

Meeting the data challenge: National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDSs)

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Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics (MAPS)

MAPS aim:

“to mainstream strategic planning of statistical systems and prepare national strategies for the development of statistics for all low-income countries by 2006.”

Integrate statistical development within PRSs and national development plans.

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Existing statistics strategy (Anglophone SADC countries)

Country	Time span	Political endors.	User partners' lip	Sector coverage	Cost (US\$)	Funding	Impl.
BOTSWANA	2003/4 - 2004/5	?	yes	yes	?	yes	ongoing
LESOTHO	2002 -	yes	?	yes	?	?	?
MALAWI	2002 - 2006	yes	yes	no	?	partial	partial
MALIBITLIS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NAMIBIA	2005 -	yes	yes	some	?	partial	partial
SOUTH AFRICA	2004/5 - 2006/7	yes	yes	no	?	partial	ongoing
SWAZILAND	2003 -	yes	?	limited	?	?	?
TANZANIA	2001/2 -	yes	yes	yes	?	partial	ongoing
ZAMBIA	2003 - 2007	yes?	yes	limited	60 million	partial	ongoing
ZIMBABWE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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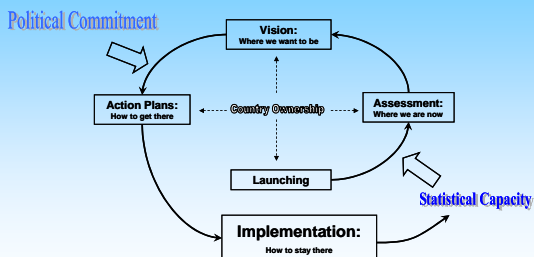
Value added of NSDS approach

Merges best practice and builds from:

- UN Fundamental Principles, and guiding principles for good practices in technical cooperation for statistics
- Existing statistical improvement processes (such as GDDS)
- Inclusive, participatory development processes (e.g. for Poverty Reduction Strategies in developing countries)
- Best practice in organisational development and management
- Lessons learnt from strategic planning, including from SADC region

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NSDS design and implementation



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Some Essentials

- High level political support and leadership
- Well planned process (“road map”) to NSDS design
- Identifying user needs and data gaps and weaknesses
- Reviewing existing statistical production and analysis; capacity, legal and institutional framework and coordination arrangements
- Agreeing on desired results, building on what already exists and is in progress, eg GDDS improvement programmes
- Setting priorities and strategies
- Change management processes
- Engaging and motivating staff

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How can PARIS21 help? (1)

Advocacy:

- Role of statistics in development
- Need for strategic planning
- NSDS as a coherence framework for statistical capacity building Range of advocacy materials

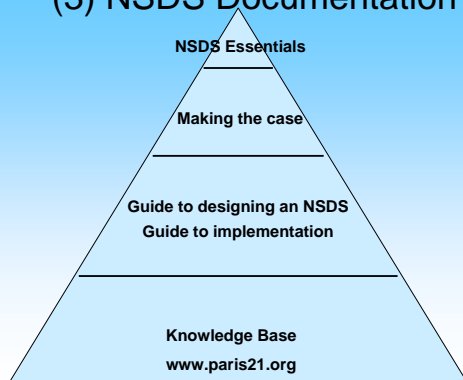
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How can PARIS21 help? (2)

- Resource mobilisation:
 - Increased levels of funding
 - Donor programs supporting and complementing national statistical plans
- Technical as well as financial assistance:
 - Briefing of consultants
 - Role for more developed NSSs

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(3) NSDS Documentation



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How can PARIS21 help? (4)

Regional Programmes

- Baseline assessments
- Regional workshops
- Advocacy at country level
- Facilitating technical and financial support
- Consolidating partner efforts
- Reporting on progress

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PARIS21 REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

NSDS INCEPTION	NSDS DESIGN	NSDS IMPLEMENTATION
Advocacy		
Baseline assessment		
Regional workshop (road map)		
Facilitating road map funding	Facilitation NSDS funding	
Facilitating technical assistance	Regional workshops (2)	Regional workshops
Strengthening partnership	Reporting	Reporting

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Lesson learning

- Guidelines developed from experience
- Parallel processes to use and review NSDS **making links to policy frameworks and using tools for assessing the status of statistics** :
 - Incorporate lessons learnt and feed back
 - Revise design guide and develop guide to implementation
- NSDS approach must learn from country experiences:
 - Addressing constraints, blockages
 - Making links to policy frameworks and using tools for assessing the status of statistics

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