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Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA)

• SHaSA was jointly developed by African Heads of National Statistical Offices, the AUC, AfDB and UNECA and adopted by (i) the AUC/UNECA Joint Conference of Ministers for Finance and Economy; and (ii) the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the African Union in July 2010

• SHaSA is continental effort that directly supports the African integration agenda
  - SHaSA I (2010-2016)
  - SHaSA II (2017-2026)
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Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA)

Labour Market Information Systems Harmonization and Coordination Framework (LMIS-HCF)

Technical working groups under SHaSA to implement LMIS-HCF:

- African Group on Employment and Informal Economy
- Labour migration statistics
- SDGs

Capacity building on labour market statistics and analysis

Regional courses on labour statistics in 2014 - 2015

- SADC Capacity building workshop on labour statistics (19th ICLS Resolution) and labour migration statistics, December 2014, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Capacity building workshop on work statistics (19th ICLS Resolution), working time, informality and wage statistics for SADC social partners, October 2015, Johannesburg, South Africa
Capacity building on labour market statistics and analysis

Regional courses on labour statistics in 2016 – 2017

- Strengthening labour statistics in rural areas in Fragile States - 20 - 24 June 2016, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire
- Labour Market Statistics and Analysis Academy (LMSA), 24 October – 4 November, Yamoussoukro, Côte d’Ivoire
- African Regional Meeting of Labour Statisticians, 29 May – 2 June 2017, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

(1) Capacity-building workshop on labour statistics highlighting the 19th ICLS Resolution on Work Statistics

(2) Africa Regional Meeting of Labour Statisticians in preparation for the 20th ICLS

Capacity building on labour market statistics and analysis

Regional courses on labour and migration statistics in 2018

- ECOWAS and Mauritania capacity building workshop on labour market and migration information system, 2018

  (1) Normative aspects and management of data of the labour market and labour migration, May, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

  (2) Data collection tools on the labour market and migration, June, Accra, Ghana

  (3) Calculating, analysing and interpreting labour market and migration data, September, Lagos, Nigeria
Implementing the 19th ICLS: ILO LFS pilot test

- Pilot countries in Africa (4):
  - Cameroom
  - Cote d’Ivoire
  - Namibia
  - Tunisia

- Support provided to countries in transition from previous standards to the 19th ICLS resolution with strategy of communication of the results.

Technical assistance activities

- Technical and financial assistance provided for the production of 2015 Labour migration statistics in Africa released in 2017 as a joint output on labour migration programme for Africa together with the African Union Commission, ILO, IOM and UNECA

- Technical assistance provided to SADC members states with commitment made to conduct at least a comprehensive labour force survey every two years (from 5 years)

- Technical support provided with the production of labour force related reports as well as decent work country profiles
Technical assistance activities

- Support provided in developing harmonized tools for the pan African institutions and regional economic communities
- Coordination of the regional capacity building activities for better understanding of the 19th ICLS resolution, data management, labour migration, work statistics, working time, informality, wage statistics and SDGs for SADC, ECOWAS...
- Continued provision of support to member States on data collection, using previous standards concerning “statistics of the economically active population, employment, unemployment and underemployment”
- National capacity building workshops on key steps in developing a national labour market information system

Forward looking

- Continue to promote the production of labour market statistics regularly
- Provide support with the implementation of 19th ICLS resolution I to countries, based on standardized tools together with a good communication and dissemination strategy
- Support the measurement and reporting of SDGs decent work-related indicators
- Strengthening with the use of a comprehensive LMIS for monitoring the SDGs and AU agenda, including improvement of reporting from administrative records
Forward looking

- Support to the ratification of the Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (Convention No. 160)

- Assessment of labour market statistics capacity needs and data status:
  - Institutional arrangement in managing labour market statistics
  - Status of data collection and use of labour market statistics
  - Institutional framework capacity
  - Capacity related to human and financial resources
  - Capacity needs for labour statistics
  - Compliance to the new framework for work statistics

Thank you for your kind attention…