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# Challenges in Building Partnerships for the Development of Subnational Statistics

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# Pressing Need for Sub-National Data



## High-Fives

- To accelerate Africa's development over the next 10 years, AfDB has embarked on a landmark initiative within the context of its Ten-Year Strategy (TYS).
- High-Fives priority areas that require detailed sub-national data at lowest geographical level in each country
- It's more about direct data than ex-post disaggregation

# A 5-Fold Challenge (1 of 3)

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## Strategic & Systemic

- Current NSDS's do not comprehensively and properly integrate this aspect;
- NSS definition is national/central-government biased;
- Extending the notion of statistical system to local areas increases complexities

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## Geographical & Administrative

- No uniform definition of sub-national;
- Geographical & administrative stratification are intertwined

# A 5-Fold Challenge (2 of 3)

## 3 Conceptual

- For a given local area, are boundaries the same for all statistical operations and areas [e.g.: household; education; health; economy; environment; infrastructure; etc.]
- Is a statistical unit the same at both sub-national and national levels?

## 4 Methodological

- Is the sum of subnational items equal to the whole?
- Sub-national areas will no longer be seen as mere enumeration areas  
Statistical survey should be integrated in each sub-national area.

# A 5-Fold Challenge (3 of 3)

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## Operational

- More complex direct data collection
- Time implications
- Cost implications



- Partnership required
- Need to look at options: what are the potential partners

# Potential Partners

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Provincial	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# Partnership Arrangements

AfDB statistical department will strive to translate the Bank's network of partnerships into data collection and sharing partnerships

This will require conducting a review of existing partnerships related to Bank operations:

1. Public-Private-Partnerships;
2. Relationships with:
  - Research centers
  - Universities
  - Consulting Firms
  - Local governments
  - Etc.

It will also require internal partnership: between statistics department and operations departments at AfDB



# Recommendations (1 of 2)

## 1 Strategic partnership

- Develop guidelines for sub-national strategies for the development of local statistics;
- Integrate such strategies with NSDS - Establish related partnerships

## 2 Geographical & Administrative partnership

- Partner with geographical & administrative institutions on identification of sub-national areas.

# Recommendations (2 of 2)

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## Local data sharing

- Establish data partnerships with all major Bank operation partners.
- Promote local participation in data sharing and the establishment of local data sharing communities (LODASC)

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## Operations data partnership

- Develop a statistical framework for the transformation of development project data into sub-national statistics – and establish relevant data sharing partnerships.

Thank You 