**Session 1 What is the DA.14 Project**
**- Overview, insights, shared vision and perspective**



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**COVID-19 RESPONSE**
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Capacity Building Workshop for Countries in the African Region

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**Name:**

UN Development Account 14th tranche - Resilient and Agile National Statistical Systems [NSS]

**Nickname:**

DA14 Statistics and Data

**Trigger:**

Call of the 75th session of the General Assembly to leveraging SDG mechanisms and instruments, including statistics and data, to inform the COVID-19 response and recovery policy

**Objective:**

To improve capability of beneficiary countries to meet Covid-19 data needs to recover better and enhance preparedness of NSS to respond to emerging economic, social and environmental needs for statistics and indicators in times of crises and disasters

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**Budget and Timespan:**

USD 3 million; September 2022 to October 2025

**Implementing Entities of the UN Secretariat:**

- Five UN Regional Commissions: ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA

- Three Global entities: UNEP, UNODC, UNSD

**Other Partners:**

- UN Resident Coordinator System and Country Teams

- Bilateral partners and multilateral organizations within and outside the United Nations System

**Levels of Intervention**

- Level of Intervention 1 with 2 workstreams addresses cross-cutting issues and deals with the infrastructure underlying resilient and agile statistical activities

- Level of Intervention 2 with 4 workstreams is targeting defined statistical domains addressing specific data needs in times of crisis and recovery

# 1st Level of Intervention - Infrastructure

**Workstream 1.1 - Governance:**

- This workstream is co-facilitated by **ECE** and **UNSD**

- This workstream aims at modernizing and strengthening the legal framework, governance, and coordination mechanisms within and beyond the NSS (data stewardship), quality management, communication with policymakers and other users, partnership with innovative data holders and open data practices, including data protection, privacy and confidentiality

**Workstream 1.2 - Innovation:**

- This workstream is co-facilitated by **ECA** and **UNSD**

- The workstream aims to improve the capability of beneficiary countries to promote advanced data collection methods for surveys and censuses and complement them with innovative data sources such as Big Data, web scraping, geospatial information but also administrative registers across all statistical domains

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**Workstream 2.1 – Climate Change and Disaster Related Statistics:**

- This workstream is co-facilitated by **ESCAP** and **UNEP**

- The workstream aims to enhance awareness and understanding of beneficiary countries by organizing a few regional and inter-regional activities.

- The workstream intends to increase the preparedness of a selected number of target countries to respond to demands for statistics related to climate change and disasters

**Workstream 2.2 – Monitoring Economic Disparities:**

- This workstream is co-facilitated by **ECLAC** and **ESCWA**

- The workstream aims to support the improvement of economic indicators and price statistics as they represent a critical information enabling policymakers to implement decisions based on statistical evidence for an inclusive and sustainable recovery

- The workstream is also supporting the compilation of Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) to monitor economic recovery after turmoil and crises and, in the long run, to monitor progress towards the SDGs

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**Workstream 2.3 – Measuring Gender and Social Discrimination:**

- This workstream is co-facilitated by **ESCAP** and **UNODC**

- The workstream builds aims to develop a common statistical framework on gender-related killings of women and girls and enhance the capacity of beneficiary countries to produce statistical data to monitor the killings of women by intimate partners and/or family members regardless of national legislation and national recording practices

**Workstream 2.4 – Assessing the Impact of the Economy on the Environment:**

- This workstream is co-facilitated by **UNODC** and **UNEP**

- The workstream aims to increase the resilience and responsiveness of NSS to future crises, with a clearer understanding of the connections between ecosystems and livelihoods as well as pressures created by economic activity on land-based, including fresh water, and ocean-based ecosystems.

- The workstream builds on various UNEP global and regional initiatives for SDG indicators based on geospatial data and several UNODC country teams' expertise in monitoring alluvial mining by using remote sensing data

## Implementation Modalities and Framework

**Implementation modalities:**

- Building on successes and lessons learned from previous tranches of the UN Development Account

- Eight entities implementing **jointly** and capitalizing on their individual technical expertise and comparative advantages

- Demand driven and promoting South-South cooperation

- Building on existing initiatives and cross-fertilizing with other capacity development initiatives

- Encourage coordination with and involvement of non-United Nations agencies and other partners

**Implementation Framework:**

- Outcome 1 builds on regional, subregional, interregional activities with a specific focus on 50 beneficiary countries

- Outcome 2 and 3 relies upon a series of predefined and coordinated interventions to develop the statistical capacities in a limited number of target countries

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## Logical Framework of Outcome 1

**Outputs and Deliveries:**

- Series of (sub-)regional and interregional seminars, workshops and other virtual, hybrid and in-person events to share and identify experiences, lessons learned, good practices and challenges in enhancing resilience and agility of NSS

- Development of guidelines, handbook, training material, e-learning and assessment tools supporting one or more Project's workstreams

- Participation of experts from beneficiary countries as resource persons in global and regional statistical events such as expert groups to report on the Project and progress in one or more Project's workstreams

**Beneficiary Countries:**

- 50 countries across all regions and selected by the implementing entities based on identified needs, requests and/or recent or ongoing interventions aligned with the objectives of the Project

- Out of them, 13 Least Developed Countries (LDCs), 10 Small Islands Developing States (SIDS), 14 Landlock Developing Countries (LLDCs) and 14 Fragile and (post-)Conflict-Affected Countries (FCAS)

- Other countries may also benefit from these outputs but at no-cost for the Project

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## Logical Framework of Outcome 2 and 3

### Outputs and Deliveries:

Based on a specific roadmap developed for each target country:

- Series of 4-6 coordinated in-country interventions such as advisory missions, national workshops and training seminars aligned with two or more Project's workstreams

- Between in country interventions, regular remote interventions, including advisory services and virtual workshops towards planned and expected achievements

- Participation of selected experts from target countries to regional and global statistical events as resource persons to report on the Project and report on progress

### Target Countries:

- 16 countries out of the 50 initial beneficiary countries

- Selection procedure to be conducted jointly by the eight implementing entities by May 2023

- Selection of countries based on gap assessment as well as the expected engagement and absorption capacity of the beneficiary countries requesting targeted advisory services and technical assistance

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## Governance Structure

**Workstreams:**

- Workstreams are cross-entity activities
- Each workstream is implemented by 4 or more entities and co-facilitated by 2 of them

**Coordination Teams:**

- Two or more focal points of each of the eight implementing entities, including the respective workstream co-facilitators
- Jointly responsible for the coordination and monitoring of the project, preparing and submitting progress reports and proposing programmatic adjustment to the Directors Group when relevant
- The Project Coordinator is leading the coordination team and holds the secretariat of the Directors Group

**Directors Group**

- Composed of the Chief Statistical Officers (CSO) of the eight implementing entities and headed by the Director of UNSD
- Ultimately, accountable for and in charge of steering the project

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