



Editorial

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The Director General and all the staff of the Economic and Statistical Observatory of Sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT) wish a happy new year 2025 to all readers of their information magazine. They wish each of them health, peace and success in all their endeavors.

The second half of 2024 was characterized by the organization of traditional AFRISTAT statutory meetings, the carrying out of statistical coordination missions and the mobilization of resources with or for the benefit of Member States, participation in coordination between statistical support institutions, the strengthening of statistical capacities and the development of partnerships.

The 29th meeting of the Scientific Council and the 48th meeting of the Steering Committee held respectively in October and December 2024 assessed the level of execution of the AFRISTAT action plan from 2024 to June 30 and allowed the adoption of the AFRISTAT

action plan from 2025 and the related budget. These bodies also continued the recruitment process of the Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT for the period 2026-2029 which should end in 2025 and they defined the main points of deliberation of the 32nd Session of the Council of Ministers. These should include at least the adoptions of the revision of the Treaty establishing AFRISTAT and the distribution of the AFRISTAT Fund 2026-2035.

During this second half, five missions led by the Director General of AFRISTAT were carried out in Chad, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Gabon and Djibouti. In the countries visited, awareness raising for the recovery of contributions to the AFRISTAT Funds, collection of technical assistance needs for 2025 and strategic advice for the proper functioning of the Observatory were collected. At the same time, a meeting of the technical committee for mobilizing AFRISTAT financial resources was held to re-mobilize Member States with a view to a more rapid contribution to the AFRISTAT Fund 2016-2025 and to encourage them to make greater demands on the Observatory in the execution of their statistical harmonization and improvement projects. The General Directorate also participated in several statistical coordination meetings at the sub-regional and continental scale during which it outlined its intervention perspectives for 2025 and beyond; at the same time as she was informed about the upcoming activities of the partners, this to pool resources and avoid duplication.

Regarding capacity building, technical assistance missions and training and experience-sharing workshops were organized. AFRISTAT's current areas of intervention have been national accounts, the economic situation, price statistics, business statistics and employment statistics. To these, we should add the compilation of food balance sheets, the quality approach, the calculation of SDG indicators linked to food security and computable general equilibrium modeling. This support was mainly carried out within the framework of the implementation of service provision agreements concluded with institutions (FAO, WAEMU Commission, INSEE) or countries (Burkina Faso, Djibouti and Guinea) and incidentally through AFRISTAT's own financing. Furthermore, on an organizational level, some of these achievements were carried out by the partners alone or jointly with AFRISTAT. Finally, in terms of strengthening the specific capacities of its experts, the Observatory took part in a multitude of work by specialized technical groups created as part of the implementation of the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA 2) supervised by STATAFRIC.

In perspective, the General Management of the Observatory is working to update its action plan for the year 2025, taking into account the opinions of partners and the technical support needs specified by the Member States. The effective organization of the 32nd Session of the AFRISTAT Council of Ministers is also urgent because the decision to launch the mobilization of the Institution's resources under the fourth AFRISTAT Fund (2026-2035) was delayed. The same applies to the revision of the Treaty establishing AFRISTAT which must be ratified by the Council of Ministers to allow the organization to carry out its activities in full compliance with the texts.

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AFRISTAT NEWS

Visits

The Director General of AFRISTAT, Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meye, carried out, during the second half of 2024, several visits to its member States. These visits, which mainly dealt with statistical coordination and resource mobilization, concerned the following countries:

■ CHAD

The Director General of AFRISTAT was received in audience on September 23, 2024 in N'Djamena by Mr. Tahir Hamid Nguilin, Minister of State, Minister of Finance, Budget, Economy and Planning of Chad. Mr. Nguema Meye presented the situation of AFRISTAT's performance which has been improving regularly since 2021. He also congratulated the statistical development carried out by Chad and offered his support to increase the

efficiency of the national statistical system. The Minister of State renewed Chad's attachment to AFRISTAT and promised to play his part in overcoming the Observatory's difficulties. He instructed the Director General of INSEED to do everything possible to ensure that the Chadian statistical system benefits as much as possible from collaboration with AFRISTAT to develop and produce quality statistics.



■ BURKINA FASO

The new Director General of the National statistical institute (NSI) of Burkina Faso (INSD), Mr. Toubou Ripama, granted an audience on September 20, 2024 to Mr. Nguema Meye Paul-Henri, Director General of AFRISTAT.

Mr. Ripama thanked AFRISTAT for the support provided to his country. The Director General of AFRISTAT reaffirmed his commitment to supporting the statistical development of Burkina Faso.

■ GUINEA

The Director General of AFRISTAT, during his mission to Conakry, from August 25 to 31, 2024, carried out actions to mobilize resources and strengthen partnerships with the Guinean authorities. Mr. Nguema Meye was received in audience in turn by Mr. Mohamed Lamine Sy Savane, Minister Director of the Prime Minister's Office and Mr. Kabèlè Soumah, Secretary General of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation. On these occasions, the discussions focused mainly on raising awareness regarding the recovery of Guinea's

statutory contributions to the AFRISTAT Funds and on advocacy in favor of granting resources and taking measures contributing to the effective execution of the technical assistance provided by the Observatory. During his mission, the Directors General of AFRISTAT and the INS of Guinea, Dr Mankan Doumbouya, formalized the signing of a partnership agreement between the two institutions, on August 30, 2024. This agreement, worth nearly USD 550,000, aims to provide technical support to Guinea's statistical system for the harmonization and

improvement of the production of economic, social and environmental statistics.



■ GABON

The Director General carried out, from August 1 to 9, 2024 in Libreville, a coordination and resource mobilization mission in Gabon. The mission had meetings with the political authorities. She met Mr. Alexandre Barro Chambrier, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Planning and Foresight and Mr. Charles Mba, Minister of Public Accounts. The status of the

implementation of the Observatory's activities, the situation of resource mobilization and the main challenges of AFRISTAT in recent years were presented to these personalities. The prospects for AFRISTAT's intervention in Gabon were notably discussed with the Deputy Prime Minister who indicated the directions to be favored.

■ DJIBOUTI

Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meye, Director General of AFRISTAT, carried out a coordination and resource mobilization mission in Djibouti from November 2 to 7, 2024. The Director General was received in audience by Mr. Ilyas Moussa Dawaleh, Minister of Economy and Finance in charge of Industry with whom strategic issues relating to the operation of AFRISTAT were discussed. Discussions were also organized with Ms. Mariam Hamadou Ali, Minister Delegate in charge of the Digital Economy and Innovation, to examine the possibilities of collaboration with the Observatory. As part of monitoring ongoing agreements, consultations took place with the administrations receiving assistance as well as managers and other donors.



Appointment

Appointment of a new Director General at the National statistical institute (INSD) of Burkina Faso

■ **Mr. Toubou Ripama**, Demographer, was appointed Director General of the National Institute of Statistics and Demography (INSD) by the Council of Ministers on September 4, 2024. The new Director General took office on September 12, 2024. Mr. Toubou Ripama is an

expert in establishing and implementing monitoring and evaluation systems.

Mr. Toubou Ripama is a graduate of specialized higher studies (DESS) in demography from the Institute of Demographic Training and Research (IFORD) in Yaoundé, Cameroon.



Arrival

■ The Observatory welcomed, between November 25, 2024 and February 21, 2025, for a professional internship, **Mr. Chaka Fofana**, a newly graduated demographer from IFORD.

He is working on finalizing the questionnaire for collecting data on mobility and modes of transport and developing the plan for analyzing the results of future surveys.

Activities of the Directorate General

Statutory meetings

AFRISTAT organized two statutory meetings during the second half of 2024 by videoconference.

48th Meeting of the Steering Committee

■ The AFRISTAT Management Committee held its 48th meeting on December 16, 2024 by videoconference under the chairmanship of Mr. Laurent Mahounou Hounsa, Director General of the National Institute of Statistics and Demography (INStAD) of Benin, current President of the Management Committee.

The Committee examined the progress report as of June 30 on the execution of the AFRISTAT 2024 Action Plan (PAA), the summary of the execution of the 2024 budget and the draft AFRISTAT 2025 annual action plan and the related budget. The Committee also examined other specific questions including the applications for the position of Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT for the period 2026-2029.

Examination of the mid-term execution report of the PAA 2024 shows that the General Management executed 45% of activities as of June 30, 2024 compared to 48% a year earlier. The Committee congratulated the General Management for the results achieved and took note of the implementation report of the 2024 action plan as of June 30 of this year.

The Committee also examined the AFRISTAT Action Plan (PAA) 2025.

This plan focuses on:

- (i) strengthening the institutional and functional framework of AFRISTAT,
- (ii) improving the visibility of the Institution,
- (iii) continuing the effort towards returning to financial balance,

(iv) increasing and diversifying statistical production as well as

(v) strengthening and developing partnerships.

The Committee adopted the PAA 2025 and the budget that supports it. He invited the General Directorate to initiate discussions with a view to supporting Member States on new methods of producing statistical information through Big data and artificial intelligence.

On specific issues, the state of AFRISTAT's collaboration with Member States within the framework of the Program for the Harmonization and Improvement of Statistics in West and Central Africa (HISWACA) was presented.

The Committee also examined the issues to be submitted to the 32nd session of the Council of Ministers including:

- (i) the situation of contributions to the AFRISTAT funds,
- (ii) the adoption of the distribution of contributions to the AFRISTAT Fund 2026-2035,
- (iii) the examination of the draft revised treaty.

29th Meeting of the Scientific Council

■ The AFRISTAT Scientific Council held its 29th meeting on October 22, 2024 by videoconference under the chairmanship of Anatole Toïnar Mogota, PhD, Professor of Economics, Rector of the Saint Charles Lwanga University of Chad, President of the said Council.

The Council examined the mid-term report

of the AFRISTAT Action Plan (PAA) 2024 and the draft Action Plan 2025.

Concerning the mid-term execution report of the PAA 2024, the Council welcomed the involvement of the General Management in the implementation of the HISWACA. He encouraged it to further strengthen the organizational and management capacities of the Members States's Statistical systems so that they take full advantage of the resources mobilized as part of this vast project.

On the 2025 Action Plan, the Council expressed its satisfaction with its content. However, he invited the General Management to take better account of the problem of accounting for natural capital with a view to ensuring the necessary support to Member States for its estimation as part of the migration to the 2025 SNA.

Finally, the Council assessed:

- (i) the actions envisaged by AFRISTAT with a view to the adoption of the 2025 SNA,
- (ii) the situation of Member States' accession to the development of a national quality assurance framework and
- (iii) the state of AFRISTAT's collaboration with Member States within the framework of HISWACA.

Regarding the actions envisaged by AFRISTAT with a view to the adoption of the 2025 SNA, the Council urged it to guide countries on the best strategy to ensure the transition between the previous SNAs (1993, 2008) and the 2025 SNA, particularly in rela-

tion to countries which are lagging behind. He also encouraged it to take any action that could make it possible to have a French version of the 2025 SNA as soon as possible. On the situation of Member States' support for the development of a national quality assurance framework, the General Management recalled the process followed by the Observatory to strengthen its capacities in

this area and specified that four countries already have CNAQs, two are in the process of finalizing theirs and two other Member States are at the start of the process. The Council recommended that the General Management propose a standard quality assurance framework to the Member States. Concerning AFRISTAT's collaboration with Member States within the framework of

HISWACA, the Council expressed its satisfaction with AFRISTAT's involvement in the implementation of the HISWACA initiative. He asked the General Directorate to communicate more on the results obtained in the countries it supports to arouse the interest of other Member States.

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

Since July 1, 2022, AFRISTAT has been implementing the Project to Renovate the Harmonized Consumer Price Index and develop social accounting matrices (PRI/MCS) as delegated project manager of the WAEMU Commission.

Price statistics Component

■ Third series of joint support missions to Togo

AFRISTAT continued in Togo, from July 1 to 5, 2024, the conduct of the third series of joint circular missions to support the National Statistical Institutes (NSIs) of the Member States of WAEMU in collaboration with the various partners involved in the Project.

The mission made it possible to:

- (i) identify and correct outliers in base prices and renovated indices from January to May 2024;
- (ii) recalculate these renovated indices in the Phoenix-UEMOA application for all regions;
- (iii) refine consumer spending on products for each region;
- (iv) finalize the comparative analysis of consumer spending between 2014, 2018 and 2021.

■ Regional workshop on data clearance and calculation of renovated IHPCs from January to June 2024

AFRISTAT organized in collaboration with the WAEMU Commission and the IMF, from July 29 to August 2, 2024 in Abidjan in Côte d'Ivoire, a regional workshop on data purification and the calculation of renovated IHPCs from January to June 2024.

At the end of the workshop's work, the following results were achieved:

- (i) data entry, clearance and calculation of indices from January to June 2024 are ensured for each region of each country, except that of Mali which ends in May 2024;
- (ii) the Excel file of the new indices is created and the comparative analysis is started between the renovated IHPCs and the official IHPCs published in the countries and at the community level.

■ Regional workshop on the validation of renovated indices and development of arguments

The Economic and Statistical Observatory of

Sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT) organized from September 30 to October 4, 2024 in Lomé, a regional workshop to validate the renovated indices produced over the period from January to August 2024, to develop and present the argument for the transition from the old IHPCs to the renovated IHPCs of each WAEMU member country.

The workshop made it possible to:

- (i) calculate the connection coefficients of the renovated IHPC at the global level, divisions, groups and secondary nomenclatures and provide the monthly series of these indices from 1997 until August 2024;
- (ii) develop and present the arguments for each country and at the community level;
- (iii) validate the indices from January to August 2024 for each region and at the national level;
- (iv) define the publication framework for the new IHPC;
- (v) develop and present the first model of the analysis note for the month of August 2024.

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

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

Macroeconomic framework component

During the period under review, an AFRISTAT technical assistance mission took place from June 30 to July 11, 2024 in Djibouti, with a view to automating the release of economic publications and strengthening the capacities of DEP executives.

The mission made it possible to:

- (i) strengthen the knowledge of executives on the use of automated tools to assist in the preparation of economic reports;
- (ii) improve the economic database of the

DEP with a view to automating the preparation of tables and graphs;

- (iii) develop an automatic model to assist in the preparation of the economic report and the annual economic report.

Computable general equilibrium models (MEGC) component

An AFRISTAT technical assistance mission led by two associated experts took place from November 10 to 21, 2024 in Djibouti, with a view to training executives from the Department of Economy and Planning (DEP)

on basic Computable General Equilibrium Models (MEGC).

It made it possible to:

- (i) introduce the Social Accounting Matrices (SAM) and the MEGC;
- (ii) train on the MEGC of an autarky economy, a closed economy and an open economy with government or without government;
- (iii) provide basic training on the use of the GAMS software;
- (iv) identify the issues to be resolved using the MEGC for the Djiboutian economy.

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

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

Business statistics component

■ From August 18 to 29, 2024, AFRISTAT carried out a technical assistance mission to Djibouti with INSTAD to support executives from the Directorate of National Accounts and Economic Statistics in the development of collection tools for the general census of businesses in Djibouti (REGED).

This mission made it possible to develop:

- (i) the general REGED questionnaire,
- (ii) the listing sheet for economic units,

- (ii) the questionnaires for the specific structure surveys,
- (iii) the methodology relating to the eligibility criteria of the economic units listed for the specific structure surveys;
- (iv) the enumerator's manual. It also made it possible to develop the draft detailed chronogram of REGED activities.

■ From September 1 to 5, 2024, AFRISTAT carried out a technical assistance mission to INSTAD to support executives of the Directorate of National Accounts and

Economic Statistics in continuing the work to establish the construction cost index (CCI).

This mission made it possible to:

- (i) take stock of the process of developing estimates for the construction of housing,
- (ii) train the team on the methodology for processing quotes;
- (iii) launch the preparatory work for processing quotes.

Work to establish this economic indicator of activity will continue after the availability of the estimated construction quotes for the types of housing selected.

AFRISTAT - INSD Burkina Faso agreement

National accounts component

Three missions were carried out during the second half of 2024 by Mr. Sory Ibrahima, expert in national accounts, namely:

■ From July 15 to August 9, 2024 for the preparation of accounts for a new base year 2022, according to the 2008 SNA and using the ERETES module.

The mission made it possible to review the processing of source data carried out by the technical team, in accordance with the recommendations of the SCN and good practices in force.

■ A second mission carried out in the same framework, from October 21 to November 2, 2024. It made it possible to review the

resource-employment balances (ERE) carried out by the technical team, in accordance with the recommendations of the SCN and good practices in force.

The approach adopted for the validation of the work had to take into account several factors, namely:

- (i) compliance with consumption standards for certain products per capita or per household;
- (ii) sector analysis of certain value chains, based on transformation coefficients and resource-job balances in quantities.

■ The third mission was carried out, from December 23, 2024 to January 10, 2025. The later made it possible to support the work on the final synthesis of the national accounts for the new base year 2022 of Burkina Faso and to carry out the balancing

of the Inter-industrial Exchange Table (TEI) by product of the nomenclature, through the comparison between supply and demand of intermediate consumption, and to obtain the preliminary results of the GDP assessment.

Business statistics component

The AFRISTAT expert in charge of business statistics carried out, from August 5 to 15, 2024, a technical assistance mission to Burkina Faso with the National Institute of Statistics and Demography (INSD) in order to support the technical team of the general business census (RGE) in running the training workshop for enumerators.

It made it possible to harmonize the understanding of the trainers and respond to the concerns of the enumerators.

HISWACA NIS Guinea-AFRISTAT agreement on technical support for the improvement and harmonization of economic, social and environmental statistics

A partnership agreement was signed in May 2024 between the INS of Guinea and AFRISTAT as part of the implementation of the project for the harmonization and improvement of statistics in West and Central Africa (HISWACA), financially supported by the World Bank. The conditions for the execution of this agreement were met during August 2024 and the first interventions began at the beginning of September 2024. The agreement contains 11 components which include, among others, national accounting, business statistics, price statistics, statistical surveys, food balance sheets, the quality approach, the production of administrative statistics, etc.

National accounts

Four technical support missions were carried out by the AFRISTAT national accounting expert and associated experts.

■ The first mission was carried out from September 1 to 14, 2024, in Conakry. Technical support worked to finalize the national accounts for the base year 2018 under the SNA 2008, on the one hand, and to refine the treatment of the sources of the accounts for the first current year 2019.

■ The second mission was carried out in Conakry, from October 7 to 18, 2024.

The work took place in a technical workshop. The mission's work made it possible to finalize the processing of the data sources for the first current year 2019 and to load them into the ERETES module.

■ The third mission to support Guinea's national accounts took place from November 4 to 15, 2024 in Conakry and Kindia as part of the base year change work. It made it possible to carry out pre-arbitrage work on ope-

rations on goods and services and to begin analytical work on resource-employment balances (ERE) by product.

■ The fourth mission was carried out from December 2 to 20, 2024 in Conakry and Kindia as part of the base year change work. The mission's work made it possible to:

- (i) finalize the work on resource-employment balances (ERE) and branch accounts (CB);
- (ii) analyze the overall consistency of the data from the 2018 and 2019 accounts;

(iii) begin the projection of intermediate consumption.

Business statistics

The AFRISTAT expert in charge of business statistics carried out two technical support missions.

- The first mission was carried out, from November 11 to 29, 2024, to the NIS in order to support the technical team of the general business census (RGE) in validating the tools and preparing the pilot phase (RP) of the RGE.

This mission made it possible to:

- (i) take into account the modifications made to the budget and the detailed timetable of RGE activities;
- (ii) finalize the methodological document for implementing the RGE;
- (iii) develop the methodological document for implementing the pilot census;
- (iv) have this document appropriated by the technical team;
- (v) strengthen the capacities of the technical team.

- The second mission carried out, from December 9 to 20, 2024, to support INS executives in setting up the process of developing a construction cost index (CCI) in Guinea.

This mission made it possible to train nine (9) INS executives on the process of setting up an ICC; to determine from the latest General Population and Housing Census (RGPH 2010), the types of housing for residential use that exist in the large cities of Guinea.

Price statistics

The AFRISTAT Price Statistics expert carried out two missions to the NIS of Guinea.

- The first mission to launch preparatory activities for the collection of base prices in 2025 and the capacity building of the national team, from October 28 to November 8, 2024 in Conakry. It made it possible to implement activities linked to the geographical extension of the CPI.

- The second mission was carried out from December 9 to 20, 2024. The objective of this mission was to support the implementation of the production system for the new index in accordance with the new validated methodology.

At the end of the mission's work, the following results were obtained:

- (i) the national basket of products was finalized in accordance with COICOP 2018;
- (ii) the product import file into the new renovated application has been prepared;
- (iii) the extension of the geographical coverage is examined and additional economic zones (urban and rural) and points of sale for the renovation of the IPC are retained;
- (iv) the current collection system for the production of the IHPC base 2019 (products, points of sale, varieties, questionnaires) has been updated;
- (v) the additional system to the 2019 base as part of the renovation has been established;
- (vi) the new system which will be used as part of the renovation has been consolidated.

Food balances sheets

- The actors of the Guinean statistical system were introduced to the compilation of food balance sheets using dedicated tools developed by the FAO. They also worked on the evaluation of the basic data available on agricultural, livestock, fishing statistics, etc. This training mission took place in Conakry from September 2 to 13, 2024 under the supervision of AFRISTAT.

- An AFRISTAT mission was carried out in Conakry, from October 13 to 25, 2024, for the compilation of Guinea's 2018-2022 food balance sheets and the drafting of the analysis report with members of the Technical Working Group (GTT) of Guinea. A first compilation workshop was held from October 13 to 18, 2024 in Conakry and a second report writing workshop from October 21 to 25, 2024 in Coyah. Twenty-one (21) executives from various GTT member administrations participated in these workshops. The data collected by the main stakeholders was able to be compiled to produce the food reports from 2018 to 2022 and the analysis of these carried out by the members of the GTT with the support of the expert.

Production of administrative statistics

- The prospect of producing harmonized statistical directories and dashboards in sectoral statistical services begins with a series of evaluations of the information systems of ministerial departments. The first evaluations were carried out in Conakry from September 16 to October 3, 2024 by Mr. Bruno Nouatin, expert in socio-demographic statistics, and they reported to the Ministries of "Culture, Tourism and Crafts" and "Information and Communication".

National quality assurance framework

- A mission to launch the process of developing the National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF) of Guinea was carried out by AFRISTAT, from October 14 to 22, 2024. It made it possible to raise awareness among executives of the Guinean statistical system about the quality approach and to introduce them to the development of the NQAF. The work, which took place mainly in workshops, outlined an assessment of the conformity of statistical practices in Guinea with international quality standards.

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

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

The recommendations of the workshop organized in June 2024 in Lomé allowed the FAO team to make new estimates for all countries. The processing work made it possible to make available to the country teams the updated processing program, the databases as well as the results on the SDG 2.1.1 and SDG 2.1.2 indicators and the indicators on consumption patterns.

The AFRISTAT team has prepared, with a view to harmonizing country reports, models for analysis reports, communication leaflets,

table formats and graphs. These documents were presented to country experts on September 27, 2024.

Regarding the calculation of SDG 2.3.1 and SDG 2.3.2 indicators, work is continuing and the estimates obtained for Burkina Faso and Mali are satisfactory. The data from the 2022 campaign having taken into account the proposed improvements in the collection tools, the current work focuses on the calculation of retropolation coefficients to improve the estimates of income and operating

costs for the indicators calculated in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

- Of the ten countries receiving technical assistance, eight were able to calculate the indicators and produce the SDG Target 2.1 indicator report. These are Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo. In addition to the report, a communication flyer was produced for each of these countries.

Regarding the calculation of SDG 2.3.1 and



SDG 2.3.2 indicators, they were calculated based on data from the 2022 campaign based on the improved agricultural survey questionnaire in Burkina Faso and Mali. Furthermore, data from the 2019, 2020 and 2021 agricultural campaigns were retro-polated based on data obtained in 2022. Indeed, during the 2019, 2020 and 2021 agricultural campaigns, certain variables were not collected (costs and production in livestock farming and certain costs in crop production). For each of these two countries, a report on the SDG 2.3 target and a communication flyer were produced.

The dissemination of the results took place in Guinea-Bissau, Mali and Senegal. Public structures, NGOs and researchers took part, in each country, in the restitution activity.

AFRISTAT - INSEE Agreement

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

■ A PAS2 ECOBUSAF-SOCSTAF project mission, in partnership with INSEE and AFRISTAT, took place from September 2 to 13, 2024 in Yamoussoukro in Côte d'Ivoire, as part of support for ANStat regional accounts. The mission was led by Mr. Ibrahima Sory, Expert in national accounting from AFRISTAT.

They made it possible to:

- (i) take stock of the work carried out following the last mission;
- (ii) present the methodology for preparing regional accounts at constant prices;
- (iii) set up the automated model for calculating regional accounts;
- (iv) calculate the regional accounts from 2019 to 2021 at current and constant prices;
- (v) present an overview of satellite accounts;
- (vi) analyze the first results obtained;

■ In the same context, another took place from September 23 to 27, 2024 in Brazzaville, Congo. It was led by Mr. Ibrahima Sory, national accounting expert from AFRISTAT.

The main objective of this mission was to carry out a diagnosis of the national accounts with a view to a change of base year, migration to the

2008/2025 SNA and the implementation of the ERETES software.

The mission's work made it possible to:

- (i) analyze the institutional and organizational system in relation to the national accounts;
- (ii) describe the working resources of the national accounts service, by taking stock of human, material and financial resources;
- (iii) analyze the current state of production of national accounts;
- (iv) take stock of the data sources used for the preparation of national accounts;
- (v) collect technical assistance and training needs for the ERETES module;
- (vi) make a contribution to the draft strategy and action plan for change of base year and migration to the 2008/2025 SNA.

■ Another mission in partnership with INSEE and AFRISTAT took place from November 25 to 29, 2024 in Adiaké in Côte d'Ivoire, as part of support for ANStat's regional economic accounts. The mission was led by Mr. Ibrahima Sory, national accounting expert from AFRISTAT. The work took place in a workshop-retreat.

They made it possible to:

- (i) finalize the calculations of the regional accounts from 2019 to 2021 at current and constant prices;
- (ii) analyze the results obtained;
- (iii) prepare the various publication documents.

■ The AFRISTAT socio-demographic statistics expert carried out in the same framework, from December 10 to 13, 2024 in Cotonou, support for the review of the tools used for the INStAD employment survey. The work took place in the INStAD premises with the executives of this institution.

The general objective of the mission was to support INStAD in setting up a permanent system for monitoring labor market indicators. Specifically, this involved:

- (i) reviewing the questionnaire in connection with the various resolutions of the CIST;
- (ii) evaluating the consideration of the needs of national accounts in the questionnaire;
- (iii) reviewing the protocol for establishing the permanent system for monitoring labor market indicators.

5th meeting of the Technical Committee for mobilizing AFRISTAT financial resources

The 5th meeting of the AFRISTAT Financial Resources Mobilization Committee was held on July 10, 2024 by videoconference under the Chairmanship of Dr. Arouna Sougane, Director General of NSI of Mali (INSTAT).

The work focused on:

- the situation of the mobilization of the AFRISTAT Fund 2016-2025 and the consequences of the slow rate of supply of the said fund on the execution of the Observatory's activities;

- monitoring responses to the request for an opinion on the proposed distribution of the AFRISTAT 2026-2035 Fund between countries, with a view to financing AFRISTAT activities by 2035;
- advocacy with Member States in favor of the contribution of AFRISTAT in the execution of national projects for the harmonization and improvement of statistics in West and Central Africa (HISWACA).

At the end of the meeting, representatives of member states were invited to increase advocacy actions with their respective authorities. Furthermore, the AFRISTAT General Management is instructed to extend, during country missions, awareness-raising actions to senior administration officials who can positively influence the results of the contribution mobilization effort.

Other AFRISTAT activities

Support missions by AFRISTAT experts

BURKINA FASO

■ As part of the analytical work of the National Basic Survey on Employment and the Informal Sector (ENB-ESI), MM Djabar Dine Adechian, expert in socio-demographic statistics, and Sansan H. Kambou, expert in data processing, carried out from August 12 to 22, 2024, a support mission to the INSD of Burkina Faso for the development of the report of the basic national survey on employment and the informal sector. The work focused on the household and employment aspect.

The work of the mission made it possible to:

- Finalize the different chapters of the report;
- Check the consistency of the indicators and produce additional indicators;
- Have a version compiled in three volumes of the investigation report;
- Reread the consolidated report.

■ The Director General of AFRISTAT carried out a monitoring mission for the development of the National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF) for Burkina Faso Data from September 18 to 21, 2024. The aim was to examine the self-assessment of the quality compliance of the environment, pro-

cesses and statistical products carried out by the actors of the national statistical system, as well as the draft NQAF document for Burkina Faso data with a view to its upcoming validation.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

■ An AFRISTAT mission took place from November 18 to 23, 2024 in Grand-Bassam in Ivory Coast, as part of support for the Agricultural Economic Accounts (CEA). The mission's work made it possible to finalize the agricultural economic accounts for the period from 2018 to 2022, and to prepare the document for publishing the results.

GABON

■ The AFRISTAT expert in charge of business statistics, Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, carried out, from October 14 to 25, 2024, a technical assistance mission in Libreville (Gabon) to the Directorate General of Statistics (DGS) to continue and finalize the work of establishing a national business directory for statistical purposes in Gabon. The mission made it possible to define the management procedures of the national business directory of Gabon, to stabilize the number of companies in version 0 of this

directory. Above all, it made it possible to strengthen the capacities of nine (9) DGS executives on the practical work of setting up a business directory for statistical purposes through evaluation work and processing of the different administrative sources for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 from partner structures.

GUINEA BISSAU

■ AFRISTAT conducted training in advanced MS Excel for the benefit of agents of the National Institute of Statistics (INE), from September 9 to 20, 2024 in Bissau. Organized by the INE, with financing from the World Bank, as part of the HISWACA project.

These individuals have been trained in advanced Excel skills, allowing them to improve their efficiency in using complex functions, analyzing data and automating certain tasks. Another training course was carried out in Advanced Access for the benefit of agents of the National Institute of Statistics (INE), from October 14 to 25, 2024 in Bissau in the same framework.

It made it possible to: strengthen participants' skills in the advanced use of Access, in order to improve their efficiency in using complex queries, data analysis and task automation.

International activities

AFRISTAT took part in international meetings organized by its partners

N°	Events	Period	Location	Organizers
1	Annual seminar of the Libourne Training Center (CEFIL)	July 2-4, 2024	Abidjan	Insee, AFRISTAT
2	Meeting of experts in charge of statistical coordination and cooperation of CEMAC member states	July 22-25, 2024	Douala	CEMAC Commission
3	10 th session of the CEMAC Sub-regional Statistics Committee	July 29-30, 2024	Douala	CEMAC Commission
4	ECOWAS regional technical workshop	August 5-9, 2024	Abuja	ECOWAS Commission
5	Workshop to launch and validate collection tools for the 3 rd harmonized survey on household living conditions	September 2-6, 2024	Dakar	World bank
6	53 rd ordinary session of the IFORD Board of Directors	September 3, 2024	Virtual	IFORD

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7	2 nd edition of the AfDB Innovate Africa Symposium	September 25-27, 2024	Kigali	African Development Bank
8	Working visit to INSEE, PARIS21, OECD	September 30 - October 4, 2024	Paris	Insee, OECD
9	Study visit on Data innovation Lab experiences	September 30 - October 4, 2024	Paris	Insee
10	Brazzaville Group Workshop	October 14-16, 2024	Djibouti	Washington Group, GIZ, UCL
11	9 th session of the African Statistical Commission (STATCOM)	October 28 - November 1 st , 2024	Addis Ababa	ECA
12	Webinar on measuring the blue economy	November 6, 2024	Virtual	Insee
13	Meeting of the Specialized Technical Group (STG) on Migration	November 6-8, 2024	Bujumbura	STATAFRIC
14	Specialized technical group on NSDS (STG-NSDS)	November 11-13, 2024	Bujumbura	STATAFRIC
15	Regional workshop to validate arguments and proposed regulations on the renovated CPI	November 11-15, 2024	Bamako	WAEMU Commission
16	Meetings of Intergovernmental Committees	November 19-21, 2024	Rabat	ECA
17	Regional workshop for the dissemination of computable general equilibrium models (CGEM)	November 18-22, 2024	Ouagadougou	WAEMU Commission
18	Meeting of the specialized technical group on Governance, Peace and Security (STG – GPS)	November 21-23, 2024	Tunis	STATAFRIC
19	Economic situation seminar for the second half of 2024 and medium-term forecasts for 2024-2027	November 26-28, 2024	Virtual	AFRISTAT West AFRITAC WAEMU Commission
20	Meeting of the ECOWAS Ministerial Committee on Statistics	November 25-26, 2024	Abuja	ECOWAS Commission
21	Methodological workshops on the sampling plan and the estimation of transfers	November 4-8, and December 18-20, 2024	Dakar - Accra	African Institute for Remittances (AIR)
22	Workshop to launch and validate collection tools for the 3 rd Harmonized Survey on Household Living Conditions	December 2-6, 2024	Lomé	World Bank
23	Statutory meeting of the SHaSA 2 Executive Committee	December 2-4, 2024	Banjul	STATAFRIC
24	Meeting of the African Statistical Coordination Committee (ASCC)	December 5-7, 2024	Banjul	STATAFRIC
25	Seminar on measuring the economic contribution and impacts of sport in Africa	December 9, 2024	Paris	OECD, ASCI
26	18 th session of the Committee of Directors General of the African Union NSIs	December 9-12, 2024	Banjul	UA Commission
27	11 th ordinary meeting of the Regional Statistics Committee (CRS)	December 16-18, 2024	Abidjan	WAEMU Commission

Echoes from National Statistical Institutes

BURKINA FASO

www.insd.bf

■ The national institute of statistics and demography (INSD) has a new Director General Mr. Toubou Ripama, appointed on September 4, 2024.

BURUNDI

www.insbu.bj

■ The National Institute of Statistics of Burundi (INSBU) organized on July 12, 2024, with the technical and financial support of UNICEF Burundi, an awareness workshop on the digital collection of statistical data from the social sectors at the municipal level in the pilot provinces (Kayanza, Kirundo, Muyinga and Ngozi).

■ Development of metadata for vision indicators, Burundi emerging country in 2040 and developed country in 2060, and the revised National Development Plan

CAMEROON

www.ins-cameroun.cm

■ In the third quarter of 2024, the Government of Cameroon and the European Union (EU) launched, through the Cocoa Talks project, a study among cocoa sector producers to better understand the prevalence and characteristics of child labor in the cocoa sector in Cameroon, and identify appropriate measures to remedy it.

■ A training workshop for journalists on the use of gender and climate change statistics was held from September 17 to 19, 2024, at the INS.

GABON

www.instatgabon.org

■ Gabon organized in 2024, the second National Survey on Employment and Unemployment (ENEC-II), under the supervision of the Ministry in charge of Labor with the technical support of the General Directorate of Statistics.

■ A World Bank mission stayed in Libreville from December 9 to 13, 2024, as part of support for the implementation of the HISWACA project.

■ A workshop to continue the implementation process of the National Business Directory (RNE) was held from October 14 to 25, 2024 in Libreville.

■ Development of nomenclatures of activities and products in Gabon and transition

tables to the nomenclatures of activities and products of AFRISTAT Member States (NAEMA and NOPEMA)

■ The census mapping field operation of the 2023 General Population and Housing Census (RGPL) of Gabon started in July 2024 and ended in November 2024.

MALI

www.instat-gov.ml

■ The "Statistical Programs" Commission of the National Statistics Council (CNS) organized its first statutory meeting on August 27, 2024 relating to the 2023 annual statistical activity report and the 2024 and 2025 annual statistical activity programs.

■ The National Institute of Statistics strengthened the capacities of key players in the process of developing the fourth generation of the Statistics Master Plan (SDS IV), on the techniques and tools of strategic planning, from July 29 to August 2, 2024, with the financial support of the HISWACA Project of the World Bank.

■ South-South cooperation: Senegal and Mali are strengthening their cooperation in the coordination of the national statistical system.

■ The National Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) organized, on October 24, 2024, a day of exchange with users of statistical data with the aim of presenting its productions.

■ Under the coordination of the National Institute of Statistics (INSTAT), the National Statistical System (SSN) of Mali celebrated with pomp, on November 18, 2024, the 34th edition of the African Statistics Day (JAS) under the theme "Supporting education by modernizing the production of statistics adapted to its needs".

■ The process of developing the fourth generation of Mali's Statistical Master Plan (SDS) was officially launched by the Minister of Economy and Finance on November 19, 2024.

■ INSTAT of Mali held, on December 26, 2024, the 22nd ordinary session of its Board of Directors chaired by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

SENEGAL

www.ansd.sn

■ The first CTPS workshop of the year 2024 was held on October 2 to present the pro-

posed modifications to the statistical law, the project to carry out the study on the rationalization and centralized management of human resources of the SSN, validate the 2023 activity report of the SSN, examine the 2025 activity program of the SSN and present the diagnosis on the Data Innovation Lab (DIL).

■ The ANSD received, from September 2 to 6, a delegation from the INSD of Burkina Faso as part of their mission to reread the organization chart of the Institute and give it a new status.

■ INECV and executives from the Ministry of Health of Cabo Verde made a study trip to the ANSD of Senegal to inquire about the Agency's experience in carrying out the "Demographic and Continuous Health Survey (EDSC)".

TOGO

www.togostat.org

■ International cooperation: the African Center for Equitable Development (ACED) and the National Institute of Statistics and Economic and Demographic Studies (INSEED) signed a memorandum of understanding on August 30, 2024.

■ On August 19, 2024, the Acting UNFPA Resident Representative paid a courtesy visit to INSEED.

■ INSEED organized from July 23 to 25, 2024 in Tsévié a workshop to validate the action plan for the implementation of the recommendations resulting from the AGORA CONSULTING study on institutional and organizational reforms.

■ From November 27 to 29, 2024, the National Institute of Statistics and Economic and Demographic Studies (INSEED), organized for the structures of the national statistical system, a workshop dedicated to the revision and definition of StatBase-UEMOA indicator metadata.

■ On November 18, 2024, Togo celebrated African Statistics Day (ASD) in Tsévié on the central theme: "Supporting education by modernizing the production of statistics adapted to its needs".

■ Presentation of the detailed results of the Fifth general population and housing census (RGPH-5) and the second edition of the harmonized survey on household living conditions (EHCVM-2) in Togo, on December 13, 2024.

Meetings, workshops and seminars

Lagos, January 20-24, 2025

Regional technical workshop for the development of ECOWAS household data collection tools for poverty analysis in the ECOWAS region

Abidjan, February 17-21, 2025

Regional training workshop on the new version of the Phoenix-UEMOA application and on the dissemination of the renovated IHPC

Douala, January 27-31, 2025

Workshop for examination and validation of technical tools for the price component of the 2025/26 edition of the Harmonized Survey on Household Living Conditions (EHCVM)

New York, February 28 - March 7, 2025

56th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

Abuja, January 27-31, 2025

Regional capacity building workshop on the operationalization of the Common Methodological Guide for the compilation of annual national accounts in ECOWAS Member States according to the 2008 National Accounting System (SNA)

March / April 2025

32nd Session of the AFRISTAT Council of Ministers

Freetown, February 4-7, 2025

AMAO statutory meetings

Nantes, June 30 - July 4 2025

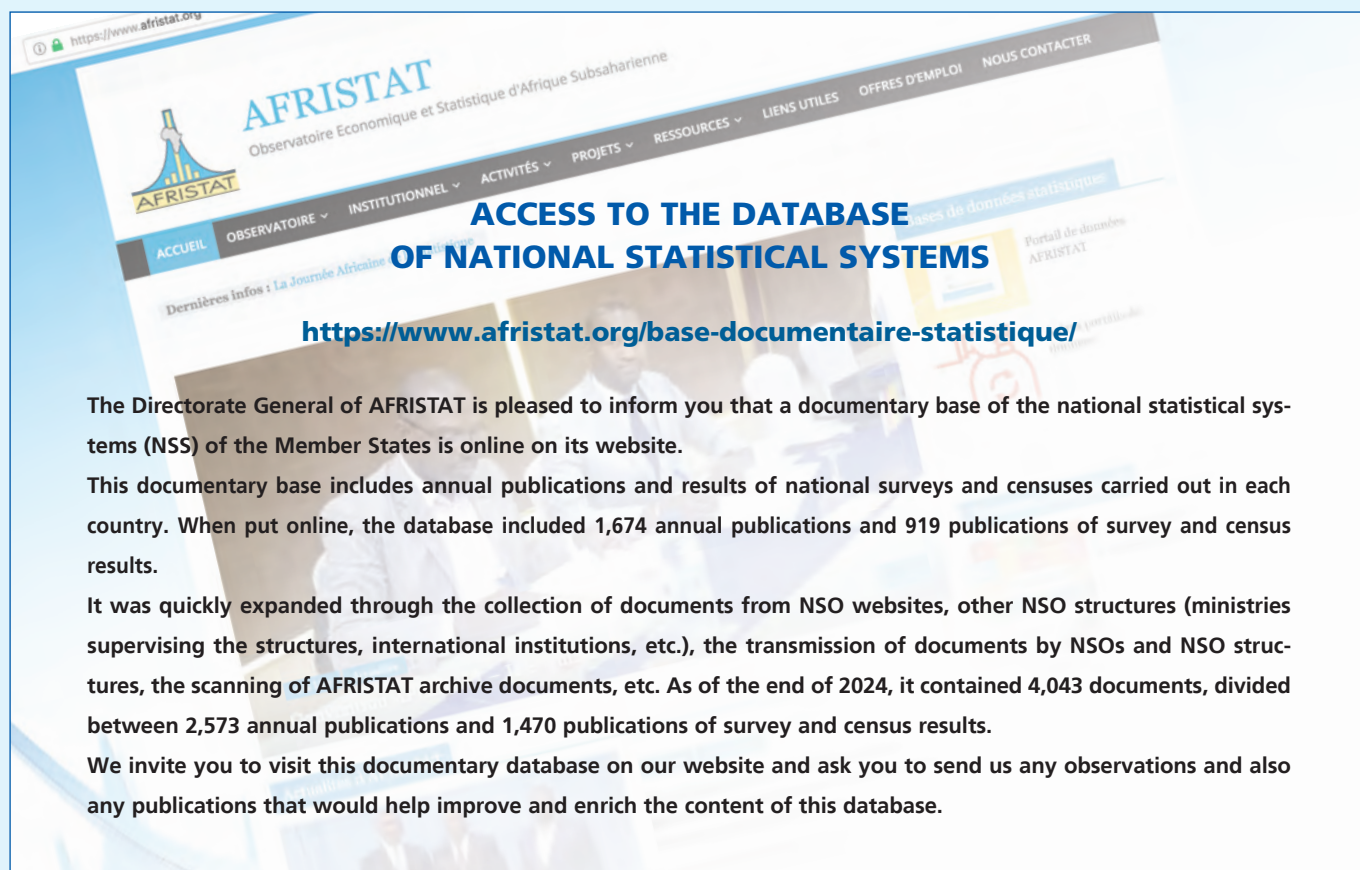
CEFIL 2025 seminar under the theme: "Development of business registers for statistical purposes, methods, sharing of experiences and challenges"

Nairobi, February 17-19, 2025

Hybrid Meeting of the Specialized Technical Group on Mobilizing Political Will (STG 16-POW)

The Hague, October 5-9, 2025

65th ISI World Statistics Congress



ACCESS TO THE DATABASE OF NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEMS

<https://www.afristat.org/base-documentaire-statistique/>

The Directorate General of AFRISTAT is pleased to inform you that a documentary base of the national statistical systems (NSS) of the Member States is online on its website.

This documentary base includes annual publications and results of national surveys and censuses carried out in each country. When put online, the database included 1,674 annual publications and 919 publications of survey and census results.

It was quickly expanded through the collection of documents from NSO websites, other NSO structures (ministries supervising the structures, international institutions, etc.), the transmission of documents by NSOs and NSO structures, the scanning of AFRISTAT archive documents, etc. As of the end of 2024, it contained 4,043 documents, divided between 2,573 annual publications and 1,470 publications of survey and census results.

We invite you to visit this documentary database on our website and ask you to send us any observations and also any publications that would help improve and enrich the content of this database.



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