in the Member States.



■ FRENCH EMBASSY IN MALI

The Director General of AFRISTAT received in audience the Deputy Advisor for Cooperation and Cultural Action of France, Mr. Olivier Lavergne in November 2021. Mr. Lavergne was accompanied by Charlotte Foffano from the Ministry of Europe

and Foreign Affairs. Discussions focused on the arrival of the new international technical expert Mr. Alain Brilleau at AFRISTAT. Discussions also focused on the possibilities of further boosting collaboration between AFRISTAT and French cooperation in general.

Arrivals

■ **Mr. Alain Brilleau**, of French nationality, arrived at AFRISTAT on November 5, 2021, as Advisor to the Director General under a partnership agreement with French authorities. The person concerned had previously served at AFRISTAT between 1996 and 2001, as price statistics expert.

■ The observatory hosted from August 20 to November 15, 2021, **Mr. Bitsamou Pagnol Eustache**, student Statistician Economist Engineer (ISE) from the Sub-regional Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics (ISSEA) of Yaoundé, for an

internship academic. He worked, within the Department of Social Statistics and Poverty Reduction Strategies, on the determinants of migration from informal production units to the formal sector in Mali based on data from the Integrated Regional Survey on Employment and the Informal Sector (ERI-ESI). During his internship, he also supported the department on various tasks.

■ **Mr. Siramaka Touré**, Senior Statistical Technician Student (ATS) from the Statistics

Training and Development Center (CFP-STAT) in Mali, carried out a practical internship at AFRISTAT, from September 27 to November 19, 2021. He worked within the Department of Strategic Support and Dissemination, on comparative analysis of economic impacts of the 2008 financial crisis and the 2020 health crisis in the G7 countries based on international short-term data collected by the Observatory. During his internship, he also supported the department in collecting short-term data to feed the AFRISTAT Database platform, called Super Jupiter.

Departures

AFRISTAT's Executive Management recorded two departures during the second half of 2021.

■ **Mr. Madior Fall** left AFRISTAT on August 31, 2021 where he served from February 2017 to August 2021, as an international technical Expert in charge of agricultural statistics, environment and climate change. Mr. Fall actively participated in work to achieve results of the Observatory, in particular on FAO project on the food balance

sheet and the project on Monitoring of SDGs in Africa (SODDA). He had previously served at AFRISTAT between 2010 and 2014. AFRISTAT's Executive Management thanks him for his contribution to the influence of the organization and wishes him much success in his new position.

■ **Mr. Lamine Traoré**, driver at AFRISTAT since 2004, exercised his right to retire on December 31, 2021. Executive Management expressed its gratitude to him for his dedication and professionalism in his work through a certificate of recognition.

Activities of the Directorate General

AFRISTAT Statutory Meetings

30th session of the Council of Ministers

AFRISTAT's Council of Ministers held its 30th ordinary session on December 16, 2021 by videoconference, under the chairmanship of Mr. Mayacine Camara, Secretary of State to the Minister of Infrastructure, Land Transport and Opening up, representing the Minister of Economy, Planning and Cooperation of Senegal.

The work of the Board focused on issues relating to the day-to-day management of the Observatory, the implementation of the 2021 action plan as of June 30, 2021, the examination of the results of the study revising the Treaty of AFRISTAT and development of a new economic model as well as the draft strategic orientations of AFRISTAT's Strategic Work Program (PSTA) 2022-2025.

The Council of Ministers also examined the situation of contributions to the AFRISTAT Funds for 2006-2015 and 2016-2025 and gave guidelines for the collection of contributions from countries on these different Funds with a view to providing AFRISTAT with the necessary resources to enable it to pursue its mission in good conditions. To this end, the Board encouraged countries to draw inspiration from the experiences of countries which have set up Statistics Development Funds which enable them to mitigate the difficulties of mobilizing their own resources.

Regarding the implementation of the 2021 action plan, the Board expressed its satisfaction to General Management for the results obtained as of June 30, 2021, notwithstanding the persistence of the pandemic linked to Covid-19. The Board also examined the main conclusions of the study on the revision of the AFRISTAT Treaty and the development of a new economic model. He urged Member States and their Central Banks to submit their observations on the feasibility of the economic model. He thus encouraged the General Management to continue the work for the development of the PSTA 2022-2025. During this session, the Council of

Ministers appointed Mr. Serge Jean EDI, of Ivorian nationality, as Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT, for a term of four years from January 1, 2022.

43rd meeting of the Management Committee

AFRISTAT's Management Committee held its 43rd meeting in October 2021 by videoconference under the chairmanship of Mr. Blaise Bienvenu Ali, Director General of the Central African Institute of Statistics and Economic and Social Studies (ICASEES), current President of the Committee.

The work focused on the mid-term implementation of the 2021 action plan and the execution of the 2021 budget, the review of the 2022 Action Plan and the related budget. The Committee also examined the contributions of Member States to the AFRISTAT Funds 2006-2015 and 2015-2025 and the draft orientations of the strategic work program (PSTA) 2022-2025.

Regarding the mid-term implementation of the 2021 action plan, there is an improvement in the activities rate of execution compared to 2020. The Committee took note of the report presented and congratulated the Executive Management for the results. He also encouraged him to effectively pursue the execution of the rest of the activities of the action plan.

With regard to AFRISTAT's Action Plan (PAA) 2022, the Committee expressed its satisfaction with the relevance of the activities scheduled and the ambition displayed in the Action Plan 2022 which generally meet the expectations of the States members. It adopted the PAA 2022 while inviting the Executive Management to take into account the specific requests expressed by the Member States.

Concerning the contributions to AFRISTAT funds, the Committee urged all Directors General of Member States who are late to strengthen advocacy with their respective authorities to release their arrears in order to support the proper functioning of the Observatory.

26th meeting of the Scientific Council

AFRISTAT's Scientific Council held its 26th meeting on October 21, 2021 by videoconference under the chairmanship of Doctor Ébenézer Sylvain Benjamin Ferdinand Schouame, Professor of Economics at the University of Yaoundé II-SOA, President of the Council.

The Board examined the 2021 mid-term report of the AFRISTAT Action Plan (PAA) 2021 and the draft 2022 PAA. It also appreciated the final version of the AFRISTAT-DATABASE platform. In addition, the Board was informed of the project to develop an IT application for managing business statistical registers.

Concerning the mid-term implementation report of the 2021 PAA, the Board appreciated the extent of the activities carried out during the first six months of 2021 and congratulated the Executive Management for the results using advantages offered by teleworking.

The Committee reiterated its congratulations for the good initiatives taken, with reference to young statisticians program which offers a good opportunity for young people integration into the professional world.

With regard to the PAA 2022, the Board expressed its satisfaction with its content while recalling its concerns following the financial difficulties which weigh heavily on the proper functioning of the Observatory and compromise support for Member States.

Finally, the Board followed the presentation on the final version of the multisectoral data platform called AFRISTAT-DATABASE.

The Board congratulated the Observatory for this important tool that many users have been waiting for and is delighted with the many innovations it has received. He invited the Executive Management to pay great attention to sources of data collected in order to guarantee the credibility of the platform's information. He also urged Member States to facilitate the process of feeding the platform for greater openness to data.

Seminars on the economic situation in the second half of 2021 and short and medium term macroeconomic forecasts

During the second half of 2021, three seminars were organized to take stock of the recent economic situation and short and medium term macroeconomic forecasts in the States and to allow exchanges and sharing of experience between the participants.

■ In the continuity of the traditional practices of WAEMU member states, Cabo Verde, Guinea and Mauritania, the West Africa sub-regional office of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) organized in collaboration with AFRISTAT, a seminar on the economic situation in the second half of 2021 and macroeconomic fore-

casts for 2021-2022 in English-speaking ECOWAS members states. This seminar was held in Niamey from October 13 to 15, 2021. It is designed to better understand the economic situation and economic forecast for all ECOWAS countries. It brought together 15 participants from the Ministries of Finance, Economy and

Planning, National Statistical Institutes of Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone, as well as regional and international organizations: ECA, AFRISTAT, WAEMU, WAMA and WAMI. The institutions (ECA, AFRISTAT, WAEMU, WAMA and WAMI) presented their system of support to countries and



monitoring of the economic situation and macroeconomic forecasts. The countries first presented their institutional framework for monitoring the economic situation and then the recent economic situation and macroeconomic forecasts for 2021-2022 as well as the situation of their annual and quarterly national accounts. The discussions gave rise to a sharing of experiences.

■ AFRISTAT, West AFRITAC and WAEMU Commission organized the traditional seminar on the economic situation for the second half of 2021 and the medium-term macroeconomic

forecasts 2021-2024 for the benefit of the French-speaking ECOWAS member states. It took place in Ouagadougou from November 22 to 26, 2021. All WAEMU member states were represented by participants respectively in charge of economic analysis and macroeconomic forecasting.

The Central Bank of the Republic of Guinea, ECA, AFRISTAT, WAMA and WAMI were also represented. The seminar made it possible to build the capacities of 15 country participants through presentations of institutions and the sharing of country experiences.



■ The traditional seminar on economic situation in the second half of 2021 and macroeconomic forecasts for 2021-2022 in the CEMAC member states, DR Congo, Burundi, Comoros, Sao Tome and Principe, Djibouti and Madagascar was organized by videoconference jointly by the CEMAC Commission, the Executive Management of AFRISTAT and Central AFRITAC, from November 9 to 12, 2021.

Five (5) CEMAC member States as well as DR Congo, Burundi, Djibouti and Sao Tome and Principe were represented by participants respectively in charge of economic analysis and macroeconomic forecasting.

The Central Africa Executive Management of the African Development Bank (AfDB) also took part in the work.

The capacities of 20 country participants were strengthened by the presentations of the institutions and the sharing of country experiences on macroeconomic framework models.

Consumer price index (CPI) workshops for CEMAC and WAEMU

■ A workshop was organized by the WAEMU Commission, from November 8 to 19, 2021 in Bamako, Mali in collaboration with AFRISTAT, which provided the animation.

The general objective of this workshop was to train statisticians in charge of the CPI in the WAEMU zone, on the production and analysis of price statistics.

The workshop brought together around twenty participants, including price experts from the eight Member States, Commission officials and representatives of AFRISTAT and the BCEAO. The meeting benefited from the technical support of resource persons from AFRISTAT and BCEAO.

The workshop trained participants on: (i) theoretical bases of the Consumer Price Index and

its uses; (ii) harmonization in the calculation of CPIs; (iii) different types of consumer price index, and their calculation formulas; (iv) basic prices, weightings, taking into account the seasonality of products, connection and retropolation of CPI; (v) method of price collection, data entry, cleaning and calculation of CPIs in Phoenix-UEMOA ; (vi) CPI quality management, analysis of indices and their publication; (vii) CPI forecasting.

■ As part of the activities for the preparation of Consumer Price Index Harmonization in Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC) zone, AFRISTAT organized, in collaboration with the CEMAC Commission, a regional workshop for price

experts from Member States from July 26 to August 6, 2021 in Douala, Cameroon.

The objective of the workshop was to present, clarify and adopt the various methods of secondary nomenclatures with a view to calculating complementary indexes of inflation, to classify the products according to these nomenclatures and to examine the possibilities of financing the CPI activities for an effective transition to the national CPI by January 2022 in all countries of the CEMAC zone.

The workshop was facilitated by AFRISTAT and the CEMAC Commission.

This workshop recorded the participation of two (2) price experts from the National Institute of Statistics of the 6 CEMAC States.

Implementation Agreement for the execution of WAEMU Regional statistical program (RSP) 2015-2020

During the year 2021, an amendment was signed until December 2021 between the WAEMU Commission and AFRISTAT on the one hand, and on the other hand between AFRISTAT and each of the WAEMU Member States for the continuation of activities.

Business Statistics Component

■ Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, AFRISTAT Expert in charge of Business Statistics carried out two support missions in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) from August 9 to 20, 2021 and from August 23 to 27, 2021 with the National Statistical Office (INSD) respectively for the finalization of work to set up industrial production price index (IPPI) and overhaul of industrial production index (IPI) and, the development of documents for the publication of short-term indicators.

These missions made it possible to:

- Resume revision work for the new base year;
- Recalculate the final quarterly IPPIs and

renovated IPIs from 2013 to 2015 in the old base year and then recalculate them in the new base year 2015;

- Calculate the IPPI and the final quarterly renovated IPI from 2016 to 2021 compared to the previous year then linked to the new base year 2015;
- Develop two harmonized publication documents, one for IPPI and the other for IPI.

■ The AFRISTAT expert in charge of business statistics carried out a support mission to INSTAT, NSO of Mali, in Bamako, from September 27 to October 8, 2021, to finalize the work to set up IPPI and renovated IPI.

This mission made it possible to calculate final IPPI and IPI from 2013 to 2015 for the old base year 2013, to revise the base year moving to 2015 for both indicators.

■ Mr. Bérenger Florent Yapi, AFRISTAT Consultant, carried out a support mission in Ouagadougou from August 9 to 20, 2021 with the NSO (INSD). The mission allowed: (i) the taking into account of the new data collected after the awareness-raising activities of the companies; (ii) the recalculation of the weightings and the final quarterly turnover indices (ICA) of the construction, trade and services for the base year 2015 and the reference years 2016 to 2020.

■ Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, AFRISTAT Expert in Charge of Business Statistics carried out the following three missions during the 4th quarter of 2021:

- The first took place from October 25 to November 5, 2021 in Cotonou at the National Statistical Office (INStAD). It made it possible to: (i) implement the strategy for taking into account informal activities in the calculation of short-term indicators; (ii) recalculate the weightings of the branches of activity as well as the final quarterly IPPIs and renovated IPIs for the base year 2015 and the current years 2016 to 2020 as well as for the first two (2) quarters of the year 2021.
- The second mission carried out, from November 8 to 12, 2021, still in Cotonou with the NSO (INStAD), made it possible to: (i) rectify the data on the selling prices of homogeneous products and production in volume for the calculation of IPPI and renovated IPI and (ii) to draw up two (2) harmonized publication documents for IPPI and renovated IPI for the second quarter of 2021.
- The third mission carried out from December 6 to 17, 2021 in Bamako with the National Statistic Institute, worked on the finalization of the calculations of the IPPI, the renovated IPI for the reference years 2016 to 2020. This result was not reached due to the non-implementation of samples of the companies concerned and the unavailability of data relating to these years. The information available was for the years 2015 and 2016. The final updated quarterly IPPIs for 2015 have been calculated.

■ Mr. Symphorien Banon, AFRISTAT Consultant in Business Statistics, carried out, from December 6 to 17, 2021, a technical support mission to Bamako with INSTAT for data processing and calculation of turnover indexes (ICA) in construction, trade and services for the years 2016 to 2020. The finding establishes that the sample of companies and activities/ranges of services for each of these reference years has not been updated. In view of these shortcomings, the mission focused instead on setting up samples of companies for the base year 2015 and the various reference years 2016 to 2020.

National accounts component

■ An AFRISTAT mission stayed from July 3 to 7, 2021 in Togo, as part of support for national accounts. It was led by Ibrahima Sory, National Accounts Expert.

The work of the mission made it possible to: (i) validate the retropolation nomenclatures; (ii) validate the transcription of the old accounts in the new nomenclatures and in accordance with the recommendations of the 2008 SNA

and (iii) analyze the retropolation methodological document.

■ Mr. Serge Jean Edi, Senior Economist Expert, provided support for the development of the 2018 Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) (under the 2008 SNA) and the methodological document in Togo (from December 6 to 10, 2021) and a 2015 SAM in Benin (from December 13 to 17, 2021).

The work made it possible to consolidate, through practical work, the training of 10 participants in the development of the SAM in each of this countries.

The disaggregation work has been finalized with a methodological document that will be used by other countries in the preparation of information in the sub-matrices.

Survey Component

■ Mr. Djabar Dine Adéchian, AFRISTAT expert in charge of socio-demographic statistics, carried out a technical support mission in Abidjan from July 26 to 30, 2021 with NSO of Côte d'Ivoire.

The following results were obtained at the end of the mission:

- The methodology of the articles was discussed;
- The statistical tables and the estimation of the econometric models carried out were reviewed;
- Exchanges with the teams made it possible to refine the methodology adopted for the articles, review the statistical tables as well as the econometric models

■ From August 30 to September 3, 2021, AFRISTAT team (Fall Madior, Adechian Djabar and Kambou Sansan) organized a mini workshop with the three executives (Amani Michel, Akaffou Franck and Doho Latif) of the NSO of Côte d'Ivoire in charge of thematic studies based on ERI-ESI data. The main objective was to finalize the thematic studies carried out by the three executives.

At the end of the works, a draft of the articles was produced.

■ The AFRISTAT expert in socio-demographic statistics, carried out in Cotonou, from December 6 to 10, 2021, a technical support mission for the review of articles within the framework of thematic studies based on data from the ERI-ESI.

The following results were obtained:

- The methodology of the articles was discussed;
- The statistical tables and the estimation of the econometric models carried out were reviewed;
- Exchanges with the analysts and the team of moderators made it possible to refine the methodology adopted for the articles, to

review the statistical tables as well as the econometric models.

■ Mr. Adechian also went to Bissau, from December 24 to 28, 2021, for a mission to support the dissemination of the results of the Integrated Regional Survey on Employment and the Informal Sector in Guinea-Bissau.

The mission made it possible to finalize the PowerPoint presentations of the results with the local technical team. The dissemination of the results took place under the chairmanship of the Director General of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) with the participation of the sectoral ministries and a representative of the National Assembly.

■ The work of compiling the articles prepared within the framework of the thematic studies made it possible to make available the "Regional review on the living conditions of the populations, employment and the informal sector". This review is made up of six notebooks with a total of 32 articles from experts from NSO of Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Togo, AFRISTAT and ISSEA. The different notebooks are:

Notebook 1: Living conditions of the population (5 articles)

Notebook 2: Governance, peace and security (3 articles)

Notebook 3: Characteristics of the labor market (8 articles)

Notebook 4: Gender inequality in the labor market (3 articles)

Notebook 5: Young people facing the labor market (5 articles)

Notebook 6: Characteristics of the informal sector (8 articles).

Coordination

■ A coordination mission led by Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé, the Director General of AFRISTAT, went to Niamey in Niger from August 10 to 14, 2021 to work mainly with the NSO.

The exchanges mainly focused on: (i) convincing the authorities of NSO to sign an amendment to use resources remaining on the project as of December 31, 2020, and (ii) collecting the supporting documents for the expenses incurred not yet submitted to AFRISTAT.

For the first objective, the mission did not succeed in convincing the NSO to sign an addendum and reorganize the budget given the insufficiency of these remaining funds to cover the expenses of the planned additional activities. For the second objective, a series of supporting documents was collected and reported to AFRISTAT for processing.

■ Mr. Abidina Ibrahim, project accountant at AFRISTAT, carried out administrative and financial supervision missions in Mali from July 5 to

9, in Côte d'Ivoire from September 20 to 24 and in Guinea Bissau from September 27 to October 1, 2021 to work exclusively on the supporting documents in order to:

- Make the situation of the expenses executed and justified with AFRISTAT;
- Ensure compliance of supporting documents with management procedures;
- Follow up on the implementation of previous mission's recommendations and those relating to the audit

of the WAEMU Commission at AFRISTAT. At the end of these missions, the statement of expenses incurred and justified to AFRISTAT was established; recommendations were made to the NSOs and the supporting documents were collected.

■ Mr. Abidina Ibrahim went also to Dakar from October 4 to 8, 2021, to work exclusively on the supporting documents. This mission made it possible to:

- Make situation of expenses executed and justified with AFRISTAT;
- Ensure compliance of supporting documents with management procedures;
- Follow up on supporting documents not sent to AFRISTAT as well as the implementation of previous mission's recommendations and those relating to the audit of the WAEMU Commission to AFRISTAT;
- Collect the supporting documents available at the ANSD level.

Capacity Building Project in Chad

During the period under review, one national accounting support mission and one mission on business statistics component were held.

National Accounts Component

An AFRISTAT technical support mission, made up of MM. Ibrahima Sory, Expert in National Accounts, and Malick Diop, AFRISTAT Consultant in National Accounts, went to Ndjameña from August 2 to 27, 2021 as part of work to change base year of Chad's National Accounts.

The main objective of this mission was to consolidate the achievements by building the capacity of the INSEED team in the preparation of national accounts.

The work of the mission made it possible to: (i) finalize consideration of the recommendations resulting from the peers review and partner institutions of the results of base year change and migration to the 2008 SNA; (ii) consolidate

all the results obtained from the accounts for base year 2017 and first current year 2018; (iii) start work on Table of Integrated Economic Accounts (TCEI) and (iv) support the technical team in the work of preparing national accounts for the year 2019.

Business Statistics Component

The Expert in charge of AFRISTAT's Business Statistics, Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, accompanied by a consultant, Mr. Bérenger Florent YAPI, carried out a technical assistance mission to N'Djamena with INSEED of Chad.

The objectives of the mission were to (i) officially publish the construction cost index (ICC); (ii) launch the process of setting up the industrial production price index (IPPI) and renova-

tion of the industrial production index (IPI) and (iii) continue work on setting up the turnover index (ICA) in industry, construction, trade and services. The consultant looked at the work of setting up the ICA in industry, construction, trade and services.

This mission made it possible to officially publish the ICC through the meeting with building professionals, to train twelve (12) INSEED executives on the production and publication systems of an IPPI and an IPI, set up provisional samples of companies operating in industry, commerce and services, to exchange with the General Directorate of Tax Services to facilitate the transmission of information on companies, infra-annual turnover and to prepare the establishment of the ICA.

Statistics Development Project in Gabon

Since May 2021, AFRISTAT and the National Commission for Works of Public Interest for the Promotion of Entrepreneurship and Employment (CNTIPPEE) of Gabon have signed an agreement worth 391 million CFA francs for an initial period of seven months. The convention participates in the implementation of Statistics Development Project in Gabon. The general objective is to provide technical support to the Gabonese NSS with a view to improving its coordination and governance, strengthening analytical capacities of staff, producing short-term indicators and national accounts. The project is subdivided into five components: (i) national accounts, (ii) business statistics, (iii) statistical coordination, (iv) price statistics and (v) socio-economic and demographic analyses.

National Accounts Component

■ Two AFRISTAT missions were carried out by Mr. Ibrahima Sory, National Accounts Expert. The first took place from July 12 to 16, 2021 in Libreville. Its main objective was to support the preparatory work for the change of base year and the migration to the 2008 SNA.

The work of the mission made it possible to: (i) examine the classifications of activities and products, and those of the national accounts for the ERETES module; (ii) support the National statistical office (DGS) in the preparation of data, through identification of data sources and preparation of collection tools; (iii) take stock of the work carried out by the DGS team; (iv) discuss the work to be done later to achieve the results.

■ The second mission, which took place from August 23 to September 3, 2021, still in Libreville, had the main objective of strengthening the capacities of the team of national

accountants in the new features and concepts of the 2008 SNA and the ERETES module, as essential tools for the renovation of the national accounts.

The mission made it possible to: (i) present general and operational aspects of 2008 SNA; (ii) explain the essential concepts related to institutional units, establishments and branches of activity, the production account; (iii) give an overview of ERETES module and its IT environment; (iv) have an overview of work steps to follow using the ERETES module, based on practical cases of country data; (v) discuss the prospects for achieving final results.

Business statistics component

A mission on inventory of short-term activity indicators was carried out from July 26 to 31, 2021 by Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, Expert in Business Statistics.

During this mission, a specific update was

made on the progress of work and availability of data for each type of index produced and/or planned to be produced.

Coordination, dissemination and quality approach component

The NSS peer review mission took place from August 21 to 29, 2021. Participating as peer reviewers, Mr. Barnabé Okouda, Manager at NSO of Cameroon, led the delegation and Mrs. Astou Dakono N'diaye, Advisor of the Director General of ANSD in Senegal, was a member. Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé, Director General of AFRISTAT, completed the delegation of the mission as expert.

The objective of the mission was to show how the functioning of the NSO (DGS) and Gabon's NSS complies with the fundamental principles of United Nations official statistics and those of African Charter on Statistics. This evaluation addressed the topics of: institutional environ-

ment, organization and coordination of the NSS, quality, statistical processes and dissemination. At the end of the mission, recommendations to improve the functioning of the evaluated NSS were formulated.

Price statistics component

A support mission for updating the migration to Phoenix-UEMOA software took place from

September 6 to 10, 2021. It mobilized MM. Tchadèléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao and Issoufou Méite, respectively Experts in Price Statistics and IT.

This mission was specifically aimed at making managers more familiar with solving software handling problems, developing means of action to ensure data consistency checks and correcting recurring errors.

Operational Capacity building component

Mr. Issoufou Méité, AFRISTAT's IT Expert, intervened at the DGS from July 1 to 15, 2021 to train 14 DGS executives in the management of their institution's website. The activity consisted of training for getting started, updating and securing the website. All this was done through practical training on the Content Management System (CMS).

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

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

Price statistics component

■ Mr. Tchadèléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao, Expert in Price Statistics at AFRISTAT carried out a mission to INSTAD from November 21 to December 2, 2021. The main objective of the mission is to provide support for sampling and updating the collection system that will be used from January 2022.

At the end of the workshop, the following results were obtained: (i) the additional economic zones and the points of sale for the renovation of the CPI are retained; (ii) the current price collection mechanism for the base 2013 CPI, outlets, basic products and questionnaires

are updated; (iii) the complementary system to the 2013 base is constituted; (iv) questionnaires for new elementary products are designed; (v) the device that will be used in the context of the renovation is consolidated; (vi) 2,377 basic products including 1,997 in Djibouti town and 380 in Tadjourah and Ali Sabieh were created for price readings; (vii) the fusion mode, which consists of using the country as the collection center, was retained for the calculation of the national index; (viii) the process of updating collection manuals and methodological guide has been launched.

National accounts component

■ A mission carried out by Mr. Ibrahima Sory, National Accounts Expert, stayed from December 6 to 16, 2021 in Djibouti.

The objective of the mission was to support INSTAD in the national accounts catch-up work.

The work carried out during the mission helped the team to: (i) update the data of the quick accounts model for the years 2019 and 2020; (ii) begin work on drafting an analysis note and publishing the results; (iii) give reminders of the work carried out, due to changes in the team.

G5-Sahel statistical program

AFRISTAT has signed a service contract with Expertise France, as part of the capacity building program for the national statistical systems of the G5-Sahel countries. This initiative is part of the Accountability Framework of the Sahel Alliance (G5-Sahel Statistical Program).

■ The Capacity Building Program for the National Statistical Systems (NSS) of the G5 Sahel countries was initiated by the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) as part of the accountability of the Sahel Alliance (AS). Its objective is to support the statistical capacities of the five G5 Sahel countries, namely Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Chad, in a coordinated manner, so that they produce official data with a view to strengthening the accountability of the Sahel Alliance.

The Program has two specific objectives:

- Strengthen the institutional and organizational mechanism for the collection, monitoring and analysis of data on the 25 national indicators of the Alliance's accountability framework in priority sectors;

- Create a framework for exchanges, dialogue and advocacy on the actions to be taken to improve decision-making support tools in the G5 Sahel countries.

The implementation of this Program is entrusted to Expertise France, a French Agency for International Technical Cooperation.

The Sahel Alliance has developed a Results Framework consisting of common objectives for the 13 member countries and organizations per key SA sector. This framework includes 40 indicators including 25 national indicators and 15 project indicators.

■ Pilot data collection mission in Mali

After the diagnosis carried out, 6 indicators are not calculated in Mali and in the four other

countries and 8 indicators require the updating of metadata and the collection of data.

AFRISTAT is carrying out this pilot study on behalf of the G5-Sahel Statistical Program, the experience of which will be shared with other countries.

■ AFRISTAT was represented at the workshop of the focal points of the G5-Sahel Statistical Program which was held in Bamako from November 10 to 12, 2021. The objective of the workshop is to make contact with the countries focal points so that they take ownership of the project and initiate work with them aimed at making the 25 indicators of the Sahel Alliance available and comparable for the production of the 2021 report and those for next years.

Regional Support Project for Digital Economy Statistics

On June 2021, AFRISTAT signed a service contract with Expertise France, as part of the Regional Support Project for Digital Economy Statistics and support for the use of data science by tax and customs administrations (DATAFID).

DATAFID is a regional project implemented by Expertise France (EF) in five pilot countries in sub-Saharan Africa (Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Senegal and Togo). It is financed by General Directorate of French Treasury.

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to improving public domestic resources mobilization through new sources, in particular digital economy and data science, making it possible to promote economic development

and struggle against fraud. The project is built on two components:

- Component 1 - Authorities have a better knowledge of the digital economy and its weight in national economy;

- Component 2 - Transparency and performance of tax and customs administrations are strengthened through their ability to use, value and exploit data science.

For the implementation of the project, AFRISTAT and Expertise France (EF) signed a service contract in which the Observatory was to carry out the diagnosis of digital economy data in five pilot countries (Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Togo and Senegal).

AFRISTAT conducted diagnostic missions in the five pilot countries, from August 9 to 21, 2021. These missions were carried out by MM. Paul Henri Nguema Meyé, Director General of AFRISTAT, Madior Fall, Advisor to the Director General, and Sansan Honkounne Kambou, Data Processing Expert.

The objective of these missions was to collect information on digital technology in order to establish a diagnosis and highlight the needs in terms of data collection on digital economy.

More specifically, it consisted in collecting information on digital technology from the following administrations:

- the National Statistical Office;
- the General Tax Directorates;
- the General Directorates of Customs;
- the Departments in charge of digital economy;
- Telecommunications Regulatory Agencies.

The missions made it possible to exchange, in each pilot country, with actors above, to collect available data and needs in terms of data collection on digital economy.

A diagnostic report was produced on each pilot country as well as an overall report on digital economy data for all pilot countries.

■ Mission to launch Datafid project activities

Mr. Paul Henri Nguema Meyé, Director General of AFRISTAT, MM. Sansan Honkounne

Kambou and Djabar Dine C. Adéchian, both AFRISTAT Experts, took part of launching activities of DATAFID project in Paris, from October 10 to 15, 2021.

The mission took part in 3 activities within the framework of the launch of DATAFID project:

- On October 12, Mr Kambou attended feedback workshop of remote training on R organized by FERDI totax and customs administrations of the pilot countries. This workshop allowed participants to provide feedback on proposed modules and also to make proposals for improving course both for the modules already completed and for future modules.
- On October 14 and 15, the mission took part in the seminar on digital economy organized by Expertise France. During the seminar, Mr Adechian delivered a communication on situation measurement of digital economy in pilot countries.

Other AFRISTAT activities

Support missions by AFRISTAT experts

Member countries have benefited from in situ or remote technical support during the second half of 2021:

BURUNDI

Missions carried out by Mr. Ibrahima Sory, National Accounts Expert:

- He stayed from September 20 to October 1, 2021 in Bujumbura. The mission made it possible to: (i) examine public administrations data; (ii) revise method of calculating of Fixed Capital Consumption (FCC) and its breakdown; (iii) examine data from the financial and insurance companies sector; (iv) examine problems encountered in the use of ERETES software; (v) Train on SNA 2008 and its implementation; (vi) revise the new national accounts classifications used in the rebasing process; (vii) Initialize the campaign of accounts for new base year 2016.

- He stayed also from November 15 to 26, 2021 in Bujumbura and Gitega. The objective of this second mission was to provide support to data source processing for the new base year 2016. The mission made it possible to: (i) revise data processing for primary sector (agriculture, livestock, fishing, forestry) (ii) examine data processing for formal enterprises; (iii) revise processing of the survey on trade and transport margins; (iv) review the data processing of the survey on non-profit institutions; (v) initiate the loading of data sources already processed.

MALI

Support for regional accounts

- An AFRISTAT mission carried out by Ibrahima Sory, National Accounts Expert, took place from July 27 to 30, 2021 in Bamako, as part of support for regional accounts. The objective was to develop a nomenclature taking into account the specificities of the three test regions (Sikasso, Mopti and Timbuktu), while remaining consistent with the annual national accounts. The work made it possible to: (i) adapt the nomenclature of activities and products to the specificities of the three regions; (ii) draw up a summary note of the nomenclature of activities and products of the regional accounts as well as its implementation.

- An other mission carried out by the same Expert took place from December 20 to 24, 2021 in Bamako. The objective of this mission was to prepare the regional accounts for the year 2019 in order to obtain the preliminary results, while remaining consistent with the annual accounts. Thus, the work of the mission made it possible to (i) disaggregate the annual national accounts for 2019 by region and by branch of activity, based on the information available and using the appropriate methods;

- (ii) compile results of the regional accounts obtained with a view to preparing relevant aggregates by region; (iii) draw up an analysis note of the first results obtained.

Joint circular mission (Senegal, Bissau Guinea, Burkina Faso and Mali)

- A joint circular mission (WAEMU Commission, AFRISTAT, BCEAO) to monitor the quality of the harmonized CPI took place in Senegal, Bissau Guinea, Burkina Faso and Mali during the month of June and July, 2021.

The objective of the mission was to understand the problems relating, on the one hand, to organizational framework of CPI production and, on the other hand, to system for monitoring the quality of the 2014 base indices, in particular the work correction of CPI base 2014 series. In addition, the mission looked at the resilience of the price data collection teams face to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The mission made it possible to have a diagnostic report on the status of the implementation of Regulation No. 03/2017/CM/ UEMOA on adoption of methods for developing and calculating the Harmonized Price Index Consumption in WAEMU member states.

AFRISTAT_ECOWAS Circular Mission

■ A joint circular mission (ECOWAS Commission and AFRISTAT) on the diagnosis of national accounts and price statistics took place in Liberia from October 11 to 15, 2021 and in Sierra Leone from October 18 to 22, 2021.

AFRISTAT was represented by MM. Ibrahima Sory and Tchadéléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao, respectively expert in national accounts and expert in Price Statistics.

Two officials from the ECOWAS Commission's research and statistics department, an expert in price statistics from the National Office of Statistics (NSO) of Ghana and an expert in national accounts from the NSO of Nigeria.

The objective of the mission was to diagnose the systems for producing national accounts and consumer price indices.

The mission in the two countries visited made it possible to:

- For price statistics, to: (i) identify the data

sources used to collect and calculate CPIs; (ii) compare CPI compilation methodologies (iii) exchange on best practices in the collection and calculation of CPI from COICOP classification; (iv) recommend adequate solutions for harmonization of CPI collection and calculation methodologies in ECOWAS member countries;

- For national accounts: (i) analyze the legal, institutional and organizational framework in relation to national accounts; (ii) describe the human, material and technical working resources of the national accounting service; (iii) analyze the state of national accounts production in the country; (iv) assess degree of implementation of international standards (SCN93 and SCN 2008); (v) take stock of the data sources used to compile national accounts.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- The expert in charge of socio-demographic

statistics, Mr. Djabar Dine Adechian stayed in Kinshasa (DRC), from August 13 to 26, 2021 as part of the analysis of data from the SDG Indicator Cluster Survey.

The mission made it possible to:

- Recalculate the weights and structure of the population at the national level and by province for the year 2019;
- Develop programs for calculating indicators: occupational groups, indicators on the food consumption score and survival strategies used by households, indicators for SDG 1.3.1, SDG 5.2.1, SDG 6.1.1, SDG 6.2. 1, SDG 10.1.1; SDG 10.2.1, SDG 11.1.1, SDG 16.1.4;
- Support production and formatting of analysis tables;
- Elaborate situation of SDG indicators in DRC;
- Support data analysis work;
- Support local consultants work and finalize the global report.

International activities

AFRISTAT took part in international meetings organized by its partners in the second half of 2021

N°	Events	Period	Location	Organizers
1.	Launching meeting of ECA "young statistician" program	July 5, 2021	Virtual	ECA
2.	CEFIL 2021 conference entitled "Resilience, challenges and opportunities for official statistics in the context of the health crisis"	July 6, 2021	Virtual	AFRISTAT and Insee
3.	31 st meeting of West AFRITAC Steering Committee	July 7, 2021	Virtual	West AFRITAC
4.	Launching meeting of French's action plan for international statistical cooperation and production of data for sustainable development 2021-2025	July 22, 2021	Virtual	French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
5.	WAMA Mid-Year Statutory Meetings	August 9-11, 2021	Virtual	WAMA
6.	58 th Ordinary Meeting of the Committee of ECOWAS Central Banks Governors	August 26, 2021	Virtual	WAMA/ECOWAS
7.	DATAFID project launching workshop	October 14-15, 2021	Paris	Expertise France
8.	Exchange mission on update of SAMs carried out within the framework of the regional statistical program 2015-2020	July 26-28, 2021	Lomé (Togo)	WAEMU Commission and AFRISTAT
9.	Coordination and sharing meeting on WAEMU Agricultural and Regional Information System (SIAR)	November 30 - December 1, 2021	Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)	WAEMU
10.	Regional discussion workshop on Social Accounting Matrices	November 3-5, 2021	Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)	WAEMU Commission
11.	Regional exchange webinar on best practices of macroeconomic forecasting in WAEMU member states	July 27-29, 2021	Virtual	WAEMU
12.	17 th Colloquium of National Accounts Association (ACN)	November 26, 2021	Paris	INSEE/National accounts association
13.	15 th Session of the African Union CEO Committee	December 7-9, 2021	Tunis	STATAFRIC
14.	48 th session of IFORD Board of Directors	December 28-29, 2021	Virtual	IFORD

Echoes from National Statistical Institutes

The second half of 2021 was marked by several activities in the national statistical systems:

CAMEROON

www.ins-cameroun.cm

■ Launch of the benchmark survey on cross-border trade in goods. This study covers the seven regions that share a maritime and land border with neighboring countries.

■ Launch of 5th Cameroonian household survey (ECAM 5). The main objective of this operation is to produce indicators on living conditions of the populations in order to update poverty profile indicators for monitoring and evaluation of the National Development Strategy 2030 (SND2030).

■ Implementation of Cameroon's National Data Quality Assurance Framework (CNAQ) continued during the period. Organization of a workshop which made it possible to propose plan and orientations to guide the drafting guidelines for dissemination of data, micro-data and meta-data in Cameroon.

■ Organization of a workshop in September 2021, to develop an operational guide for defining public policy performance indicators in Cameroon. The finalization of this guide will provide a tool to assist in the formulation of indicators for the various strategic frameworks of administrations.

■ Participation from August 23 to September 1, 2021 in the Extended Budget Planning and Associated Performance Conferences (CEPB-PA) for the 2022-2024 triennium.

■ Organization of the 20th ordinary session of the National Statistics Council (CNS) on November 16, 2021, under the chairmanship of the Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development.

■ Organization of the celebration of Statistics Month in Cameroon. It recorded the participation of the media, academics, training schools in statistics and demography, development partners and civil society.

■ Organization of a training workshop from November 1 to 2, 2021, for heads of NSO central services and partners on the use of the Computer and Statistical Directory of Enterprises and Establishments (RISENE).

GABON

www.statgabon.ga

■ Organization of African Statistics Day (ASD) celebrated on November 18, 2021. This day was animated by a visit of stands and conferences-debates on the topic: Modernizing national statistical systems to support socio-cultural development in Africa.

■ Presentation of the results of the first phase of the second General Agriculture Census of Gabon

on December 13, 2021 to the Government and all partners and other users.

■ Finalisation with AFRISTAT technical assistance of National Accounts initialization of the campaign for the new base year (2019) according to the SCN2008 with the use of the ERETES software.

■ At the end of the data collection of the 3rd Demographic and Health Survey of Gabon, the technical committee of the operation with the support of ICF Macro International, carried out, from November 27 to December 28, 2021, the secondary edition of the first phase of the survey data.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

www.inege.gq

■ Organization of 8th Board of Directors of the NSO (INEGE) on August 6, 2021. This session allowed: (i) examination and approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting, (ii) approval of the 2020 budget, (iii) adoption of the preliminary draft budget for 2022 and the corresponding action plan.

■ INEGE made available to public the fourth edition of document entitled "Equatorial Guinea in Figures 2020". It provides users with definitions and explanations of statistical variables and indicators.

MALI

www.instat-gov.ml

■ Celebration of 31st edition of the African Statistics Day (JAS) on November 18, 2021 by National Statistical System (NSS).

■ Organization of 18th ordinary session of NSO Board of Directors on November 22, 2021.

■ Organization of supervision and dissemination mission for the National Statistical System Improvement Project (PASSNM) from December 6 to 7, 2021, in Mali. The NSO (INSTAT) presented the project and its achievements for the entire NSS.

■ Organization of the validation workshop for the 2021 Production Plan and the 2022 Statistical Operational Work Plan on December 29 and 30, 2021.

MAURITANIA

www.ansade.mr

■ Launch of the reform process of the National Statistical System (NSS) with the creation of the National Agency for Statistics and Demographic and Economic Analysis (ANSADE), which is a public establishment of an administrative nature, by merging the former NSO (ONS) with the former Mauritanian Center for Policy Analysis (CMAP).

SENEGAL

www.ansd.sn

■ Senegal makes it compulsory to carry out a population and housing census every ten years, through article 18 (new) of law 2012-03 of January 3, 2012, amending and supplementing law 2004 -21 of July 21, 2004 relating to statistical activities.

■ The NSO (ANSO) has drawn up and published the final report of first edition of Harmonized Survey on Household Living Conditions (EHCVM).

■ Organization of the third session of the meeting of sub-committees of the National Statistical System on September 21, 2021, online.

■ The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN-TReNDS), the World Bank (WB) and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), set out to increase the use of robust methods and tools within the framework a project called Data For Now (D4N) in collaboration with ANSD and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD). These are meant to improve the timeliness, coverage and quality of data on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

TOGO

www.togostat.org

■ Launch of fieldwork for 5th General Population and Housing Census with:

- start in July 2021 of the division of the country into areolar units called Counting Zones (ZD);
- completion in December 2021 of data collection of the pilot count.

■ The Directors General of WAEMU Member States ONSs paid a courtesy visit to their colleague Director General of Togo's NSO (INSEED) on July 30, 2021.

■ Start of data collection work for the first wave of the 2nd edition of the National Harmonized Survey on Household Living Conditions (EHCVM-2).

■ Organization of African Statistics Day on November 18, 2021. The theme this year is: "Modernizing national statistical systems to support socio-cultural development".

■ The Ministry of Environment and Forest Resources asked INSEED to carry out a study on the baseline socio-economic situation of the results indicators of the WACA ResIP project as part of the implementation of the Resilience Investment in Coastal Zones in West Africa (WACA Project in Togo).

■ Organization of a workshop on November 4, 2021 in Lomé to share with statistical data users the results of in-depth analyzes of data from Integrated Regional Survey on Employment and Informal Sector.

Meetings, workshops and seminars

Paris, November 9-10, 2022

Paris21 Fall Meetings

November 9-10, 2022

Virtuel 9th Meeting of the Arab Statistics Initiative "Arabstat"



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