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The activities carried out by the Economic and Statistical Observatory of Sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT) during the first three quarters of 2022 are numerous and varied. There have been many changes at the head of the national statistical institutes of the Member States.

During the period under review, AFRISTAT carried out missions to mobilize resources and collect technical assistance needs for 2022 from Member States. It also honored its statutory obligations, relaunched the "young statisticians" program, carried out training and technical support missions, strengthened partnerships and renovated its website.

As part of the coordination missions, seven countries received the visit of the Director General of AFRISTAT who sensitized the authorities met on the need to redouble efforts to provide the Observatory

with financial resources compatible with the expected results of the organization. With the stakeholders in the statistical systems of these countries, the technical assistance needs by type and area were collected.

To comply with its institutional obligations, General Management organized the 44th meeting of the Management Committee, which marked the resumption of the organization of face-to-face statutory meetings. During this meeting, the report on the implementation of AFRISTAT's annual action plan for 2021 and the related budget were mainly adopted, the terms of reference for the recruitment of the Director General of AFRISTAT for the period 2024-2027 and the Consultant responsible for conducting the study on AFRISTAT's long-term strategic orientations after 2025 were reviewed and validated. It should also be noted that the Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT recruited in 2021 formally took office in January 2022. At the institutional level, four national statistics institutes of the Member States have recorded the replacement of their first manager.

Interrupted in 2021, AFRISTAT's young statisticians program resumed in 2022 with the reception of the 2nd promotion composed of five new graduates from African schools of statistics and demography. The latter were mainly involved in updating databases, renovating the AFRISTAT website and assisting experts from the Observatory in the context of their work.

With regard to statistical capacity building activities, technical assistance missions, as well as training and experience sharing workshops were organized. The main areas covered by these actions are: price statistics, business statistics, the economic situation, national accounts, the NSDS, the SDG indicators and the digital economy.

With regard to partnerships, they were strengthened through cross-participation in the statutory and technical meetings of organizations, the carrying out of joint activities, the monitoring and execution of development projects entrusted to AFRISTAT by various partners. These include the FAO, Expertise France, INSEE, PARIS21, UNECA and a few Member States. The development of partnerships refers to ongoing negotiations with a few organizations and Member States. In this context, projects have been implemented, in particular with the FAO and Djibouti.

In order to improve its visibility, AFRISTAT has renovated its website with the regular updating of the information it contains, the addition of new headings which make it possible to better understand AFRISTAT and the establishment of links with the country websites.

For the next few months, it will be imperative to finalize and disseminate AFRISTAT's Strategic Work Plan for the period 2022-2025 and seek sufficient resources to finance its implementation. The announced recruitments will be initiated or finalized and the mandates and other missions of the selected candidates will gradually come into effect.

Paul-Henri NGUEMA MEYE
Director General of AFRISTAT

AFRISTAT NEWS

Visits

During the period under review, Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé, Director General of AFRISTAT, paid courtesy and working visits to Member States



■ BURUNDI

The Director General of AFRISTAT stayed in Bujumbura from March 19 to 24, 2022 for a mission to inform, mobilize resources and collect Burundi's technical assistance needs in 2022. A report was made to the new President of the Council of Ministers (PCM) on AFRISTAT activities carried out in recent years and the material conditions in which they were implemented. It gave opportunity to present the main challenges that the institution will face during the mandate which runs from January

2022 to December 2023. At the same time, the mission discussed with the PCM the hope that Burundi will continue with its annual rate of contributions payment. In addition, Burundi's technical assistance needs addressed to AFRISTAT for the year 2022 have been collected. On the sidelines of the meetings with ISTEEBU, the mission paid a courtesy visit to the Institute of Applied Statistics (ISTA) of Burundi to inquire about the working and organizational conditions within this training establishment.



■ GABON

From February 20 to 28, 2022, Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé stayed in Libreville for a mission of coordination, mobilization of resources and collection of Gabon's technical assistance needs in 2022. In As regards statistical coordination, an update was given on the activities carried out within the framework of the project implemented by AFRISTAT and

the modalities for its acceleration. Non-project support needs were also highlighted and implementation methods outlined. With regard to resource mobilization, the Director General monitored the amount of contributions committed as contributions to the 2016-2025 AFRISTAT Fund for Gabon on the 2021 financial year.

■ EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé carried out, from April 22 to 30, 2022 in Malabo, a mission to mobilize resources, clarify and collect the technical support needs of the Equatorial Guinea NSS for 2022. Regarding the mobilization of resources, the Director General of AFRISTAT met Mrs. Constantina Bindang Ndong Okiri, Secretary of State to the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Planning of Equatorial Guinea. He began by thanking the member of the Government for his effort to contribute to the AFRISTAT Fund at the beginning of 2022.

With regard to the specification of technical assistance needs, the mission worked with INEGE and identified requests for (i) the development of a national quality assurance framework, (ii) the processing and analysis of data from the latest Business Census, (iii) the development of a methodological document on



the indicators produced in Equatorial Guinea and (iv) support for the digitization of the data collection of the CPI.

■ GUINEA

From May 9 to 13, 2022, the Director General of AFRISTAT carried out a mission to Conakry to mobilize resources and respond to the request for statistical capacity building by the new General Directorate of the NSO of Guinea. Mr. Nguema Meyé was received successively by the following authorities: Dr. Karamoko Kaba, Governor of the Central Bank of the Republic of Guinea, Dr. Lanciné Conde, Minister of Economy, Finance and Planning and Mr. Saikou Amadou Diallo, Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister.

Taking into account the wishes of his authorities, Mr. Makan Doumbouya, the new Director General of the NSO, worked with AFRISTAT team to define technical assistance priorities in the areas of price statistics, national accounts, business statistics, statistical coordination and socio-demographic statistics. The parties agreed to establish a support program over several months for the benefit of the staff of Guinea's NSO.



■ MADAGASCAR

AFRISTAT's Director General carried out a statistical coordination and resource mobilization mission in Antananarivo from June 11 to 18, 2022. As part of statistical coordination, Mr. Nguema Meyé attended launching activities of Madagascar's NSDS 2022-2030 developed with support of PARIS21. In this context, he participated in advocacy actions for the strengthening of national statistical capacities carried out towards the government, parliament

and technical and financial partners living in the country.

During this stay, the Director General of AFRISTAT had the privilege of being received in audience by Mrs. Rindra Hasimbelo Rabarinirinarison, Minister of Economy and Finance of Madagascar. The Director General of NSO of Madagascar, the Regional Coordinator of PARIS21 and the PARIS21's NSDS consultant took part.



■ COMOROS

The statistical coordination missions of AFRISTAT's Director General continued in Moroni from June 19 to 23, 2022. On this occasion, he was received by the national authorities, in particular by Dr. Imani Younoussa, Mr. Yahaya Ahmed Houmadi and Mr. Goulame Fouady respectively Governor of the Central Bank of the Comoros, Secretary General of the Ministry of Finance and Commissioner General for Planning. Discussions mainly focused on improving quality of statistical production and resources mobilization. Mr. Nguema Meyé also visited the

technical and financial partners based in the Comoros to find out about their local support in the field of statistics and solicit their support for the development of statistical production. Working sessions were organized with MM. François Bataingaya, Pierre Beziz, Boubacar Sidiki Walbani and Dr Boni-Ouattara Edith, respectively Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System, Resident Representative of the European Union, Resident Representative of the World Bank and Head of the UNFPA Office.

BENIN

Mr. Paul Henri Nguema Meyé, paid a visit to Cotonou, from September 5 to 14, 2022. He held several working sessions with the Director General of NSO (INSTAD), Mr. Laurent Mahounou Hounsa and the technical Directors.

The discussions focused on cooperation between the two institutions and the collection of INSTAD assistance needs for 2023. Particular attention was paid to work to improve the quality of short-term activity indicators with the consideration of account of informal activities. In addition, the Director General of AFRISTAT obtained an interview with Mrs. Armelle Coralie Ahamide Meangoua, Secretary General of the Ministry of Development

and Coordination of Government Action before the latter introduced him to the Cabinet of her hierarchy Mr. the Minister of State Abdoulaye Bio Tchane. During this audience, attended by Mr. Mahounou Hounsa, the Director General of AFRISTAT presented the results achieved by AFRISTAT over the past three years and recalled the constraints encountered since the advent of covid-19. After the request for continued support from Benin to AFRISTAT, the Minister of State provided valuable advice to the mission while promising that his country would respect the commitments made to the Observatory. On the sidelines of these meetings, the Director General of AFRISTAT made a plea to technical and financial partners for enhanced support for statis-



tics. He thus had working sessions with the representations of GIZ, UNDP, FAO and the World Bank.

Arrivals



Taking office of the Deputy Director General

■ Mr. Serge Jean Edi, appointed by the AFRISTAT Council of Ministers on December 16, 2021, to the position of Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT for the period 2022-2025, effectively took office on January 3, 2022. He has been working at AFRISTAT since June 2011, in the positions of senior economist expert and head of Economic statistics and Macroeconomic Department. Engineer Statistician Economist, graduated (1996) of the National School of Statistics and Applied

Economics (ENSEA) in Abidjan, after that of statistical engineer (1989), he began his career in 1990 at the NSO of Côte d'Ivoire where he had held several positions of responsibility including: Director of Statistics and Economic Synthesis Department (2003-2007). He then served at UNDP Rwanda as an advisor to the Director General of NSO in economic statistics (2008-2009). He was also a consultant in real sector statistics for the WAEMU Commission and AFRITAC West (FMI).

Second promotion of "young statistician program"

■ As part of its "young statisticians" program, AFRISTAT has just recruited the second class of young people recently graduated from schools of statistics and demography in Africa. The five recruits of the year 2022 are presented in the table below:

The interested parties stayed at AFRISTAT from March to September 2022 in Bamako. They were involved in work contributing to improving AFRISTAT's visibility in general and also contributed to research-related activities.

Name	Nationality	School
Diarra Ousmane	Malian	ENSAE (Dakar)
Kaba Sidiki	Guinean	IFORD (Yaoundé)
Konga Mangaya Jonas	Congolese	ENSEA (Abidjan)
Djepi Tounkap Josiane Fanny	Cameroonian	ISSEA (Yaoundé)
Gbadoe Arnold Folly	Togolese	ISSEA (Yaoundé)

They participated particularly in several activities of the General Management including the renovation of the website, the development of the documen-

tary base and the feeding of Database "super Jupiter". We wish them a good continuation of their professional career.

Nomination

Appointment in the National Statistical Offices of the Member States



GUINEA

Mr. Makani Doumbouya has a Doctorate in economics. He also holds a degree of Engineer Statistician Economist from the National School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA) in Abidjan. On March 14, 2022, he was appointed Director General of the NSO of Guinea. Prior to his appointment, he worked at the Central Bank of the Republic of Guinea which he joined on October 1, 2010.

NIGER

Ms. Takoubakoye Aminata Boureima is a graduate of the National School of Administration (France). She has a Master's degree in Public Finance from the University of Strasbourg and a State Engineer's degree in Statistics and Applied Economics from the Institute National Statistics and Applied Economics (INSEA).



BISSAU GUINEA

Mr. Roberto Viera is an Economist Statistician with a "Master of Sciences in Economics" specializing in macroeconomic statistics. He was appointed on August 4, 2022 as the Director General of NSO of Bissau Guinea. Mr. Viera has held several positions of responsibility including: Director of the Economic and Financial Statistics Department.



SENEGAL

Mr. Aboubacar Sédikh Beye is an Engineer Statistician Economist. He was appointed on September 28, 2022 as the new Director General of the NSO. Mr. Beye was Director General of the NSO from August 2014 to September 2017 before being appointed CEO of the Autonomous Port of Dakar from September 2017 to September 2022.



Ms. Takoubakoye was appointed on August 11, 2022, to the position of Director General of NSO of Niger. Prior to this appointment, she was, among other things, Minister of Communication, New Information Technologies and Culture; National Expert at the Central Census Bureau.

Activities of the Directorate General

Webinar 8th PARIS21 / AFRISTAT / INSEE / UNECA conference on economic censuses and business directories

AFRISTAT, in partnership with INSEE, PARIS 21 and UNECA organized, on February 8 and 9, 2022, the 8th webinar conference on economic censuses and business registers: strategies implemented and for what needs? This webinar is part of the initiative of these institutions to organize a cycle of operational and methodolo-

gical conferences which aims to encourage constructive exchanges of experience between the NSOs around common subjects.

This conference was moderated in two sessions of 1h30 each by panelists from AFRISTAT, NSOs from Benin, Cameroon, Mali, Senegal and Tunisia to share their experiences. It was atten-

ded by more than a hundred NSO executives from AFRISTAT Member States and the Maghreb.

The expert in charge of business statistics presented a communication on the work of AFRISTAT in the organization of General Business Censuses (RGE) in the Member States.

Webinar on the themes "Work and inequalities" and "Women's and children's health" in relation to the SDGs by young statisticians

AFRISTAT organized on February 15, 2022 a webinar presenting the work of young statisticians recruited on the SDG Monitoring Support Project in Africa (SODDA) implemented from 2017 to 2020, managed and coordinated by AFRISTAT and Expertise France with the technical support from INSEE. The discussions were conducted in French and in two sessions of 1 hour each under the moderation of Dr Steve

Bertrand Mboko Ibara, Provisional Administrator of IFORD.

The webinar dealt with issues related to the SDGs, specifically focused on the themes "Work and inequalities" and "Women's and children's health".

Session 1: Work and inequalities

Two presentations on work and inequalities

based on data from the Integrated Regional Survey on Employment and the Informal Sector and data from a sample of employees in the Ivorian economy were the subject of this session.

Session 2: Women's and children's health

The two presentations of this session focused on the indicators of the 2030 agenda in relation to women and children in Mali and Burkina Faso.

Capacity building workshop on the Consumption Price Indexes (CPI) Manual

Mr. Tchadéléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao, expert in Price Statistics, participated from July 18 to 22, 2022 in Lomé (Togo), in the capacity building workshop on the Consumption Price Indexes (CPI) Manual. This workshop, organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for price

experts from member countries of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) brought together some twenty participants, Member States, executives of the Commission as well as representatives of the Central Bank of West African States and AFRISTAT.

The workshop made it possible to train price experts from WAEMU Member States on the new international recommendations relating to the 2020 manual for the production of CPIs the IMF facilitated the various modules.

44th Meeting of the AFRISTAT Management Committee

AFRISTAT's Management Committee held its 44th meeting on April 8 and 9, 2022, in Yaoundé, Cameroon, under the chairmanship of Mr Blaise Bienvenu ALI, Director General of the Central Africa Republic NSO, current Chairman of the said Committee.

Mr Alamine Ousmane Mey, Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development of the Republic of Cameroon, opened the proceedings. The Minister recalled, among other things, the importance of statistics for monitoring the commitments of African States with regard to the 2030 and 2063 agendas, as well as the African Continental Free Trade Area.

The rest of the work focused on the review of the implementation of the 2021 action plan and the execution of the 2021 budget. The Committee also examined the contributions of

Member States to the AFRISTAT Funds, a draft recruitment notice for the position of Director General of AFRISTAT for the period 2024–2027 and draft recruitment notice for a consulting firm to conduct a strategic study of AFRISTAT by 2035.

Regarding the implementation of the 2021 action plan, the overall rate of physical execution of activities for the year is estimated at 66.6%, up from its level a year earlier. This recovery, a year after the advent of the covid-19 pandemic, is explained by the good adaptation of the Observatory to teleworking and the partial lifting of travel restrictions.

On the status of contributions to the AFRISTAT Funds, the Committee expressed its congratulations to the countries that have fully fulfilled their commitments under the AFRISTAT Fund 2016-

2025. He also praised the efforts made by the other countries which regularly make payments to the Fund and encouraged them to continue this dynamic. The Committee also invited the General Management to expedite awareness-raising and advocacy missions with the authorities of Member States that are late in paying their contributions to the various AFRISTAT Funds with a view to releasing their quotas.

With regard to the draft recruitment notice for a consulting firm to conduct a strategic study of AFRISTAT by 2035, the Committee authorized the General Management to launch this recruitment as soon as possible.

Finally, the Committee also authorized the General Management to publish the recruitment notice for the post of Director General of AFRISTAT for the period 2024–2027.

Seminars on the economic situation in the first half of 2022 and short and medium term macroeconomic forecasts

During the first half of 2022, two seminars were organized to take stock of the recent economic situation and short- and medium-term macroeconomic forecasts in the States and to allow exchanges and sharing of experience between the participants.

■ AFRISTAT, AFRITAC West and the WAEMU Commission organized the traditional seminar on the economic situation for the first half of 2022 and the medium-term forecasts 2022-2025 for the benefit of West African Member States. It took place from May 30 to June 3, 2022 in Ouagadougou.

All WAEMU member states were represented by participants in charge of economic analysis and macroeconomic forecasting. The representatives of Guinea followed the proceedings by videoconference. Experts from the Central Bank of Republic of Guinea (BCRG), AFRISTAT, West AFRITAC, the West African Monetary Agency

(WAMA), the United Nations Economic Commission for West Africa (ECA BSR-AO), Central Bank of West Africa and WAEMU Commission also took part in the meeting. The main objective of the seminar was to take stock of recent economic conditions and macroeconomic forecasts for 2022-2025 in the States and to

allow exchanges and sharing of experiences between participants. The capacities of sixteen country experts were strengthened through institutional presentations and sharing of country experiences on the effects of current inflation on countries and response measures.

■ A seminar on the economic situation in the first half of 2022 and short-term macroeconomic

forecasts in CEMAC Member States, DR Congo, Burundi, Comoros, Sao Tome and Principe, Djibouti and Madagascar, organized jointly by CEMAC Commission, AFRISTAT and AFRITAC Center, was held from June 6 to 10, 2022 in Douala, Cameroon.

CEMAC Member States (face-to-face) as well as DR Congo, Djibouti, Burundi, Sao Tome and Principe and Madagascar (on line) were represented

by participants in charge of economic analysis and macroeconomic forecasting.

Sao Tome and Principe was represented by its Central Bank.

The capacities of twenty-four country executives were strengthened through the presentations of the institutions and the sharing of country experiences on the effects of current inflation on countries and response measures.

Regional workshop to prepare for the change of base year of the Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI) in WAEMU member states

MM. Tchadéléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao and Sansan Honkounne Kambou, respectively expert in Price Statistics and expert in data processing participated from May 16 to 20, 2022 in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), in the regional workshop to prepare for the change of base year of the Harmonized

Consumption Price Index (HCPI) in WAEMU member states. This workshop, organized by the WAEMU Commission, brought together around twenty participants, price experts from the Member States, executives from the Commission as well as representatives from the BCEAO, AFRI-

STAT, the AfDB and the IMF. It made it possible to define the methodological bases for the development of the new HCPI. This workshop received technical support from AFRISTAT, BCEAO, AfDB and IMF to develop the various predefined modules.

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

The period under review was marked by administrative and financial supervision missions.

The closing missions of the RSP-WAEMU project were carried out in the following countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau, Niger, Senegal and Togo.

At the end of these missions:

• the statement of expenses incurred within

the framework of project activities and justified to AFRISTAT has been established;

• the remainder of the project resources which must be transferred to AFRISTAT has been released;

• the situation of the fixed assets of the project

has been established;

• the supporting documents have been collected;

• recommendations, to facilitate the audit of the project, were made to the NSOs.

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 Statistical Office (INSTAD) in the areas of national accounts, business statistics, price statistics, social accounting matrix (SAM) and foreign trade statistics. The project resulting from this agreement is financed by the World Bank.

Price statistics component

■ Mr Tchadéléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao, Expert in price statistics at AFRISTAT led an online training on the methodology for collecting, cleaning data and calculating consumer price indices (CPI) with the executives responsible for the production of the CPI at the National statistical office (NSO) of Djibouti (INSTAD) from February 13 to 21, 2022.

The webinar brought together around ten participants, mainly from the INSTAD price department. INSTAD staff were trained on: (i) the theoretical bases of the CPI; (ii) the different types of CPI; (iii) The concepts of varieties, products, and series; (iv) CPI management; (v) determination of basic prices, weightings, taking into account the seasonality of products; (vi) linking and retropolation of CPIs; (vii) method of collecting CPIs; (viii) calculation of basic and community CPIs; (ix) analysis of indices and their publication.

■ MM. Tchadéléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao and Issoufou Meité, respectively Expert in Price Statistics and IT Expert at AFRISTAT carried out a mission at INSTAD in Djibouti, from March 14 to 22, 2022. The objective of the mission was to train INSTAD executives in installation, use and maintenance of Phoenix application. This mission made it possible to (i) install Phoenix application; (ii) train IT staff to maintain the application; (iii) train price statisticians on the features and functions of Phoenix software.

■ Mr. Tchadéléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao, expert in price statistics at AFRISTAT, carried out a mission to INSTAD from June 5 to 16, 2022. The objective of this mission was to determine the weigh-

ing structures that will be used for the calculation of the new 2022 base CPI. The results of the EDAM survey carried out in 2017 were used to determine these weightings.

The mission made it possible to: (i) determine the weighting structures of varieties, positions, sub-groups, groups and functions; (ii) stabilize the list of varieties at the national level and (iii) prepare the weight files for import into Phoenix application.

Macroeconomics

■ AFRISTAT carried out a diagnostic mission to Djibouti from February 6 to 10, 2022 led by Mr. Serge Jean Edi, Deputy Director General and Mr. Houssoubé Fata, Associate Expert. This mission was carried out to better identify the needs of the Department of Economy and Planning (DEP). It consisted in a brief diagnosis of the macroeconomic and budgetary framework mechanism which led to the proposal of a roadmap. This contains an outline of action plan to strengthen the institutional and technical capacities of the Djibouti DEP.

National accounts

■ An AFRISTAT mission carried out by Ibrahima Sory, National Accounts Expert, took place from March 14 to 24, 2022 in Djibouti.

The overall objective of the mission was to initiate work to catch up on the national accounts. Thus, the work of the mission made it possible to (i) finalize the national accounts for 2014, using the ERETES tool; (ii) recall the steps for processing data sources with ERETES; (iii) review the processing of sources carried out for the accounts for the year 2015; discuss future work.

■ An AFRISTAT mission carried out by Mr. Ibrahima Sory, expert in national accounting, took place from June 19 to 30, 2022 in Djibouti. The overall objective of the mission was to initiate work to catch up on the national accounts.

Thus, the work of the mission made it possible to (i) finalize and validate the processing of data sources for the final accounts of 2015, using the ERETES tool; (ii) start loading data sources for the year 2015; (iii) initiate pre-arbitration work on transactions in goods and services in 2015; (iv) update the data of the quick accounts model for the year 2021; (v) exchange on work in perspective.

External trade statistics

■ Two AFRISTAT missions carried out by Elhadji Omar Senghor, Associate Expert in Foreign Trade Statistics, took place in Djibouti from January 23 to February 3, 2022 and from March 13 to 24, 2022. The objectives of these missions were to support INSTAD executives in consolidating the achievements of Eurotrace, solving problems and setting the dimensions of the Djibouti domain for the processing of customs data with Eurotrace. At the end of these missions, the following results were obtained: (i) the components of the Djibouti domain for the processing of foreign trade data with Eurotrace are well understood; (ii) the achievements for the processing of foreign trade data with Eurotrace are consolidated; (iii) customs procedures transcribed and configured in type of trade; (iv) the Djibouti MS ACCESS domain has been created; (v) validation rules have been implemented; (vi) customs declarations have been imported and (viii) extractions via the "context browser" have been deepened.

FAO project to assist in methodological development and capacity building in the area of SDG indicators 2.3.1 and 2.3.2

AFRISTAT signed a memorandum of understanding with the FAO, as part of assistance for methodological development and capacity building in the area of SDG indicators 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 in two AFRISTAT member countries.

■ The Program is implemented by AFRISTAT in two of its Member States.

Technical assistance will aim to:

i- Contribute to the finalization of the methodology of the SDG indicator 2.3.1 and the methodological tools concerning the SDG indicators 2.3.1 and 2.3.2;

ii- Strengthen the capacities of African statisticians in the collection, processing, analysis of data and dissemination of SDG 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 indicators aimed at measuring trends in the productivity and income of small food producers. The first activities implemented within the framework of this program will make it possible to identify the two pilot countries to take part in the program. The joint AFRISTAT and FAO team contacted seven (7) countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Madagascar, Mali, Niger and Togo) in order to have information on agricultural statistics to calculate the indicators SDGs 2.3.1 and 2.3.2.

Five criteria were used to choose the two pilot countries:

- Interest and availability to participate;
- Regular conduct of an agricultural survey;
- Availability and accessibility of microdata;
- Calendar of the next agricultural survey;
- Possibility of including variables in the next agricultural survey.

The analysis of data availability prompted the

organization of virtual meetings with four countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger).

■ During the third quarter of 2022, two countries (Burkina Faso and Mali) were identified to benefit the technical assistance. The analysis of the questionnaires of the Permanent Agricultural Survey of Burkina Faso made it possible to identify the missing variables for a better estimation of the SDG indicators 2.3.1 and 2.3.2. Proposals for improving the questionnaire for the current campaign and in the medium term have been made to the country team. A letter of agreement for assistance was signed between AFRISTAT and the General Directorate of Studies and Sector Statistics. The local consultant was recruited to support the country team. The analysis of the questionnaire of the Agricultural Situation Survey of Mali is in progress.

Organization of a virtual training workshop on the calculation of SDGs 2.3.1 and 2.3.2

AFRISTAT organized in collaboration with FAO from August 8 to 10, 2022 a virtual training workshop on the calculation of SDG 2.3 indicators. The objective of this training session is to equip the executives of the participating countries with the practical skills necessary to ensure the continuous production and disaggregation

of SDGs 2.3.1 and 2.3.2. 41 executives from the directorates in charge of agricultural statistics in Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger took part in this training.

Support for the improvement of collection tools for agricultural surveys in Burkina Faso and Mali

The assistance program analyzed the collection tools with regard to the variables necessary for the calculation of the SDG 2.3 indicators and suggestions for improvements were made to the General Directorate of Studies and Sector Statistics (DGESS) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal and Fishery Resources of Burkina Faso and the Planning and Statistics Unit of the Rural Development Sector (CPS/SDR) of Mali.

Support for the calculation of SDG 2.3 indicators based on data from the last three agricultural campaigns in Burkina Faso and Mali

SDG indicators 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 were calculated using data from the 2019, 2020 and 2021 campaigns in Burkina Faso and Mali with the support of a national consultant and experts from AFRISTAT.

This activity made it possible to build the capacity of national managers to calculate SDG 2.3 indicators.

Project of "Modeling and data collection on food losses during storage"

AFRISTAT signed in June 2022 a Memorandum of Understanding with the FAO for the modeling and collection of data on food losses during storage.

As part of a research component of the 50x2030 initiative, the objective is to develop a statistical model to estimate cereal losses during the storage phase and to design, prepare and implement data collection relevant to the application of the model in the selected country.

The three steps in the implementation of this activity can be summarized as follows:

i. Realization of a conceptual framework on cereal losses during storage, identification of the data needed to test and evaluate the results of the model developed, evaluation of the chosen approach considering local conditions and the availability of information in the country of Sub-Saharan Africa selected;

ii. Choice of data collection methods and instruments for a detailed analysis of cereal losses during storage and choice of auxiliary variables

based on the formulation of the model. Preparation for data collection;

iii. Implementation of food loss data collection and ancillary variables previously identified in the chosen country.

The implementation period for this activity is from July 1, 2022 to May 30, 2023.

The agreement was signed in July 2022 and will be implemented in Mali with the collaboration of the Planning and Statistics Unit of the Rural Development Sector (CPS/SDR). An international consultant, Mr. Kebe Mbaye, provides technical assistance for this project.

Also, as part of the development of the theoretical model, the activities implemented made it possible to:

- Develop the concept note of the project in Mali;

- Present the conceptual framework of cereal losses during storage, auxiliary variables and data availability in Mali;
- Develop the technical model for estimating cereal losses during storage.

The field survey to be carried out will have two aspects: (1) the collection of information from the farmers on the basis of a questionnaire and the collection of seed samples for two crops and (2) the analysis of the seeds. collected in a national analytical laboratory. This survey will be carried out in three phases of data collection interspersed by one month during the storage period. Ongoing work concerns the preparation of tools and the seed analysis protocol as well as the preparation of the Memorandum of Understanding between AFRISTAT and the CPS/SDR.

G5-Sahel statistical program

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

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

accountability of the Sahel Alliance. The Program has two specific objectives:

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

ii. Create a framework for exchanges, dialogue and advocacy on the actions to be taken to

improve decision-making support tools in the G5 Sahel countries.

Since May 2022, the G5-Sahel statistical project has been coordinated by AFRISTAT.

The Sahel Alliance has developed a Results Framework consisting of common objectives for the 13 member countries and organizations per key SA sector. This framework includes 40 indi-

cators including 25 national indicators and 15 project indicators.

Several activities have been carried out:

■ From June 16 to 19, 2022, AFRISTAT conducted a statistical capacity building mission in Niamey. This mission was carried out by Mr. Sansan Honkounne Kambou, AFRISTAT expert in survey and census data processing.

The mission made it possible to build the capacities of a dozen executives on the processing and analysis of data with the SPSS software. The participants worked on data manipulation on a set of real datasets, namely the integrated regional survey on employment and the informal sector carried out in 2017. They also saw their capacities strengthened on the production of basic statistics and data analysis.

■ The national data validation and data integration workshop in the AS database.

At the end of the work to finalize data collection, each country organized a workshop to validate and integrate the data collected into the SA database as well as updating the country's metadata sheet in the base. These workshops brought

together members of the local committee and the consultant. These workshops were held in August and September 2022.

The regional workshop for the presentation of indicators and the development of a follow-up note for SA indicators

From September 19 to 23, 2022, AFRISTAT organized a workshop in Lomé to present indicators and develop a follow-up note for SA indicators. The workshop was led by Mr. Djabar Adechian, Coordinator of the G5-Sahel Statistics Project, and saw the participation of two representatives of the beneficiary countries. The objective of the workshop was to present the SA indicators compiled in the platform during the country workshops.

At the end of the workshop, the following results were achieved:

- The Sahel Alliance platform is available and functional Country data is verified;
- A digital documentary archive of all data source documents and SA indicator targets is available;
- Alliance analysis tables are finalized and progress notes at country and regional level are available;

- Actions to inform the platform at the national level are taken.

The organization of the training workshop in impact assessment of public policies for the benefit of NSS executives from G5-Sahel member countries

AFRISTAT organized this workshop in Lomé from September 26 to 30, 2022 for the benefit each time of two NSS executives from Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Niger and Chad. The training was provided by the Consultant Mr. Mady Ouedraogo and moderation was provided by Mr. Djabar Adechian, Coordinator of the G5-Sahel Statistical Project.

The workshop made it possible to:

- Strengthen the capacities of statisticians (8 national experts and an expert from AFRISTAT) in terms of tools and methods for quantitative evaluation of the impact of public policies;
- Master the process of collection, processing and statistical analysis required in the evaluations of the impact of public policies.

Regional Support Project for Digital Economy Statistics

During the second quarter of 2022, AFRISTAT continued discussions with Expertise France with a view to formalizing a service contract for the implementation of certain activities of the DATAFID project.

■ On June 2, 2021, AFRISTAT signed a service contract with Expertise France, as part of the Regional Support Project for the strengthening of digital economy statistics and support for the use of data science by tax and customs administrations (DATAFID).

This contract enabled the General Management to conduct five (5) diagnostic missions of digital economy statistics in the pilot countries: Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo.

■ During the second quarter of 2022, General Management continued discussions with Expertise France as part of the implementation of DATAFID project activities.

These exchanges made it possible to formalize a service contract for (i) the creation of metadata for digital economy indicators in the five pilot countries, (ii) the carrying out of a pilot study and (iii) the creation of facility for support in the analysis of digital economy data.

■ The implementation of this second service provision agreement has already enabled the Observatory to participate in a study trip to INSEE, from June 27 to 29, 2022, in Paris. This study trip aimed to capitalize on the European experience in data collection on the digital economy. It was attended by Mr. Djabar Dine C. Adechian, expert in demographic statistics from AFRISTAT as well as two representatives per pilot country.

Following the study visit, the 1st Steering Committee for this project cycle was organized on June 30, 2022 in Paris. The adoption of the work program for the next few weeks was the main issue.

■ During the 3rd quarter of 2022, AFRISTAT continued to implement the activities of the DATAFID project, under the agreement with Expertise France. These include the development of a digital economy survey methodology as well as directories of metadata of digital econo-

my indicators produced by beneficiary countries. For these two activities, AFRISTAT conducted a series of five missions, one for each pilot country, from September to October 2022. MM. Alain Brilleau, Advisor to the Director General of AFRISTAT, Serge Jean Edi, Deputy Director General of AFRISTAT and Sansan Honkounne Kambou, expert in data processing led these missions during which workshops were organized.

These workshops made it possible to:

- Identify the indicators of the digital economy produced by the main actors at the level of each country;
- Initiate the production of metadata for the identified indicators;
- Identify the statistical information needs to be taken into account in the pilot study on the digital economy;
- Exchange with the countries on the prerequisites for the organization of a national survey of households and businesses on the digital economy.

African Union statistical support program cycle 2

The Observatory is a member of a consortium led by Expertise France for the implementation of PAS 2 which is part of the Pan-African statistical program. The association was concluded in January 2022 and AFRISTAT began its interventions in the second quarter.

Two activities were carried out by AFRISTAT in the field of agricultural statistics which are among the priority themes of the new pan-African statistical program. It is the expert in agricultural statistics and climate change Madior Fall who has:

■ Between 2 and 20 May 2022 produced a report that provides an overview of the compilation of statistics on agriculture, environment,

natural resources and climate change in Africa. Attached to this report is a global work program for 2022-2025 and an action plan for the first year to improve these statistics.

■ Participated in the first meeting of the Specialized Technical Group on Agriculture, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change held in Accra from 15 to 17 June 2022. During this meeting, the members of the Group

adopted a roadmap of their action plan. They also: (i) reported on the production of agricultural statistics and identified the capacity building needs of countries, (ii) discussed the activities of the project for the harmonization and development of agricultural statistics in East Africa west and the agricultural statistics program of PAS 2. At the end of the work, a coordination mechanism between the various stakeholders in agricultural statistics was discussed.

9th PARIS21 / AFRISTAT / INSEE / UNECA conference on "Building better data on gender in Africa: challenges and prospects"

AFRISTAT, in partnership with INSEE, PARIS 21 and UNECA organized, on June 15 and 16, 2022, the webinar was the 9th conference jointly organized by the previous parties. Its theme was "Building Better Gender Data in Africa: Challenges and Prospects".

This webinar is part of the initiative of these institutions to organize a cycle of operational and methodological conferences which aims to encourage constructive exchanges of experience between the NSIs around common subjects.

This conference was moderated in two sessions by panelists from the ECA, UN-WOMEN, PARIS21, the World Bank, the ILO, the NSOs of Senegal, Cameroon, Burkina Faso and the Observatory of Employment, Trades and Training of Côte d'Ivoire.

Other AFRISTAT activities

Support missions by AFRISTAT experts

Member countries have benefited from in situ or remote technical support during the "first quarter of 2022":

BENIN

■ The AFRISTAT expert in charge of business statistics, Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, carried out, from September 5 to 16, 2022, a technical assistance mission in Cotonou with the National Statistical Office (INStatD).

This mission made it possible to (i) meet and discuss with umbrella associations of informal production units (IPU) for the implementation of the data collection system; (ii) launch the IPU sampling process, develop data collection sheets for the base year and the current years. The collection of data from certain umbrella associations of informal production units has been launched.

CABO VERDE

■ Mr. Alain Brilleau, Advisor to the Director General of AFRISTAT, carried out a technical assistance mission to Praia from May 9 to 13, 2022. The work carried out with INE and the Technical Commission in charge of drawing up the NSDS 2022- 2026 made it possible to achieve the following results: (i) Availability of a draft roadmap; (ii) Planning for possible technical assistance from AFRISTAT. Initial work to define the technical tools for collecting the information needed to draw up the NSDS was also carried out during the mission.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

■ Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, carried out, from April 25 to May 6, 2022, a technical assistance mission in Abidjan with the NSO for the establishment of a turnover index (ICA) of the main branches of service activities (ICA-PBS) and a service producer price index (IPPS).

This support mission made it possible (i) to:

- Train about ten executives on the system for producing the indices concerned;
- Establish a correspondence between the classification of activities that will be used for the production of the ICA-PBS and the production classifications of the national accounts;
- Establish a correspondence between the NOPEMA rev1 product nomenclature and the COICOP nomenclature used for the CPI;
- Identify the branches of service activities with significant weight in the country;

- Set up a provisional sample of service companies;
- Develop the questionnaires.

DJIBOUTI

■ Mr. Alain Brilleau, Advisor to the Director General of AFRISTAT, participated in the evaluation mission of Djibouti's National Strategy for the Development of Statistics 2018-2022. The mission also included an expert from COMESA and took place from 18 to 22 September 2022. The mission met with officials from INSTAD, some SSN structures and the principal World Bank economist in charge of GEDES project and carried out a documentary analysis. The mission presented its first results at a meeting of the Statistical Programs and Methodology Committee.

GUINEA

■ An AFRISTAT mission led by Mr. Paul-Henri Nguema Meye, Director General of AFRISTAT visited the NSO of Guinea in Conakry from May 9 to 13, 2022. The Director General was accompanied by MM. Tchadéléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao and Ibrahima Sory respectively expert in Price Statistics and expert in national accounting at AFRISTAT.

This mission is in line with the mobilization of resources and the collection of technical support needs of the Guinean NSS for 2022. Beyond protocol actions, the experts carried out brief diagnoses in their areas of expertise. At the end of the mission's work, a roadmap was drawn up for support on price statistics, national accounts, business statistics, statistical coordination and socio-demographic statistics.

■ From May 23 to June 11, 2022, Mr. Ibrahima Sory, expert in national accounting, stayed in Conakry, as part of support for the preparatory work for the project to change the base year to 2018 and migrate to the 2008 SNA. The overall objective of the mission was to build the capacity of the team of national accountants in the 2008 SNA and the ERETES tool. Thus, the work of the mission made it possible to (i) train executives in SNA 2008, installation and initiation to the ERETES tool; (ii) present the

important aspects of the implementation of the national classifications of activities and products, and those of the national accounts for the ERETES tool; (iii) present the source data processing approach, preparation of the methodology and technical tools of the national gold panning survey.

■ Mr. Roland Frédéric Ngampana, AFRISTAT expert in charge of business statistics, carried out, from May 16 to 20, 2022 and from May 23 to June 3, 2022, two technical assistance missions in Conakry with the NSO for the recovery production activities of the industrial production index (IPI) on the one hand and the establishment of an industrial production price index (IPPI).

These missions made it possible to train ten (10) NSO executives on the production and publication systems of an IPI and an IPPI.

■ An AFRISTAT mission led by Mr. Tchadéléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao, expert in price statistics, visited the NSO in Conakry from May 24 to June 2, 2022. It aimed to support NSO executives preparing and importing data into the Phoenix application.

At the end of the mission, the following results were obtained: (i) The NSO is up to date in data entry in the Phoenix application; (ii) data collection agents and supervisors from all regions are trained in data collection methodology and (iii) data collection in other economic regions has been relaunched from June 2022.

GUINEA-BISSAU

A joint WAEMU-AFRISTAT mission, organized by the WAEMU Commission, took place from August 22 to 30, 2022 in Bissau. The technical assistance mission took place at the NSO of Guinea Bissau (INE) with a view to carrying out the diagnosis of the strengths and weaknesses of the system for producing national accounts and identifying the actions necessary for the implementation of a new accounts renovation project.

The mission, in which Mr. Ibrahima Sory, an expert in national accounting, took part, enabled discussions with the INE, the main sup-

pliers of source data and the main users. At the end of the mission, an account renovation project was drawn up. It takes into account the constraints observed, such as the absence of certain source data, the lack of human resources and the low level of equipment of the INE.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

■ An AFRISTAT mission composed of MM. Claude Tchamda and Issoufou Méité stayed in Malabo (Equatorial Guinea) from August 8 to 12, 2022. The purpose of the mission was to provide technical support to the NSO of Equatorial Guinea (INEGE) for the implementation of a computer-assisted interviewing module (CAPI) in the collection of data for the calculation of the consumption price index (CPI) in Equatorial Guinea. The exchanges made it possible to clarify some gray areas. The methodology of the current IPC is indeed consistent with the IHPC-CEMAC methodology. The Phoenix production tool integrates this common methodology more particularly in the States of Central Africa and of West Africa. The living conditions survey currently being prepared will enable INEGE to update the outdated weightings of the database.

MALI

■ An AFRISTAT mission carried out by Ibrahima Sory, National Accounts Expert, took place from February 20 to 27, 2022 in Koulikoro, Mali, as part of support for the preparation of national accounts.

The main objective of this intervention was to prepare the Integrated Economic Accounts Table (IEAT) for the base year 2015 according to the methodology of the 2008 SNA.

Thus, the work of the mission made it possible to (i) ensure consistency between the SUT (Supply and use table) and the IEAT; (ii) balancing the Who-to-Who matrices; (iii) carry out the final synthesis work.

SENEGAL

■ Mr. Alain Brilleau, Advisor to the Director General of AFRISTAT, participated in the mid-term evaluation mission of Senegal's NSDS 2019-2023. The mission also included three experts from PARIS21, representatives from ECA and COMESA and took place from June 27 to July 1, 2022. The mission participated in four working sessions with the sub-committees of the Technical Committee of SSN statistical programs and ANSD officials. She also met with national and international users of statistics as part of this evaluation. At the end of the mission, an aide-mémoire was given to ANSD officials and a report was then sent.

AFRISTAT-ECOWAS CIRCULAR MISSION

A joint circular mission (ECOWAS Commission and AFRISTAT) on the diagnosis of national accounts and price statistics took place at the Ghana National Statistical Office (GSS) in Accra from 10 to 14 January 2022, at the Gambia National Statistical Office (GBOS) in Banjul from January 17 to 21, 2022 and at the NSO of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Abuja from

January 24 to 28, 2022. AFRISTAT was represented in this mission by MM. Ibrahima Sory and Tchadéléki Biabalo Bahaze-Dao, respectively Expert in National Accounts and Expert in Price Statistics. Also taking part were three officials from the ECOWAS Commission's research and statistics department, an expert in price statistics from the National Statistical Office of Sierra Leone and an expert in national accounts from the National Statistical Office of Nigeria.

The objective of the mission was to carry out the diagnosis on the system for producing national accounts and consumer price indices.

As such, the work of the mission in the three countries visited made it possible to:

For price statistics: (i) identify the data sources used to collect and calculate CPIs; (ii) compare methodological commonalities and differences in the compilation of indices; (iii) exchange on best practices in the collection and calculation of indices from COICOP; (iv) recommend appropriate solutions for the harmonization of CPI collection and calculation methodologies in member countries;

For national accounts: (i) analyze the legal, institutional and organizational framework in relation to national accounts; (ii) describe the human, material and technical working resources of the national accounting service; (iii) analyze the state of production of national accounts in the country; (iv) assess the degree of implementation of international standards (1993 and 2008 SNA); (v) take stock of the data sources used to compile national accounts.

CONSTANCE TORELLI A ROLE MODEL IN STATISTICAL COOPERATION

In the service of international cooperation at Insee since 2009, Ms Constance Torelli has actively contributed to the success of statistical work in Africa through cooperation between Insee and its Partners.

At the end of the work of the 44th meeting of AFRISTAT's Management Committee, the Director General Mr Paul-Henri Nguema Meyé presented her with a symbolic gift as a souvenir for the years of hard work spent together for the implementation of activities and the development of statistics.

Ms Torelli, in her response, thanked the entire AFRISTAT team for these magnificent gifts she received. She said that she greatly appreciated all these years of collaboration with AFRISTAT and the NSOs of its Member States, "We have carried out many activities together, I will mention in particular the CEFIL seminar co-organized by INSEE and AFRISTAT each year in Libourne (France) aimed mainly at French-speaking statisticians from sub-Saharan Africa and the Maghreb, and which represents an important moment for me. Unfortunately, this activity could not be organized face-to-face due to the pandemic, so I hope that this seminar will resume again next year statistics, and I am delighted about this, the level of skills has improved in all the NSOs, and a pool of experts can be mobilized on all subjects. Congratulations to you".



International activities

AFRISTAT took part in international meetings organized by its partners

N°	Events	Period	Location	Organizers
1	Conference on "Construction of confidence intervals between reading the past with the Mésange model"	February 15, 2022	Virtual	Insee
2	40 th Joint Ordinary Meeting of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee and the Operations and Administration Committee of the West African Monetary Agency	February 24-26, 2022	Virtual	WAMA
3	53 rd session of the United Nations Statistical Commission	February 28- March 4, 2022	Virtual	Nations Unies
4	8 th Meeting of Regional Statistics Committee of CEMAC	March 7-8, 2022	Douala	CEMAC
5	Virtual Meeting on Phase 2 of the Pan African Statistical Program (PAS2)	March 14, 2022	Virtual	Eurostat Insee UA
6	Regional workshop on the NSDS	March 14-17, 2022	Lusaka	COMESA
7	10 th ordinary session of the ISSEA Scientific Council	March 17-18, 2022	Douala	ISSEA
8	Webinar on the use of satellite images for censuses in Africa	March 31, 2022	Virtual	AFRISTAT GEOSYSTEMS
9	PARIS21 Spring Meetings on "Climate Change Data"	April 5-6, 2022	Virtual	PARIS21
10	AFRITAC West Regional Seminar	April 19-22, 2022	Abidjan	AFRITAC
11	Regional Seminar on Strengthening Budget Forecasting	May 17-26, 2022	Abidjan	AFRITAC
12	Regional Statistical Leadership Training Workshop for Directors General of NSO	May 18-20, 2022	Kigali	STATAFRIC PARIS21
13	Third Virtual Regional Thematic Seminar on the System of National Accounts (SNA) Update Program	June 6-9, 2022	Virtual	ECA
14	Virtual conference on "The Peer Review of the official statistical system: a powerful lever for quality"	June 7, 2022	Virtual	AFRISTAT Insee
15	West Africa Regional Forum of Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs)	June 21-22, 2022	Dakar	BSR/ECA
16	Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Schools of Statistics in Africa (CODESA)	June 29, 2022	Paris	CODESA
17	Annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association CESD Statisticians for Development	June 29, 2022	Paris	CESD Statisticiens
18	Meeting of the International TOSSSD Working Group	July 11-13, 2022	Paris	
19	First meeting of the Brazzaville Group on Disability Statistics	July 15-16, 2022	Lome	
20	Discussion meeting on the update of the methodological note for the development of the Social Accounting Matrix (SAM)	August 2-5, 2022	Cotonou	WAEMU Commission
21	Regional preparatory meeting on the revision of statistical standards on informality and capacity building on child labor and social protection statistics	September 12-16, 2022	Abidjan	BIT
22	Data processing workshop for edition 2 of the harmonized household living conditions survey (EHCVM)	September 19-30, 2022	Ouagadougou	WAEMU Commission
23	ECA Think Tanks Seminar on Population Dynamics for Development	Sept. 28 - October 1, 2022	Accra	ECA

RENOVATION OF AFRISTAT WEBSITE

AFRISTAT General Management is pleased to inform you that a renovated version of its website (www.afristat.org) is online.

The content of the website has been enhanced to improve the visibility of AFRISTAT's activities and to increase the resources made available to Internet users.

The renovation mainly focused on:

- Presentation of the history of AFRISTAT (archiving of news, films, speakers, etc.);
- Presentation of completed and ongoing AFRISTAT projects;
- Access to multiple and varied resources (publications, training, seminars, nomenclatures, etc.);
- Updating AFRISTAT's areas of activity;
- Links to many data portals and institutions.

More than two thousand files have been added to the previous version.

We invite you to browse this updated version and ask you to send us any comments, criticisms and suggestions to further improve the content and ergonomics of AFRISTAT website.

Echoes from National Statistical Institutes

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

BENIN

www.instad.bj

■ Online data archiving: new surveys and studies available on the NADA platform.

The INStAD organized from September 12 to 24, 2022 in Bohicon, a workshop to update the archiving platform for NADA surveys and censuses, with the posting of new studies online.

■ As part of the preparatory activities for the fifth edition of the General Population and Housing Census (RGPH5), the National Statistical Office (INStAD), organized from August 17 to September 3, 2022 in Cotonou, a training workshop on the tools of digital cartography, with the assistance of WORLDPOP.

This training brought together executives from INStAD, UNFPA, the University of Abomey-Calavi (UAC) and the National Geographic Institute (IGN) and benefited from the financial support of UNFPA.

■ Organization of the fifth edition of the General Population and Housing Census (RGPH5) on June 22, 2022.

■ The National Assembly of Benin adopted on June 2, 2022 a new law on the organization and regulation of statistical activities in the Republic of Benin.

The new text is subdivided into five (5) titles, thirteen (13) chapters and seventy-nine (79) articles. The new statistics law ensures the compliance of texts governing statistical activities at the national level with regional and international standards such as the African Charter on Statistics ratified by Benin in April 2012 and the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics of the United Nations.

■ INStAD has published the bulletin for the first quarter of 2022 of Benin's Foreign Trade. Valued at 175.6 billion FCFA, against 120.1 billion FCFA a quarter earlier, Benin's merchandise exports improved by 46.2% during the first quarter of 2022.

Compared to the first quarter of 2021, the total value of exports shows a growth of 24.1%. Sales of local goods abroad amounted, in fact, to 141.4 billion FCFA in the first quarter of 2021.

■ INStAD organized on May 25, 2022, a workshop to validate the needs expressed by the heads of the Statistical Information Systems of the Ministries.

BURKINA FASO

www.insd.bf

■ 5th RGPH: final results available

The National Statistical Office (INSD) published, on July 1, 2022, the final results of the fifth general population and housing census of Burkina Faso (5th RGPH).

CAMEROON

www.ins-cameroun.cm

■ Presentation ceremony of the results of the technical assistance agreement concluded between the National Statistical Office (NSO) and

the Ministry of Mines, Industry and Technological Development, February 17, 2022.

■ Production and publication of the note on the Evolution of inflation in Cameroon from 2016 to 2021 and outlook for 2022.

■ Participation of Cameroon in the 53rd session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (COM-STAT/UN).

■ Realization of the third General Business Census (RGE3) which takes place in a context marked by the implementation of the National Development Strategy (SND30).

■ Organization of the annual meeting of the heads of the central and decentralized services of the NSO for the year 2022, was held on January 20, 2022 at the headquarters of the NSO in Yaoundé. Placed under the chairmanship of the Director General of the NSO.

Monitoring and Evaluation of the Socio-economic Impacts of the Batchenga-Ntui-Yoko-Leina Road Development Project (SEISE).

■ The National Statistical Office (NSO) of Cameroon organized on April 06, 2022, with the financial support of the PARIS21 Consortium, a workshop between the producers of statistical data from the SNIS and the Technical and Financial Partners for the financing of the NSDS30.

■ The NSO has initiated the preparation and conduct of the National Malaria Indicator Survey in Cameroon (EIPC), 2022 edition. The survey is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and targets 7,400 women aged 15 to 49 and 5,100 children aged 6 months to 4 years to be surveyed in approximately 6,580 households.

■ During the months of May and June 2022, the NSO organized two workshops to validate the statistical yearbooks of five public sector administrations.

■ The NSO undertook during the second quarter of 2022 a survey on the satisfaction of users of official statistics (ESUSO). This study is funded by the World Bank's Public Expenditure and Statistical System Efficiency Improvement Project (PEPS).

CONGO

www.ins-congo.org

■ Holding of the inaugural session of the High Commission for Statistics.

■ Organization of a workshop to identify potential sources of funding for the 2022-2026 NSDS action plan.

■ Publication of foreign trade statistics bulletins for the first two quarters of 2022.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

www.inege.gq

■ CPI production for the fourth quarter of 2021.

■ The National Statistical Office of Equatorial Guinea published on May 3, 2022, the fifth edition of the document "Equatorial Guinea in figures" edition 2021; a statistical product that collects and analyzes a variety of information from different sectors, produced by the structures of the National Statistics System.

MALI

www.instat-gov.ml

■ Launch of the second edition of the Harmonized Survey on Household Living Conditions (EHCVM) in Mali.

The cartographic work for this operation took place from February 23 to March 24, 2022, while the survey itself is set from April 11 to July 9, 2022.

Counting of RGPH5

After a slight postponement, the count of the Fifth General Census of Population and Housing (RGPH5) is set from May 18 to June 15, 2022.

TOGO

www.togostat.org

■ On March 3, 2022, the National Statistical Office (INSEED) presented during a national workshop, the publication of retropolated national accounts from 2007 to 2015 prepared under the new system (SNA 2008).

■ On April 13, 2022, INSEED organized a workshop to present the results of the PAEIJ-SP mid-term analysis.

■ INSEED, like the NSO of the seven other WAEMU countries, has started collecting data relating to the second wave of the second edition of the EHCVM-2, throughout the country extent of the national territory.

■ Start on June 25 of the household satisfaction survey on the household waste collection service in the Autonomous District of Greater Lomé.

■ From June 23 to 24, 2022, the PHASAO Project housed at INSEED, was presented to the public on the occasion of the Open Days organized in Lomé by the World Bank Group in Togo.

■ On May 5, 2022, INSEED organized a workshop to validate the results of the study on energy consumption in the domestic, transport and agricultural sub-sectors in Togo.

The study made it possible to deepen knowledge on all forms of energy consumed with a view to controlling energy consumption throughout the country. It also provided data that could help to better quantify greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and to propose a model for estimating annual consumption in Togo.

■ Sensitization of community leaders, parliamentarians, traditional chiefs and religious for massive mobilization of the populations to be registered.

Meetings, workshops and seminars

Bamako, January 10-12, 2023

3rd Meeting of the Regional Quality Working Group

Saly, February 20 - March 3, 2023

Meeting of the Program for the Harmonization and Modernization of Household Living Conditions Surveys in WAEMU Member States

Kigali, January 23-28, 2023

Regional Workshop on ICP Data Validation 2022

Virtual, February 24, 2023

Steering Committee of the Regional Project to Support the Strengthening of Digital Economy Statistics and Support for the Use of Data Science by Tax and Customs Administrations (DATAFID)

Banjul, February 2-9, 2023

WAMA 2022 end of year statutory meetings

New-York, February 28 - March 3, 2023

54th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

Lomé, February 6-17, 2023

Regional workshop for WAEMU member states on methodology for developing CPI

Niamey, February 28 - March 2, 2023

Ninth Session of the African Regional Forum for Sustainable Development

Virtual, February 9, 2023

Webinar: Digitalization
The digital economy in the updated SNA

Livingstone, April 4-6, 2023

17th International Association for Official Statistics Conference and 3rd International Statistical Institute Regional Statistics Conference

Virtual, February 16, 2023

Virtual Conference on Statistical Dissemination and Literacy Using New Media: How, Benefits and Challenges?

April 2023

46th meeting of the AFRISTAT Management Committee

Libreville, February 20-24, 2023

Regional workshop of CEMAC member countries on business statistics

Hangzhou, April 24-27, 2023

UN World Data Forum

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