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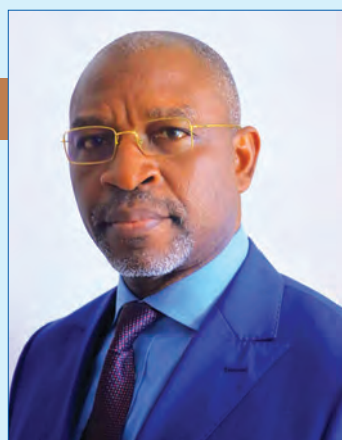
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EDITORIAL

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The Director General and the entire staff of the Economic and Statistical Observatory for Sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT) wish all readers of AFRISTAT newsletter a happy and prosperous 2026. They extend their best wishes for health, peace, and the successful realization of everyone's key projects. Furthermore, the Director General is delighted to announce that the Observatory will be celebrating its 30th anniversary throughout the coming year. To mark the occasion, this publication will feature dedicated sections covering the event in upcoming issues scheduled for release in 2026.



The second half of 2025 provided an opportunity for AFRISTAT to undertake resource mobilization and statistical coordination activities, assess strategic management, and strengthen and develop partnerships. Training and traditional technical assistance for member states continued.

As part of efforts regarding statistical coordination and resource mobilization, meetings were held with authorities from the following member states : Congo, Guinea, Chad, Gabon, and Equatorial Guinea to raise awareness about the need to settle outstanding contribution arrears to the 2016–2025 AFRISTAT Fund and to ease the organization's cash flow situation. With Guinea, Congo, and Chad, the Director General of AFRISTAT also addressed issues concerning the improvement of statistical quality, the integration of national statistical systems, and activity planning aimed at rationalizing available resources.

At the strategic level, the 32nd session of the AFRISTAT Council of Ministers met on August 7, 2025, and during this meeting:

- the allocation of member state contributions to the 2026–2035 AFRISTAT Fund was adopted;
- the Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT for the 2026–2029 period was appointed;
- the roadmap of actions to be carried out leading up to the actual revision of the Treaty establishing AFRISTAT was finalized.

The observatory did not hold its statutory year-end meetings due to a combination of financial difficulties and, above all, the late assembly of relevant documents for presentation to the members of the Steering Committee.

During the period under review, partnerships were strengthened through the implementation of all ongoing collaborations with the CEMAC and WAEMU Commissions, INSEE, and STATAFRIC, as well as activities carried out in member states as part of the national components of the World Bank's Project for the Harmonization and Improvement of Statistics in West and Central Africa (HISWACA). The countries involved are Burkina Faso, Djibouti, and Guinea, and the key areas of training and assistance include national accounts, price statistics, business statistics, short-term economic indicators, computable general equilibrium and macroeconomic modeling, administrative and employment statistics, statistical surveys, and quality management processes.

Regarding new partnerships, the implementation of the AFRISTAT-STATCAP Madagascar agreement on the General Census of Enterprises has started, and AFRISTAT and SADC conducted a joint mission in the DRC focused on national accounts.

AFRISTAT also carried out technical assistance missions in countries not benefiting from statistical projects funded by development partners.

Regarding the development of partnerships, discussions aimed at closer collaboration have been initiated between AFRISTAT and the Comoros, the Congo, the OECD, and the African Sports and Creative Institute (ASCI).

Technical support provided outside of formal service agreements covered Benin, Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, and Senegal, focusing on national accounts, price statistics, business registers, and demographic statistics.

Finally, AFRISTAT was represented at all technical and statutory meetings organized by partners to share intervention plans for 2026 and beyond, thereby avoiding duplication.

In early 2026, the Observatory's Directorate General will hold statutory meetings to ensure strict compliance with the regulations governing its operations. It also intends to accelerate the implementation of decisions resulting from the 32nd Session of the AFRISTAT Council of Ministers.

AFRISTAT NEWS

VISITS

During the second half of 2025, the Director General of AFRISTAT, Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé, conducted a series of visits to its member states. These visits, which focused primarily on statistical coordination and resource mobilization, covered the following countries:

■ GUINEA

The Director General of AFRISTAT undertook a resource mobilization and partnerships mission to Conakry from November 2nd to 7th, 2025. During this visit, Mr. Nguema Meyé held working sessions at the Guinean National Institute



of Statistics (INS) regarding the monitoring of technical support provided by AFRISTAT. The Director General of AFRISTAT also met with Guinean authorities to discuss their country's contribution to the AFRISTAT Fund.

■ CONGO

The Director General of AFRISTAT was received in audience on November 12, 2025, by Mr. Ludovic Ngatsé, Minister of Economy, Planning, and Regional Integration of Congo. This meeting provided an opportunity to present to the Minister the administrative and



financial situation of AFRISTAT, as well as the institution's major challenges for the coming years. The issue of settling Congo's outstanding contributions to the AFRISTAT Fund was also discussed.

■ CHAD

The Director General of AFRISTAT was received on December 18, 2025, by Mr. Ahmat Abderahim Abbo, Secretary General of the Ministry of Eco-

nomie, Planning, and International Cooperation. After reviewing the Observatory's situation, the Director General appealed to the Chadian authorities for the release of the country's out-

standing funding to the AFRISTAT 2016-2025 Fund. He also reiterated AFRISTAT's commitment to providing closer support for the development of the Chadian statistical system.

■ EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé, Director General of AFRISTAT, conducted an information and resource mobilization mission in Malabo from September 28 to October 1st, 2025. During this visit, the Director General met with the Equatorial Guinean authorities. The working sessions provided an opportunity to identify AFRISTAT's

priority strategic issues to be addressed during Equatorial Guinea's term as Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Observatory for the period 2026-2027. Discussions also focused on the initiatives undertaken by Equatorial Guinea to clear its arrears in contributions to the AFRISTAT Fund for 2016-2025.



■ GABON

The Director General of AFRISTAT undertook a coordination and resource mobilization mission to Libreville from September 10 to 14, 2025. During this visit, Mr. Nguema Meyé held wor-

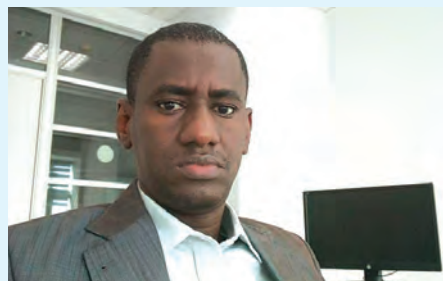
king sessions at the Directorate General of Statistics (DGS) and the Office of the Minister of Planning and Forecasting. The main topics discussed concerned the finalization of the reba-

sing of the national accounts and their migration to the 2008 SNA, as well as the monitoring of applications for Gabon's contributions to the AFRISTAT Fund 2016-2025.

DEPARTURE

■ Mr. **Mamadou Karabenta**, Head of the Accounting Department at AFRISTAT from 2000 to 2025, retired on December 31, 2025, after long and dedicated service to AFRISTAT. Mr. Karabenta served the Observatory for 26 years with devotion and professionalism. Known for his integrity and commitment, he managed the General Directorate's accounts with expertise. A certificate of appreciation was presented to him on January 22, 2026, by the Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT, Mr. Serge Jean Edi. The Director General and all the staff wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement.

ARRIVAL



Mr. Abidina Ibrahim

■ As a replacement for Mr. Karabenta, The Observatory has recruited Mr. **Abidina Ibrahim**, holder of a Specialized Higher Studies Diploma in Finance, Accounting, and Control (DESS FCC), as Chief Accountant. Mr. Abidina took up his duties during the fourth quarter of 2025. Previously, he was the administrative, financial, and accounting manager for projects funded by the WAEMU Commission, including the index renovation project, the statistical regional project and the CPI extension project at AFRISTAT.

■ From July 6 to September 4, 2025, the Observatory hosted Mr. **Harouna Dombia**, a first-year student at the University of Rwanda, for an introductory internship. He assisted the Department of Strategic Support and Dissemination in updating the data in AFRISTAT's document database. In addition to his support to the Department, he also conducted weekly analyses of current economic conditions.



ACTIVITIES OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL

Statutory meetings

AFRISTAT organized the 32nd session of the Council of Ministers during the second half of 2025 via videoconference.

32nd Session of the Council of Ministers

■ The Council of Ministers of AFRISTAT held its 32nd ordinary session on August 7, 2025, by videoconference under the chairmanship of Ms. Ablamba Ahoéfavi Johnson, Minister, Secretary General of the Presidency of the Council of the Togolese Republic, President in office of said Council.

The Council's work focused primarily on issues relating to the day-to-day management of the Observatory, the implementation of the 2023 and 2024 action plans, including the decisions of its 31st session held by videoconference on December 11, 2023, the adoption of the proposal for the distribution of contributions from Member States to the AFRISTAT Fund 2026-2035, the review and adoption of the draft revision of the Treaty establishing AFRISTAT and the

appointment of the Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT for the period 2026-2029.

Regarding the 2023 and 2024 activity reports, the situation presented by the Directorate General indicates execution levels of 72.5% in 2023 and 70.5% in 2024. The Council of Ministers appreciated the good results achieved by the Directorate General during the two years, despite the difficulties encountered, and congratulated it.

Continuing its work, the Council examined the situation of contributions to the AFRISTAT Funds 2006-2015 and 2016-2025. It heard from Member States that were behind in their contributions on the arrangements in place to release or settle their quotas.

Under the AFRISTAT 2026-2035 Fund, the Council adopted the proposal for the distribution of contributions from Member States to the

said Fund and invited Member States to expedite the payment of their quotas to the new Fund from this year 2025.

Regarding the revision of the Observatory's founding treaty, the Council decided to have its conformity reviewed by the competent legal services in the Member States before its signature and the launch of the ratification process in each country.

It also adopted two transitional measures: one for the legal organization of Council of Ministers sessions and the other for the operationalization of the Scientific Committee to replace the Scientific Council.

During this session, the Council of Ministers appointed Mr. Serge Jean Edi, of Ivorian nationality, to the position of Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT, for a four-year term starting from January 1st, 2026.

Webinar on the economic outlook and medium-term forecasts (2025–2028) for the second half of 2025 in the WAEMU member states, Guinea, Mauritania, and Cabo Verde

■ AFRISTAT, AFRITAC West, and the WAEMU Commission organized the regular seminar on the economic outlook for the second half of 2025 and medium-term forecasts for 2025–2028 for West African member states. The event was held via videoconference from November 25 to 27, 2025. All WAEMU member states, as well as Guinea and Mauritania, were represented by participants responsible for short-term economic analysis and macroeconomic

forecasting, respectively. Officials from the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO), the Central Bank of the Republic of Guinea (BCRG), AFRISTAT, and the WAEMU Commission also took part.

The primary objective of the videoconference was to review the recent economic situation and the 2025–2028 macroeconomic forecasts for the member states, to provide institutions with up-to-date data for analyzing regional out-

looks, and to facilitate exchanges and discussions among participants. The central theme was: "Impact of new US customs measures and policy directions for strengthening the international competitiveness of West African economies."

The capacities of seventeen officials from the countries were enhanced through presentations by the institutions and the sharing of country experiences.

Webinar on "Sharing Experiences with Population Projections"

■ On July 15 and 16, 2025, AFRISTAT, jointly with Mali's National Population Directorate, organized a webinar on "Sharing experiences re-

garding population projections." This conference was moderated by Mr. Issa Bouaré, Deputy Director General of INSTAT (Mali).

It featured panelists from ANSD (Senegal), INSD (Burkina Faso), and DNP (Mali).

Workshop of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the development of household data collection tools for poverty analysis in the ECOWAS region

■ From September 29 to October 3, 2025, Mr. Sansan Honkounne Kambou and Mr. Djabar Dine C. Adechian — AFRISTAT's experts in survey and census data processing and socio-demographic statistics, respectively — participated as resource persons in a Technical Working Group (TWG) workshop. The workshop focused on developing household data collection tools for poverty analysis

within the ECOWAS region. It was organized by the Directorate of Research and Statistics (DRS) of the ECOWAS Commission as part of the implementation of the Project for the Harmonization and Improvement of Statistics in West and Central Africa (HISWACA).

The workshop aimed to validate and finalize the draft of the harmonized ECOWAS questionnaire for poverty analysis.

Participants included experts in household living conditions surveys, members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) from the National Statistical Offices of Benin, Cabo Verde, Ghana, Guinea, Nigeria, and Liberia — as well as representatives from AFRISTAT and the team from the ECOWAS Commission's Directorate of Research and Statistics.

Project of CPI rebasing and Social accounting matrix WAEMU

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

Price statistics component

■ Six series of joint support missions to Burkina Faso, Togo, Mali, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal, and Benin.

As part of the implementation of activities under the Project to Revamp the Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI) in the WAEMU zone, AFRISTAT — in collaboration with the Commission and the BCEAO — continued the fourth series of support missions. These missions took

place at the National Institute of Statistics and Demography of Burkina Faso (June 30–July 4, 2025), the National Institute of Statistics and Economic and Demographic Studies (INSEED) of Togo (July 7–11, 2025), the National Institute of Statistics of Mali (July 21–25, 2025), the National Institute of Statistics (INE) of Guinea-Bissau (August 11–15, 2025), the National Agency for Statistics and Demography (ANS) of Senegal (August 25–29, 2025), and the National Institute of Statistics and Demography (INSTAD) of Benin

(September 1st–5, 2025). The work carried out by the missions made it possible to: (i) assess the progress of the production and dissemination of the revised HCPI; (ii) review the status of the HCPI production system; (iii) calculate, for each region, the percentage of missing prices from January to April 2025; (iv) identify the series and sales outlets to be replaced in each region; and (v) carry out the replacement of the identified series and sales outlets within the Phoenix-UEMOA application.

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.

Six AFRISTAT technical assistance missions were carried out during the second half of 2025.

■ An initial AFRISTAT mission led by two associate experts took place in Djibouti from June 29 to July 10, 2025. It enabled the team to: (i) transform the static version of the computable general equilibrium (CGE) model, validated during the previous mission into a dynamic model able to simulating economic evolution over various time horizons and incorporating mechanisms for the accumulation of factors of production, employment and unemployment dynamics, and the saving and investment behaviors of economic agents and public policies; (ii) conduct initial dynamic simulations, collectively analyze the results, and adjust assumptions to ensure macroeconomic consistency; (iii) build participants' capacity regarding the advanced use of the dynamic model and the drafting of policy briefs based on simulation results.

■ From August 17 to 28, 2025, two associate experts carried out a second mission with the DEP to operationalize the macro-micro linkage based on the dynamic CGE model validated during a previous mission. The mission enabled the team to: (i) equip the DEP with a microsimulation module — linked to the CGE model — to measure the redistributive effects of public policies (poverty, inequality, and incidence by group); (ii) conduct pilot simulations for training purposes; (iii) jointly analyze the results and adjust parameters; and (iv) build staff capacity in drafting policy briefs.

■ The third mission led by an associate expert took place in Djibouti from October 5 to 16, 2025, with the aim of consolidating the multi-year budget programming process by supporting seven ministries in the finalization, prioritization, and digital integration of their public investment projects. The mission made it possible to: (i) support ministries in making their public investment project banks available and fully updating them; (ii) refine project prioritization to ensure alignment with national strategies and budgetary constraints; (iii) finalize the drafting and validation of ministerial Public Investment Program (PTIP) documents for the 2025–2027 period; and (iv) ensure the integration of sectoral PTIP documents into a centralized IT platform to facilitate the consolidation, monitoring, and updating of public investments.

■ A fourth mission carried out by two associate experts took place in Djibouti from October 19 to 30, 2025, with the aim of equipping teams to effectively communicate simulation results to decision-makers through the drafting of policy briefs. The mission enabled the team to: (i) draft four policy briefs; (ii) modify the model's closure to allow for simulations regarding electricity tariffs and pump prices for refined petroleum products; (iii) update the Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) with 2021 data for use in future simulations and analyses; and (iv) prepare two PowerPoint presentations for the results dissemination ceremony.

■ The fifth technical assistance mission regarding the overhaul of the Djiboutian Economy Model, conducted with Djibouti's DEP by an associate expert, took place from November 2 to 13, 2025; it aimed to update the macroeconomic framework established during Mission No. 6. The mission made it possible to: (i) shift the base year from 2023 to 2025; (ii) update the supply and use table (SUT) data for 2018–2021 and calibrate the SUTs for 2022–2025; (iii) update data for the table of State financial operation, balance of payments, debt, and monetary situation through 2024 (final data) and 2025 (estimated data); (iv) develop three macroeconomic framework scenarios: baseline, optimistic, and pessimistic; and (v) draft a macroeconomic forecasting framework note.

■ Mr. Serge Jean Edi, Deputy Director General, and Mr. Fata Houssoubé, Associate Expert, conducted a sixth technical assistance mission in Djibouti from December 7 to 18, 2025. The mission aimed to review the Djiboutian Economy Model (DEM) and the Computable General Equilibrium Model (CGE), and to discuss the continuation of capacity-building activities regarding the Public Investment Program (PIP) and relevant tools (DEM, CGE, and economic monitoring). The mission enabled the team to: (i) review the DEM and CGE models; (ii) have participants carry out a macroeconomic framework exercise using the DEM; (iii) have participants draft a policy brief using the CGE model; and (iv) make recommendations regarding the continuation of staff capacity building by AFRISTAT.

GEDES Djibouti Project: Agreement AFRISTAT – Djibouti National Institute of Statistics (INSTAD)

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.

National accounts component

■ Mr. Ibrahima Sory, a national accounts expert, undertook a mission to Djibouti from August 26

to September 4, 2025, to work on catching up on national accounts compilation. The mission made it possible to:

- review work already completed, given changes in the team;
- present the accounts compilation process

- using the ERETES module;
- launch the compilation of the final national accounts for the current year, 2022;
- begin processing data sources; (v) update data in the rapid accounts framework for 2023 and 2024;
- discuss the work to be carried out by the Djiboutian national accounts team prior to the next mission.

■ An AFRISTAT mission led by Mr. Dieudonne Sawadogo, an associate expert in national accounts, took place in Djibouti from November 9 to 20, 2025, to provide support for quarterly national accounts (QNA).

The mission made it possible to:

- finalize the classification system and scope for compiling quarterly national accounts;
- prepare available high-frequency indicators

and examine their consistency with annual national accounts;

- continue training national accountants on the methodological principles and key recommendations of the 2017 QNA compilation manual, in accordance with the 2008 SNA; and
- identify future actions to be taken for the development of QNA in Djibouti.

AFRISTAT – INSD Burkina Faso agreement

Business statistics component

■ Associate expert Mr. Symphorien Banon carried out a technical assistance mission to Burkina Faso from July 28 to August 2, 2025, working with the National Institute of Statistics and Demography (INSD) to support the General Business Census technical team in preparing the final census report. This mission made it possible to: (i) propose and validate the outline for the final RGE report with INSD management; (ii) establish the strategy for drafting the preliminary final report of the General Business Census; and (iii) launch the work of drafting said report.

National accounts component

■ An AFRISTAT mission, led by Mr. Ibrahima Sory, expert in national accounts, visited Ouagadougou from September 8 to 12, 2025, to participate in a peer review workshop with experts from partner institutions. The review examined the results of the 2022 base-year re-

vision of Burkina Faso's national accounts, prepared in accordance with the 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA).

The mission's work made it possible to: (i) analyze the preliminary results of the 2022 base-year accounts; (ii) analyze the extent to which the 2008 SNA recommendations have been incorporated; (iii) examine the coverage of data sources used to compile the national accounts for the new base year; (iv) examine the methods used to calculate the various aggregates; and (v) formulate operational recommendations, both general and technical, following the review.

2022 national accounts base-year revision

■ AFRISTAT carried out the first mission from November 3 to 14, 2025, in Ouagadougou.

The mission's work made it possible to: (i) present the methodological approach for the back-casting of national accounts; (ii) assess the status of national accounts series compiled according to the 2008 SNA; (iii) examine the need

for additional data collection; (iv) establish bridge tables; (v) set up templates for national accounts back-casting; (vi) discuss the work to be carried out to ensure the smooth conduct of the next mission.

■ A second mission, carried out from November 17 to 28, 2025, made it possible to: (i) review the work done on supply-use balances (SUB) and branch accounts; (ii) compare the results from intermediate consumption projection tools (Excel vs. ERETES); (iii) analyze the consistency of the balancing work for the Input-Output Table (IOT); (iv) validate all results obtained for accounts at current and constant prices; (v) discuss future work.

■ From December 15 to 19, 2025, a third mission made it possible to: (i) validate tools for collecting additional information; (ii) validate the templates for the back-casting of national accounts; (iii) discuss the work to be carried out subsequently.

AFRISTAT-HISWACA NIS Guinea 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 National Institute of Statistics (NIS) 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 component

Six technical support missions were carried out during the second half of 2025.

■ A support mission regarding Guinea's national accounts took place from July 7 to 11, 2025, as part of the process of changing the base year. The mission was led by Mr. Ibrahima Sory, a national accounts expert from AFRISTAT. The work was conducted during a workshop in Kindia.

It enabled the team to: (i) finalize and validate the preliminary reconciliation work; (ii) begin work on supply-use balances and accounts by economic activity; (iii) project intermediate consumption; and (iv) discuss the work to be carried out locally prior to the next mission.

■ The AFRISTAT's national accounts expert conducted a second support mission for Guinea's national accounts from July 31 to August 15, 2025.

The mission made it possible to: (i) validate the final compilation of the 2021 accounts; (ii) present the methodological approach for the back-casting of national accounts; (iii) assess the status of national account series compiled under the 1993 SNA; (iv) examine the need for additional data collection; (v) establish bridge tables; and (vi) discuss the work to be carried out locally in preparation for the next mission.

■ A third mission took place from September 15 to October 3, 2025, as part of the work to change the base year.

Led by Mr. Ibrahima Sory, the mission made it possible to: (i) continue the work of back-casting production-side aggregates for the 2006–2017 period in accordance with the 2008 SNA, using 2018 as the base year; (ii) validate the preliminary reconciliation work carried out by the technical team on the accounts for the current year, 2022; and (iii) discuss the work to be performed on-site in preparation for the next mission.

■ From October 9 to 24, 2025, Mr. Ibrahima Sory undertook a fourth mission. The work was carried out during a retreat in Kindia and enabled the team to:

(i) finalize the back-casting of production-side aggregates; (ii) initiate the reconstruction of the expenditure-side aggregates for the 2006–2017 period, in accordance with the 2008 SNA and using 2018 as the base year; (iii) discuss the work to be undertaken prior to the next mission.

■ A fifth support mission for Guinea's national accounts took place from November 17 to 28, 2025. It was led by Dr. Israël Sawadogo, an associate expert in national accounting at AFRISTAT. The work was conducted during a workshop in Kindia and enabled the team to: (i) validate the work on intermediate consumption projections; (ii) propose innovative tools to accelerate catch-up efforts; (iii) train the technical team in the use of these innovative tools; (iv) carry out the balancing of the Input-Output Table (IOT); (v)

conduct other final synthesis work for the 2022 accounts; (vi) discuss the work to be completed prior to the next mission.

■ The sixth mission to support Guinea's national accounts took place in Conakry from December 8 to 12, 2025, as part of the work to change the base year. It was led by Mr. Malick Diop, an associate expert in national accounting at AFRISTAT. The work was conducted via a workshop in Conakry.

The mission made it possible to: (i) discuss with partners the stages of the process for compiling the 2018 base-year accounts; (ii) assist the technical team in preparing responses to address partners' concerns; (iii) discuss upcoming tasks.

Business statistics component

Two missions were carried out during the second half of 2025.

■ Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, an AFRISTAT expert specializing in business statistics, carried out a technical assistance mission in Conakry from July 28 to August 8, 2025, working with the National Institute of Statistics to support staff in implementing the overhaul of the Industrial Production Index (IPI). The mission provided training to INS staff on: (i) key changes resulting from new United Na-

tions international recommendations regarding the IPI; (ii) incorporating these changes into the redesign of Guinea's IPI, specifically focusing on the implementation stages within the country; and (iii) the system for producing and publishing the Industrial Producer Price Index (IPPI). It also facilitated the development of identification and economic data collection questionnaires for the baseline survey and the establishment of a provisional sample of industrial enterprises.

■ From December 8 to 13, 2025, Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana undertook a technical assistance mission to Kindia to support staff from the Directorate of Economic and Financial Statistics at the INS in establishing the process for creating and managing Guinea's national statistical business register.

The mission made it possible to: (i) train thirteen NIS staff members and five (5) staff members from partner administrative bodies on the process of creating and managing a national statistical business register; (ii) define the scope of the register; and (iii) determine the sources for its creation and the variables to be recorded.

Administrative statistic component

■ A mission led by Mr. Djabar Dine Adechian, a socio-demographic statistics expert from AFRISTAT, accompanied by associate experts

Messrs. Bruno Nouatin, Daouda Zoungana, and Placide Somé, visited Conakry from August 18 to 22, 2025, to work on the preparation of statistical yearbooks for eight Strategy and Development Offices (BSD).

The work took place at the offices of each BSD and enabled the team to: (i) present the framework for processing and presenting yearbook tables to the BSD staff of the Ministry of Information and Communication; (ii) process data from the Ministry of Information and Communication; (iii) present the sector statistical yearbook template to the eight BSDs; (iv) verify the formatting of tables generated during the workshop for the eight BSDs; and (v) draft the sector yearbook for the eight BSDs.

Statistical Surveys component

■ Mr. Ousman Koriko, an associate expert in survey statistics, carried out a technical support mission in Conakry from December 14 to 20, 2025. The mission focused on selecting primary sampling units and preparing for the enumeration phase of the National Survey on Employment and the Informal Sector in Guinea (ENESIG). The work covered: i) a brief review of the ENESIG methodology; ii) a concise presentation of sampling theory and practices; iii) sample selection; and iv) training for household enumeration within enumeration areas.

AFRISTAT–CEMAC Commission Agreement

On May 19, 2025, AFRISTAT and the CEMAC Commission signed an agreement to provide technical assistance under the Project for the Harmonization and Improvement of Statistics in West and Central Africa (HISWACA). This agreement covers the following six areas: national accounts, business statistics, price statistics, national/regional quality assurance frameworks, environmental and climate change statistics, and social statistics and the SDGs.

Business statistics component

■ Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, the AFRISTAT expert responsible for business statistics, carried out technical assistance missions to Cameroon (September 8–12, 2025) and Congo (September 15–19, 2025) — accompanied by officials from the CEMAC Commission — to assess the existing systems for producing and publishing short-term economic indicators in these countries, as part of the project to harmonize business statistics across the six CEMAC member states. This initial mission made it possible to: (i) assess the production and publication systems for each short-term economic indicator produced by the NIS; (ii) evaluate the process for creating and managing the NIS statistical business register; (iii) identify issues related to incorporating NIS-produced short-term indicators into the compilation of annual and quarterly national accounts; and (iv) develop a roadmap for AFRISTAT to assist these two (2) countries in harmonizing their business statistics production systems.

This initial mission made it possible to: (i) assess the production and publication systems for each short-term economic indicator produced by the INS; (ii) evaluate the process for creating and managing the NIS statistical business register; (iii) identify issues related to incorporating INS-pro-

duced short-term indicators into the compilation of annual and quarterly national accounts; and (iv) develop a roadmap for AFRISTAT to assist these two (2) countries in harmonizing their business statistics production systems.

■ Joint AFRISTAT-CEMAC missions were conducted in the Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and Chad from November 3–7, 2025, November 24–28, 2025, December 1st–5, 2025, and December 8–12, 2025, respectively. The objectives of these missions were to assess the systems for producing and publishing short-term economic indicators — generated by the institution as part of the project to harmonize business statistics across the six CEMAC countries.

■ These missions made it possible to: (i) assess the production and publication systems for each short-term economic indicator produced by the NIS; (ii) evaluate the process for creating and managing the NIS's statistical business register; (iii) identify issues related to incorporating the short-term economic indicators produced by the NIS into the compilation of annual and quarterly national accounts; and (iv) develop a roadmap for AFRISTAT to assist these countries in harmonizing their business statistics production systems.

National/regional quality assurance framework component

■ To assess the current state of quality management within the CEMAC zone, the Observatory initiated a series of missions to evaluate the alignment of statistical practices with international standards. These missions were conducted in Congo and Chad from November 9 to 22, 2025, and December 6 to 20, 2025, respectively. In Brazzaville and N'Djamena, the missions took the form of workshops structured around three phases: (i) raising awareness and introducing stakeholders to the quality approach; (ii) assisting them in self-assessing the alignment of their practices with international quality standards; and (iii) refining the self-assessment based on the informed opinions of key experts within the national statistical system. Mr. Nguema Meyé, Director General of AFRISTAT, led these missions, assisted in each instance by an associate expert.



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).

During this semester, three missions were carried out as part of the project.

■ Support for finalizing tools for the Benin labor force survey

A mission under the PAS2 ECOBUSAF-SOCSTAF project, in partnership with INSEE and AFRISTAT, took place in Cotonou from August 25 to September 5, 2025.

The mission made it possible to:

- assist National Institute of Statistique of Benin (INStaD) in establishing its permanent system for monitoring labor market indicators;
- finalize the draft questionnaires;
- finalize the methodology for the baseline survey and quarterly surveys;
- review the note on jobs created.

■ Support for Guinea-Bissau's National Accounts

A technical assistance mission led by Mr. Hevi Kodzo Dodzi, an associate expert, visited Bissau from September 22 to October 10, 2025, as

part of the effort to align Guinea-Bissau's national accounts with the 2008 SNA.

The mission's work made it possible to:

- (i) finalize the supply-and-use balance for 2018–2019, following adjustments to production, imports, margins, indices, and taxes; and (ii) build technical capacity through a "learning-by-doing" approach covering source data processing, the balancing of supply-and-use accounts, pre-reconciliation, and cross-cutting synthesis;
- (iii) improve methodological documentation, with national accountants developing and consolidating technical notes to serve as an internal reference for future compilation cycles;
- (iv) advance work on the 2020 national accounts, including identifying and correcting inconsistencies, systematically reviewing transactions, and harmonizing key aggregates;
- (v) establish a clear roadmap for finalizing the 2020 national accounts by the end of 2025, covering remaining balancing tasks, synthesis work, and validation steps.

■ Closing Forum for the Pan-African Statistics Program II (PAS II 2022–2025)

Mr. Serge Jean Edi, Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT, represented the Observatory at the closing forum for the Pan-African Statistics Program II (PAS II 2022–2025, covering the PAS II Statistical Capacity, ECOBUSAF, SOCSTAF, and UNECA service contracts). The event was organized by STATAFRIC in partnership with Eurostat and held from October 27 to 29, 2025, in Casablanca, Morocco. The forum provided an opportunity to: (i) celebrate and showcase the achievements of PAS II; (ii) highlight national successes through country case studies; (iii) discuss the sustainability of statistical capacities beyond PAS II through regional cooperation, peer reviews, and the exchange of experiences; (iv) promote innovation and digitalization; (v) strengthen statistical governance and communication in support of the credibility of national statistical systems; and (vi) reflect on the future of African statistics beyond 2025, in alignment with Agendas 2063 and 2030.

OTHERS AFRISTAT ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT MISSIONS OF AFRISTAT EXPERTS

BENIN

■ From October 20 to 31, 2025, AFRISTAT conducted a technical assistance mission in Cotonou with INStaD to continue work on establishing a national business register for statistical purposes. Led by Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, the AFRISTAT expert in charge of business statistics, the mission made it possible to (i) process available data from administrative and statistical sources, (ii) set up "Version 0" of Benin's statistical business register, and (iii) develop a roadmap for stabilizing Version 0, establishing the final version of the national statistical business register, and proceeding with the remainder of the implementation process using the TIGRE software application.

■ From December 8 to 12, 2025, a technical assistance mission was carried out in Cotonou with INStaD to continue work on establishing a national business register for statistical purposes in Benin. The mission provided training to eight INStaD staff members and nine (9) representatives from partner organizations on the use of the TIGRE application (IT Technology for Business Register Management).

BURUNDI

■ A mission led by Mr. Ibrahima Sory, a national accounts expert, took place from December

1st to 12, 2025. The mission's activities made it possible to: (i) analyze the institutional and organizational framework regarding national accounts; (ii) describe the working conditions of the national accounts department by assessing human, material, and financial resources; (iii) analyze the current state of national accounts production; (iv) assess the data sources used to compile the national accounts; and (v) identify needs for technical assistance and training on the module.

CABO VERDE

■ Mr. Djabar Dine Adechian, an expert in socio-demographic statistics, undertook a mission to the National Institute of Statistics (INE) in Praia on September 24 and 25, 2025. The mission aimed to support the INE team with data processing, the calculation of indicators, and the drafting of a report on disability statistics based on data from the 2021 General Population and Housing Census.

CENTRAFRIQUE

■ Mr. Djabar Dine Adechian participated in the independent monitoring mission for the Central African Republic's RGPH-4 enumeration from December 15 to 19, 2025. Experts from the national statistical institutes of Benin, the Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Chad, and Togo,

as well as from UNFPA (Guinea), IFORD, and AFRISTAT, took part in this mission.

The objective was to independently monitor the main enumeration process of the RGPH-4 in order to assess its compliance with United Nations principles and recommendations for the 2030 census round and to share lessons learned.

CONGO

■ From October 6 to 10, 2025, AFRISTAT conducted a technical assistance mission in Brazzaville with the INS to support staff from the Directorate of Economic Statistics in establishing the process for creating and managing a national statistical business register for the Congo. Led by Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, the mission made it possible to (i) train nine INS staff members and eleven staff members from partner administrative bodies on the process of creating and managing a national statistical business register, (ii) define the scope of the register, and (iii) determine the sources for its creation and the variables to be recorded.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

■ Mr. Tchadeleki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao, a Price Statistics expert at AFRISTAT, undertook a mission to the National Statistics Agency (ANStat) from November 10 to 21, 2025, to calculate re-

gional consumer price indices as part of the process of compiling regional accounts. By the end of the mission, the following results had been achieved for the 14 districts included in the regional index calculation system: (i) the cleaned price series from March 2024 to September 2025 were reviewed; (ii) the template for calculating base prices was prepared; (iii) the base prices were calculated; (iv) the template for calculating the indices was prepared; and (v) provisional indices for the period from February to September 2025 were calculated.

GABON

■ From August 21 to 26, 2025, Mr. Sansan Honkounne Kambou, an AFRISTAT expert in survey data processing, carried out a support mission in Libreville for the team at the General Directorate of Statistics (DGS) responsible for compiling national accounts. The mission's work made it possible to reprocess the various EGEP II databases and generate a household final consumption vector that addresses shortcomings in the estimates produced in 2021 — specifically by incorporating spending on festivities and ceremonies and breaking down the consumption vector into market consumption, own-account consumption, and donations or gifts received in kind.

BISSAU GUINEA

■ Mr. Tchadeleki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao undertook a mission to the National Institute of Sta-

tistics of Bissau Guinea (INE) from September 22 to October 3, 2025, to build the capacity of INE staff regarding the use of all PHOENIX-UEMOA modules.

The workshop yielded the following results: (i) all application functionalities and the sequence of tasks for producing the Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI) — including the utility module — were presented in a concrete and practical manner; (ii) price statisticians gained a solid understanding of the features and functionalities of the PHOENIX software ; (iii) Price statisticians are trained in the use of all application modules, with the exception of the dissemination module; (iv) Data for the fourth week of September 2025 are prepared and transferred from the CAPI system; (v) Indices for September 2025 are processed and calculated within the Phoenix application; (vi) National staff are able to utilize all functionalities and independently continue IHPC production operations using the new application and the CAPI system.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

■ A SADC mission, in partnership with AFRISTAT, visited Kinshasa from August 19 to 22, 2025, to assess the national accounts with a view to changing the base year, migrating to the 2008 SNA, and implementing the ERETES software.

The mission was led by Mr. Deepchandsingh Jagai, Head of the Statistics and Research Department at SADC, and Mr. Ibrahima Sory, a na-

tional accounts expert from AFRISTAT. Specifically, the mission's work made it possible to: (i) analyze the institutional and organizational framework regarding national accounts; (ii) describe the working conditions of the national accounts unit by assessing human, material, and financial resources; (iii) analyze the current state of national accounts production; (iv) take stock of the data sources used to compile the national accounts; (v) identify needs for technical assistance and training on the ERETES module; and (vi) propose a strategy for carrying out the work of changing the base year.

SÉNÉGAL

■ Mr. Ibrahima Sory, a national accounts expert, participated in a workshop held in Dakar from October 27 to 31, 2025. The workshop involved a peer and expert review — conducted by partner institutions — of the results regarding the shift to the 2021 base year for Senegal's national accounts, in accordance with the 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA).

The workshop proceedings made it possible to: (i) analyze the preliminary results of the 2021 base-year accounts; (ii) analyze the extent to which 2008 SNA recommendations were incorporated; (iii) examine the coverage of data sources used to compile the national accounts for the new base year; (iv) review the methods used to calculate the various aggregates; and (v) formulate operational recommendations — both general and technical — following the review of the results.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

AFRISTAT took part in international meetings organized by its partners

N°	Events	Period	Location	Organizers
1	38 th Meeting of the Conference of Directors of Studies of African Statistical Schools	July 3, 2025	Paris	CODESA
2	Meeting on political commitment and advocacy for the harmonization and improvement of statistics	July 8-11, 2025	Dakar	WORLD BANK
3	Forum on administrative data sources	July 9-11, 2025	Casablanca	STATAFRIC
4	Regional workshop on harmonizing short-term employment surveys	July 21-29, 2025	Ouagadougou	ECOWAS
5	Regional workshop on agricultural statistics data	July 21-25, 2025	Brazzaville	CEMAC
6	Training-of-trainers workshop for EHCVM surveys	July 28 - August 1 st , 2025	Libreville	CEMAC/WAEMU
7	1 st Joint Ordinary Meeting of WAMA and ECOWAS	August 4-6, 2025	Virtuelle	WAMA/ECOWAS
8	Regional training workshop on input-output models	August 14-18, 2025	Ouagadougou	WAEMU
9	Meeting of the African Union Specialized Technical Group	August 18-20, 2025	Dar es Salam	STATAFRIC

N°	Events	Period	Location	Organizers
10	Regional technical capacity-building workshop on sampling or the CPI	August 18-22, 2025	Lagos	ECOWAS
11	Meeting of the African Union Specialized Technical Group (STG-17)	September 10-12, 2025	Kigali	UA/BAD
12	Meeting of expert coordinators of national statistical systems from CEMAC member states	September 15-18, 2025	Djibloho	CEMAC
13	2 nd Methodological Workshop on Remittance Estimation	September 17-19, 2025	Abidjan	African Institute for Remittances (AIR)
14	11 th Session of the Sub-regional Statistics Committee	September 22-23, 2025	Djibloho	CEMAC
15	11 th Session of the ISSEA Scientific Council	September 26-27, 2025	Djibloho	ISSEA
16	Regional Technical Workshop on Developing Household Data Collection Tools	September 29 - October 3, 2025	Abuja	ECOWAS
17	3 rd Ordinary Session of the WAEMU ISWACA Steering Committee	October 2-3, 2025	Ouagadougou	WAEMU
18	Assessment of the Sports Industry's Contribution to the Economy	October 6-17, 2025	Dakar	ANSD/AFRISTAT
19	Regional Training Workshop on NSU Data Processing	October 27-31, 2025	N'Djaména	CEMAC
20	Annual Meeting of Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs)	November 4-6, 2025	Virtuelle	ECA
21	Regional training workshop for experts from WAEMU member states on Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) models	November 10-14, 2025	Cotonou	WAEMU
22	29 th session of the African Commission on Agricultural Statistics (ACAS)	November 24-28, 2025	Hammamet	FAO
23	7 th statutory meeting of the ShaSA2 Executive Committee	November 26-28, 2025	Addis Ababa	UA
24	20 th session of the African Statistical Coordination Committee	December 1 st -2, 2025	Addis Ababa	ECA
25	19 th Committee of Directors General of National Statistical Offices of the African Union	December 3-5, 2025	Addis Ababa	STATAFRIC

NEWS FROM NATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTES

CAMEROON

www.ins-cameroun.cm

■ A presentation and official launch ceremony for the Open SDG Platform took place on September 17, 2025, in Yaoundé.

■ The NIS launched the activities for the 7th Edition of the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS-7) in Cameroon in the third quarter of 2025.

GABON

www.instatgabon.org

■ On December 5, 2025, Mr. Symolin Ondo Meto'o and Ms. Jeannine Laure Bakenda

(borned Ibala), respectively Director General and Deputy Director General of Gabon's National Institute of Statistics, were sworn in before the Court of Cassation in Libreville.

■ From October 1st to November 15, 2025, the Central Census Bureau carried out: (i) preparatory work to upgrade the entire Census-Pilot system; (ii) household enumeration in the sectors and the creation of the database; and (iii) the evaluation and improvement of the tools used during the pilot census.

■ As part of conducting the first satisfaction survey among users and producers of official statistics, the Directorate of Studies, Statistical Coordination, and Information Technology or-

ganized a workshop from November 27 to December 6, 2025, to adapt and validate the technical documents and the data collection application.

■ From November 10 to December 14, 2025, the Directorate of Demographic Statistics conducted an assessment and mapping of civil registry offices in Gabon in order to evaluate the current state of the civil registration system and map these offices across the entire national territory.

■ The Directorate of Demographic Statistics organized a workshop from December 17 to 20, 2025, to validate the national strategy for labor market data collection.

MALI

www.instat-gov.ml

■ Mali's National Statistical System organized the 16th technical session of the Annual Review of the Statistical Master Plan (SDS) on August 12 and 13, 2025, in Bamako.

■ On October 20, 2025, Mali celebrated the 4th World Statistics Day (WSD) under the theme: "Driving change through quality statistics and data for all."

■ On November 18, Mali celebrated the 35th African Statistics Day (ASD) at the Rural Polytechnic Institute for Training and Applied Research (IPR-IFRA) in Katibougou. The event was held under the theme: "Leveraging innovations and improving data quality, with the ultimate ambition of contributing to the building of a just, prosperous, and inclusive Mali."

NIGER

www.stat-niger.sn

■ The NIS presents its statistical booklet at the celebration of International Human Rights Day, observed every December 10.

■ During the last quarter of 2025, the NIS organized two technical workshops with the support of the World Bank, as part of the HISWACA project. These workshops focused on institutional anchoring and SDG targeting.

■ In early the fourth quarter of 2025, the INS published and disseminated the general analysis report on Niger's first General Census of Enterprises.

SENEGAL

www.ansd.sn

■ The ANSD has developed a platform that digitizes the entire application process for the National Identification Number for Businesses and Associations (NINEA) using e-Ninea — an online platform designed to digitize all procedures related to obtaining, modifying, and looking up the NINEA.

■ On November 18, 2025, in Thies, the ANSD organized a Regional Development Committee meeting dedicated to presenting regional statistics and discussing their use in local planning.

■ The official presentation of the 2021 re-basing results took place on November 25, 2025. The "2021 Rebasing" operation — the product of extensive, meticulous technical work carried out by ANSD experts — represents a vital modernization of the country's economic information system.

■ From November 4 to 6, 2025, the ANSD organized a workshop to launch the process of developing the National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF) for public statistics in Senegal.

TOGO

www.togostat.org

■ The Board of Directors of the National Institute of Statistics and Economic and Demographic Studies (INSEED) held its second ordinary session of 2025 on August 1st, 2025, under the chairmanship of Mr. Edem A. Kétoglo, Economic Advisor to the President of the Board and Chairman of the said Board.

■ Togo, through INSEED, has undertaken an ambitious process to rebase its national accounts — taking place in Lomé from August 4 to 8, 2025 — in order to better reflect the structural transformations of its economy.

■ On December 30, 2025, the INSEED organized a workshop in Lomé to validate the 2024 national statistical yearbook, attended by stakeholders from the National Statistical System.

■ On November 18, 2025, Togo joined the African community in celebrating the 35th edition of African Statistics Day (ASD) in Sokodé, under the theme: "Leveraging data and statistical innovations to promote a just, peaceful, inclusive, and prosperous society for Africans." The event was held in conjunction with the 4th World Statistics Day, commemorated on October 20.

■ From September 23 to October 4, 2025, INSEED organized a workshop — with financial support from the United Nations Development Program, to code economic activities based on data from the fifth General Census of Population and Housing.

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Addis Ababa, October 19-23, 2026

Tenth Session of the Statistical Commission for Africa and Twelfth Session of UN-GGIM

Paris, December 2-3, 2026

PARIS21 Fall Meetings

Freetown, October 28-30, 2026

29th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICSOE) for West Africa

Abuja, December 7-10, 2026

8th Executive Committee of SHaSA2

Riyadh, November 9-12, 2026

UN World Data Forum

Abuja, December 11-12, 2026

21st African Statistical Coordination Committee (ASCC)

November 2026

51st meeting of the AFRISTAT Steering Committee

Abuja, December 14-16, 2026

20th Session of the Committee of Directors General of the National Statistics Offices (CoDGs)

INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

INNOVATION IN DATA COLLECTION IN BURKINA FASO

The INSD is modernizing the conduct of surveys through a dedicated call center.

Against a backdrop of the need to produce reliable, accessible statistical data in record time, the National Institute of Statistics and Demography (INSD) has reached a significant milestone in modernizing its data collection systems by establishing a call center dedicated to statistical surveys.

The survey-dedicated call center relies on the Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) method, an innovative approach that enables direct, remote interviewing of households and businesses. This data collection method offers several advantages, notably real-time supervision of operations, a significant reduction in logistics costs, and improved coverage of hard-to-reach areas.

Through this initiative, the INSD aims to diversify its data collection methods in order to effectively address challenges related to interviewer mobility, security constraints, and the need for rapid data availability. The call center also helps strengthen quality control through the instant validation of responses, thereby improving the reliability and consistency of the official statistics produced.

The integration of this system aligns fully with the objectives of the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS), which positions digitalization and innovation as key drivers for modernizing the National Statistical System (NSS). It reflects the INSD's commitment to providing a public data service that is more efficient, more inclusive, and better suited to the demands of evidence-based governance.

Furthermore, the call center enables the optimization of financial resources by reducing expenses associated with travel and field-work, while simultaneously improving the operational efficiency of large-scale surveys.

This infrastructure also serves as a tool for promoting technological innovation within the National Statistical System.

Data-producing entities wishing to utilize this facility to conduct surveys or specific statistical operations can benefit from the INSD's expertise and services.

Equipped with state-of-the-art hardware and a high-speed internet connection, the call center also provides a suitable setting for organizing training sessions on data collection, survey management, and statistical technologies.

Ultimately, this call center will not be limited to conducting telephone surveys. It will also facilitate post-survey follow-up, data validation, and communication with respondents. In doing so, it paves the way for an integrated data collection ecosystem that combines digital technologies, artificial intelligence, and enhanced collaboration among the stakeholders of the National Statistical System.



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