

African Conference on:

Measuring Well-Being and Fostering the Progress of Societies

19-21 April 2012

Rabat, Morocco

Centre d'Accueil et de Conférences (CAC),
Avenue Essanaoubar, Hay Riad Rabat

Agenda

Day 1: 19 April 2012 (14:30 – 19:00)

Official Opening Ceremony | Expert Roundtable on MDGs/Post 2015 framework

Day 2: 20 April 2012 (09:00 – 19:00)

Theme 1: **Material Conditions** | Theme 2: **Quality of Life** | **Roundtable of Chief Statisticians**

Day 3: 21 April 2012 (09:00 – 17:00)

Theme 3: **Sustainability and Future Challenges** | **Roundtable of Policy Makers** | **Conclusions**

DAY 1 – Thursday 19 April 2012

13:30 – 14:30	Registration
14:30 – 19:00	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY
14:30 – 15:00	Welcome addresses - Ahmed Lahlimi Alami , High Commissioner for Planning, Morocco - Mario Pezzini , Director, Development Centre, OECD
15:00 – 15:30	Keynote address Abdelilah Benkirane , Prime Minister, Morocco The keynote speaker will focus on Africa's progress in measuring its success or lack of thereof in terms of well-being. In so doing, he will consider what are the elements that contribute to defining and shaping the quality of life of African citizens from an economic, social, cultural and environmental perspective. He will discuss to what extent what is measured corresponds to African realities and reflects the voices and aspirations of citizens.
15:30 – 17:00	SETTING THE SCENE
15:30 – 16:10	Measuring Well-Being and Fostering the Progress of Societies: a regional perspective Speakers will illustrate recent regional and international initiatives on measuring well-being and progress. The OECD will provide the rationale and background to this conference, putting it into the context of the preparation of the 4 th OECD World Forum on 'Statistics, Knowledge and Policies' to be held in New Delhi on 16-19 October 2012, and sharing some of the key messages from the other regional conferences. The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa will focus on African initiatives on progress measurement. <i>Speakers:</i> - Martine Durand , Director, Statistics Directorate, OECD - Dimitri Sanga , Director, African Centre for Statistics, UN Economic Commission for Africa
16:10 – 16:40	Discussions
16:40 – 17:00	Break
17:00 – 19:00	Expert Roundtable on Millennium Development Goals/Post 2015 framework <i>Chair:</i> Mohamed-El-Heyba Lemrabott Berrou , Former Manager, PARIS21-Secretariat <i>Main speakers:</i> - Jean-Philippe Stijns , Economist, Development Centre, OECD - Khellaf Ayache , Deputy Director, Prospective & Forecasting Division, High Commission for Planning, Morocco - Dimitri Sanga , Director, African Centre for Statistics, UN Economic Commission for Africa Discussant: Vusi Gumede , Associate Professor, University of Johannesburg
19:00	End of Day 1

DAY 2 – Friday 20 April 2012

09:00 – 09:30

Registration

09:00 – 12:30

THEME 1: MATERIAL CONDITIONS

This session – organised in plenary and breakouts – aims to address the following key questions:

- What is new in terms of progress measurement in Africa in the area of material conditions?
- What are the main challenges in evaluating the impact of policies to improve material conditions?
- How are data and indicators on material conditions currently being used to improve policies and accountability? What successful examples exist and what are current bottlenecks?

09:00 – 09:40

Overview address (Plenary)

Chair: **Antonin Dossou**, Chief of Staff, Prime Minister, Benin

Speaker: **Pali Lehohla**, Statistician-General, South Africa

09:40 – 10:50

Parallel Sessions

Parallel session 1-1: Employments & Earnings – Focus on youth employment

This session will focus on which data are essential for understanding a country's labour market dynamics and designing effective policies to support the creation of decent jobs. In addition, youth-specific themes such as school-to-work transition will be addressed. An important item of discussion would be how to ensure regular national surveys on labour force in all African countries.

Workshop Chair: **Couty Fall**, Coordinator, Regional Programme for Social Cohesion and Youth Employment in Sub Saharan Africa, UNDP Africa Regional Centre

Panellists:

- **John Male-Mukasa**, Executive Director, Uganda Bureau of Statistics
- **Dossina Yeo**, Head of Statistics Division, African Union Commission
- **Honore Djerma**, Labour Statistics Specialist, International Labour Office

General discussion

Parallel session 1-2: Inequality & Poverty

This session will focus on poverty and inequality measurement, in terms of wealth distribution and household income. It will discuss recent advances in the area of measuring multi-dimensional poverty and deprivation and how this could change policy prescriptions in fighting poverty.

Workshop Chair: **Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane**, Director, Office for North Africa, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Panellists:

- **Baah Wadieh**, Acting Government Statistician, Technical Support, Ghana
- **Mohamed Doudich**, Director, Observatory of the living conditions of population, Morocco
- **Moubarack Lo**, Former Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Senegal

General discussion

Parallel session 1-3: Living Conditions

This session will focus on living conditions (access to water, energy and housing etc.) by investigating the challenges and opportunities in Africa. Special emphasis will be given to the measurement of the needs in the continent in specific regions (East & West) Africa. In addition, UN Habitat will present their city prosperity index.

Workshop Chair: **Amani Abou-Zeid**, Resident Representative, African Development Bank, Morocco

- **Babakar Fall**, Director, National Agency of Statistics and Demography, Senegal

Panellists:

- **Gora Mboup**, Chief, Global Urban Observatory, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat, Kenya

- **Emma Sammam**, Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom

General discussion

10:50 – 11:10

Refreshments

11:10 – 12:00

Conclusions (Plenary)

Building common ground: Session Chair (*facilitation*)

Reports: Workshop Chairs

General discussion

Conclusions: Session Chair

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch

14:00 – 17:00

THEME 2: QUALITY OF LIFE

This session will focus on the progress that African countries have made in improving the quality of life of its populations, and how it is measured. The panellists will address issues such as social cohesion, health and education focusing on few questions such as:

- 1) What are the instruments being currently used to evaluate the quality of life?
- 2) What challenges African countries face in their effort to improve quality of life?
- 3) How can new data be used by African governments to put in place more effective policies?

14:00 – 14:40

Overview address (Plenary)

Chair: **Mario Pezzini**, Director, Development Centre, OECD

Speaker: **Ahmed Lahlimi Alami**, High Commissioner for Planning, Morocco

14:40 – 15:50

Parallel Sessions

Parallel session 2-1: Social cohesion

This session will discuss data requirements and measures to assess the level of social cohesion within a country. Of interest are measures that capture social inclusion, trust and the sense of belonging and social mobility. The session will also assess the pros and cons, their data requirements, their linkages to policy making as well as how the various data producers and consumers can make joint efforts to build the required capacities within countries.

Workshop Chair: **Vusi Gumede**, Associate Professor: University of Johannesburg

Panellists:

- **Johannes Jutting**, Head of Poverty Reduction Unit, Development Centre, OECD

- **Khalid Souidi**, Head of research on vulnerable populations, HCP, Morocco

- **François Ndengwe**, Chairman, African Advisory Board

General discussion

Parallel session 2-2: Health

This session will focus on recent trends in African health systems and future improvements, according to a set of indicators measuring the performance in the health sector, as well as outcomes achieved in fighting mortality and diseases. Another issue to be discussed is the implementation of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) systems, an essential step to fulfil governments' commitment to maternal, newborn and child health. In addition, panellists may want to focus on what policy-makers could do to improve health outcomes.

Workshop Chair: **Flavia Bustreo**, Deputy Director General, World Health Organization

Panellists:

- **Agnes Soucat**, Director, Human Development, African Development Bank
- **Steve Crabtree**, Senior Editor, Gallup World Poll, USA
- **Paul Libite**, Head of department, Demography & Social Statistics, National Institute of Statistics, Cameroon

General discussion

Parallel session 2-3: Education

This session will focus on the measurement of education outcomes and skills in African countries, aiming at achieving educational systems that are easily accessible and responsive to the needs of the labour market. A pivotal issue to be discussed would be the analysis of the cost-effectiveness of education spending, providing African governments with suggestions on how to maximise outcomes according to their budget.

Tunisia will be invited to present and discuss their experience of the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

Workshop Chair: **Lala Aïcha Ben Barka**, Deputy Director General, Africa, UNESCO

Panellists:

- **Alassane Ouedraogo**, Chief specialist, Association for the Development of Education in Africa, Burkina Faso
- **Said Hanchane**, Director General, Instance Nationale de l'Evaluation (INE), Higher Education Council of Morocco
- **Mohamed Kamel Essid**, Director General, Centre National d'Innovation Pédagogique et de Recherche en Éducation, Tunisia

General discussion

15:50 – 16:10

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Conclusions (Plenary)

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17:00 – 19:00

ROUNDTABLE OF CHIEF STATISTICIANS

CHALLENGES FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS IN AFRICA: EXISTING PROCESSES AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

This session will address the key challenges for official statistics in Africa and capacity development of institutions. Directors of National Statistical Offices will discuss the problems they face in collecting data and institutionalising statistics. They may also address the following issues:

- What are the main capacity-related challenges to measure progress of African societies?
- How are different stakeholders tackling those challenges? What worked best?
- What are the new forms of data collection and communication that could be used? What is the role of non-official producers?

Co-chairs:

- **Dimitri Sanga**, Director, African Centre for Statistics, UN Economic Commission for Africa
- **Mohamed-El-Heyba Lemrabott BERROU**, Former Manager, PARIS21-Secretariat

Panellists:

- **Pali Lehohla**, Statistician General, Statistics South Africa
- **Yemi Kale**, Statistician General, Federation of Nigeria
- **Mohamed Taamouti**, Director of Statistics, High Commission for Planning, Morocco
- **John Male-Mukasa**, Executive Director, Uganda Bureau of Statistics
- **Babakar Fall**, Director, National Agency of Statistics & Demography, Senegal
- **Taha Khsib**, Central Director, National Institute of Statistics, Tunisia
- **Dossina Yeo**, Head of Statistics Division, African Union Commission
- **Johannes Jutting**, OECD

General Discussion

19:00

End of Day 2

DAY 3 – Saturday 21 April 2012

08:30 – 09:00 | Registration

09:00 – 12:00 | **THEME 3: SUSTAINABILITY AND FUTURE CHALLENGES**

This session aims to address the challenges that the African continent will have to face in the future. Sustainability is today a key issue for Africa. Some of the key challenges addressed by panellists include: demographic issues (youth, gender etc.); natural resources, environmental risks, agriculture and food security; and governance issues. This session will address the following key questions:

- What are the main challenges impacting on progress of African societies?
- How are governments/societies handling those challenges?
- What opportunities arise from new communications technologies to better measure and assess progress and improve public sector accountability?

09:00 – 09:40 | **Overview Address (Plenary)**

Chair: **Yemi Kale**, Statistician General, Federation of Nigeria

Speaker: **Kafui Kpegba**, Professor of Science, University of Lomé (Togo), and Florida, (USA)

09:40 – 10:50 | **Parallel Sessions**

Parallel session 3-1: Demographic challenges

This session will focus on current demographic trends in Africa, the challenges they constitute and the opportunities they offer. Panellists will focus on the challenges for regular data collection and the development of indicators that will allow African governments to better forecast future developments and the challenges they face.

Gambia will be invited to present and discuss their experience of implementing the African Gender and Development Index (AGDI); a tool that maps the extent of gender inequality in Africa and assesses government performance.

Workshop Chair: **Mohamed Taamouti**, Director of Statistics, HCP, Morocco

Panellists:

- **Thokozile Ruzvidzo**, Director, African Centre for Gender and Social Development, UN Economic Commission for Africa

- **Taha Khsib**, Director, National Institute of Statistics, Tunisia

- **Olusina Bamiwuye**, Associate Professor, Demography & Social Statistics, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

General discussion

Parallel session 3-2: Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security

This session will focus 1) on the challenges of food security in Africa and 2) the vulnerability of African countries to climate change (flooding, coastal erosion, droughts, etc.), and the tools used by African policy makers to prevent such challenges and risks. The use of performance statistics and information tools, along with the production of appropriate data and indicators to measure the level of resilience and the adaptability will be explored.

Workshop Chair: **Mamadou Biteye**, Regional Director, West Africa, Oxfam Great Britain

Panellists:

- **Alhousseini Brétaudeau**, Executive Director, The Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel, Burkina Faso
- **Boubacar Soumaila**, Head of Division, Statistics Coordination and cooperation, National Institute of Statistics, Niger
- **Kafui KPEGBA**, Professor of Science, Universities of Lomé, and Florida

General discussion

Parallel session 3-3: Governance

This session will focus on a set of data showing the level of democracy and governance in African countries. Specifically, the development of new ICTs tools such as “Government 2.0” could be useful to promote access to data and to enhance public participation.

Workshop Chair: **Marc Orkin**, Visiting Professor, School of Public Management, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

Panellists:

- Elizabeth McGrath**, Director of the Ibrahim Index of African Governance at Mo Ibrahim Foundation
- **Samir ElBahaie**, Regional Policy and Government Affairs Manager, Middle East & North Africa, Google
- **François Roubaud**, Director of Research, Development Research Institute-IRD-DIAL, France

General discussion

10:50 – 11:10 Refreshments

11:10 – 12:00 **Conclusions (Plenary)**

Building common ground: Session Chair (*facilitation*)
Reports: Workshop Chairs
General discussion
Conclusions: Session Chair

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 ROUNDTABLE OF POLICY MAKERS: TOWARDS EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING

During this roundtable, policymakers will discuss how to set priorities for data collection, for instance the type and frequency of data collection, given the scarcity of resources. This will give policymakers the opportunity to express their needs in terms of data for policy making. This session aims to address the key issues related to improving national statistical systems and using statistics for policy-making.

Chair:

Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director, African Centre for Gender and Social Development, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Pali Lehohla, Director General, Statistics South Africa

Panellists:

- **Ahmed Lahlimi Alami**, High Commissioner of Planning, HCP Morocco

- **Lamine Doghri**, State Secretary in charge of planning, Tunisia

- **Antonin Dossou**, Chief of Staff, Prime Minister, Benin

- **Lala Aïcha Ben Barka**, Deputy director General, Africa, UNESCO

- **Savas ALPAY**, Director General, The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Turkey

General discussion

15:00 – 15:30 Refreshments

**15:30 – 17:00 CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS AND KEY MESSAGES TO NEW DELHI
Moving forward the measurement agenda: presentation of tentative conclusions**

This session aims to address the following key questions:

- What are the main messages emerging from this conference?
- How can we move forward the measurement agenda: defining targets, setting benchmarks, achieving concrete outcomes?
- What messages can we convey to the New Delhi OECD Global Forum on “Measuring Well-Being for Development and Policy-making” Conference?

Chair: **Ahmed Lahlimi Alami**, High Commissioner for Planning, Morocco

Mario Pezzini, Director, Development Centre, OECD

Speaker: **Martine Durand**, Director, Statistics Directorate, OECD : presentation of provisional conclusions

Discussant:

Dimitri Sanga, Director, African Centre for Statistics, UN Economic Commission for Africa

General discussion

17:00 End of the conference