



Data Stewardship in Africa

"The Role of National Statistical Offices"

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The Situation:

- Increasing demand for data and statistics
- Changing data/statistics ecosystem
- New data sources
- New players in the data/statistics space
- New and dynamic capabilities beyond what NSOs have
- Increasing business opportunities in data (private sector)
- Risks (confidentiality/privacy/and data security)
- Misinformation, data misuse and alternative facts
- Increasing accountability on public institutions.
- Quick decision making

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What needs to be done:

- Significant scaling up of statistics availability
 - Scope, frequency, timelines, relevance
- Building partnerships (capabilities and complementarity)
- Establish dynamic coordination of the wider ecosystem
- Embrace new data sources
- Develop pipelines for experimental statistics
- Out source, delegate, validate statistics by other partners
- Figure out how to work with the private sector and civil society (business models)
- Strengthen data security and privacy frameworks across the NSS
- Strengthen communication especially to the public

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Focus

- Data landscape is very wide:
 - What are the boundaries of NSOs?
 - What role should other regulators and stakeholders play?



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