



Distinguished participants, Esteemed Colleagues, and Fellow statisticians,

Today, we are honored to join the global community in celebrating World Statistics Day under the theme: “Quality statistics and data for everyone.” This theme resonates deeply with our shared vision for Africa—a continent where data is not just collected but used meaningfully to transform lives and drive integration.

At STATAFRIC, we recognize that inclusive, reliable, and timely statistics are powerful instruments of transformation and integration. They are essential for achieving the aspirations of Agenda 2063, empowering every citizen to make informed decisions, and ensuring that our policies reflect the realities of our people. In this regard STATAFRIC prepared and is implementing SHaSA2, which is core for the production and use of quality statistics in Africa.

Let this day serve as a call to action. We urge our Member States to:

- Develop and implement NSDS aligned with SHaSA2
- Reform the National Statistical System
- Allocate sustainable budgets for statistical development
- Work on broad based statistical capacity building
- Adopt innovative technologies for high-quality data production
- Prepare and implement robust data quality frameworks
- Strengthen mechanisms to improve the quality and use of administrative data
- Facilitate effective communication, use and sharing of data

I also want to urge the international community and development partners to support the implementation of SHaSA2 and NSDS in Africa which are the core to produce quality statistics for effective planning and policy evaluation.

STATAFRIC reaffirms its unwavering commitment for building strong national statistical systems across Africa. Together, we can foster collaboration, promote evidence-based decision-making, and ensure that African data tells the true story of our continent’s progress and potential.

Let us build an Africa where decisions are driven by evidence

Thank you.