



The Third International Roundtable on Managing for Development Results, Hanoi, February 5-8, 2007

Highlights of Best Practice

### The International Comparison Program for Africa



#### ► Overview of Institutional Focus on Results

Since 2005, the Bank, collaborating with 51 African countries, sub-regional organizations, the World Bank, the U.K. Office for National Statistics, the French Statistics Office (INSEE), PARIS21, and other partners, is the building capacity of its Regional Member Countries, through a grant of \$22 million, to generate reliable and timely data for computing Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) and to support preparation of results oriented poverty reduction strategies and monitoring the Millennium Development Goals.

#### ► Highlights

- Adjusted for PPP national GDP price and expenditure data in 49 countries.
- African Development Bank's ICP-Africa infrastructure is supporting implementation.
- Executed statistical training and research on poverty PPPs.
- Improved Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and statistics.
- Implemented System of National Accounts.

#### ► Lessons Learned for Replication/Scaling Up

- Need to make the ICP a permanent activity.
- ICP tools should be extended to CPI.
- Need to Harmonized CPIs for countries
- Implement a system of temporal price indices for construction and civil engineering from ICP outcomes.
- Replicate ICP collaborative and integrated peer-review approach to specific social - health, education, gender - statistics.

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### Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Monitoring and Statistical Literacy



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The Bank, in collaboration with UNDP, is implementing the MDG Monitoring and Statistical Literacy in African countries to strengthen the MDG data repository and dissemination role of National Statistical Offices and improving access and ability of users - governments, civil society organizations and academic institutions - to understand statistical data.

#### ► Highlights

- Developed national indicators for monitoring of the MDGs.
- Training-of-trainers workshops conducted for six (6) pilot countries.
- Project rolled-out to four (4) countries.

#### ► Lessons Learned for Replication/Scaling Up

- Identify and train a multidisciplinary country team to execute roll-out.
- Strong government commitment is a prerequisite.
- Mobilize commitment of all stakeholders, including donors, civil society and the private sector.

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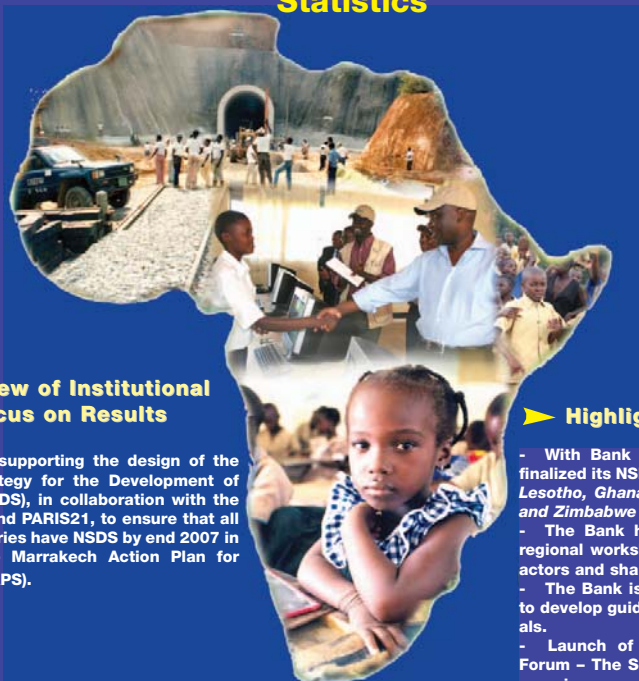
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### National Strategies for the Development of Statistics



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The Bank is supporting the design of the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS), in collaboration with the World Bank and PARIS21, to ensure that all African countries have NSDS by end 2007 in line with the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics (MAPS).

#### ► Highlights

- With Bank support, *Uganda* has finalized its NSDS while the NSDS for *Lesotho, Ghana, Mauritius, Tanzania and Zimbabwe* are being developed.
- The Bank has organized 4 sub-regional workshops to empower key actors and share experiences.
- The Bank is providing assistance to develop guidance tools and manuals.
- Launch of a Virtual Discussion Forum - The Sectorlist - for sharing experiences among key actors, by the Bank and PARIS21 Intersect Task Team.

#### ► Lessons Learned for Replication/Scaling Up

- Need to scale up financial support.
- Training in strategic planning and management is required.
- Technical assistance should be sustained.
- Sectoral issues need to be better addressed.

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### The Reference Regional Strategic Framework for Statistical Capacity Building in Africa (RRSF)



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The RRSF, prepared jointly by the Bank, ECA, the World Bank, and PARIS21, is a response by African countries that provides a mechanism for implementing the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics (MAPS) in Africa to improve development outcomes and good governance, by 2015.

#### ► Highlights

- Endorsed in February 2006. Oversight over implementation assigned to the Bank and ECA.
- Utilizes the Bank's ICP-Africa infrastructure.
- Framework being implemented by national statistical agencies.

#### ► Lessons Learned for Replication/Scaling Up

- Need for detailed assessment of the current state of statistics in countries including roles of key actors, and areas requiring improvement.
- Emphasis improving accountability and transparency

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