



UGANDA BUREAU OF STATISTICS



**THE 35th AFRICAN STATISTICS DAY
AND THE 25th ANNAUL STATISTICS WEEK
CELEBRATION**

INFORMATION NOTE



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1. THE 35TH AFRICAN STATISTICS DAY CELEBRATION



1.1 Date and theme

African Statistics Day is officially commemorated annually on November 18th. To mark the occasion, the Bureau hosts a week-long series of activities and events to maximize public engagement.

-  **Official day is Tuesday, November 18th, 2025**
-  **Celebration period (Statistics Week) starts on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025, and ends on Friday, November 21st, 2025**
-  **Theme: “Leveraging Innovations in data and statistics to promote A just, Peaceful, Inclusive and Prosperous Society for Africans”.**
-  The theme is informed by **the African Union theme of 2025 “Justice for Africans and people of African descent through reparations”** highlighting the role of disaggregated data in equity and governance,
-  It is in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goal (**SDG 16**) missioned to “promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development”.
-  This year's focus is on using the **transformative power of data and statistical innovation** to solve Africa's development challenges. To achieve this, statistical systems must be modernized (cutting-edge technologies) so they can produce timely, relevant, and inclusive data. This quality data will then be used to create evidence-based policies that promote peace, justice, and prosperity.



1.2 Background and objective

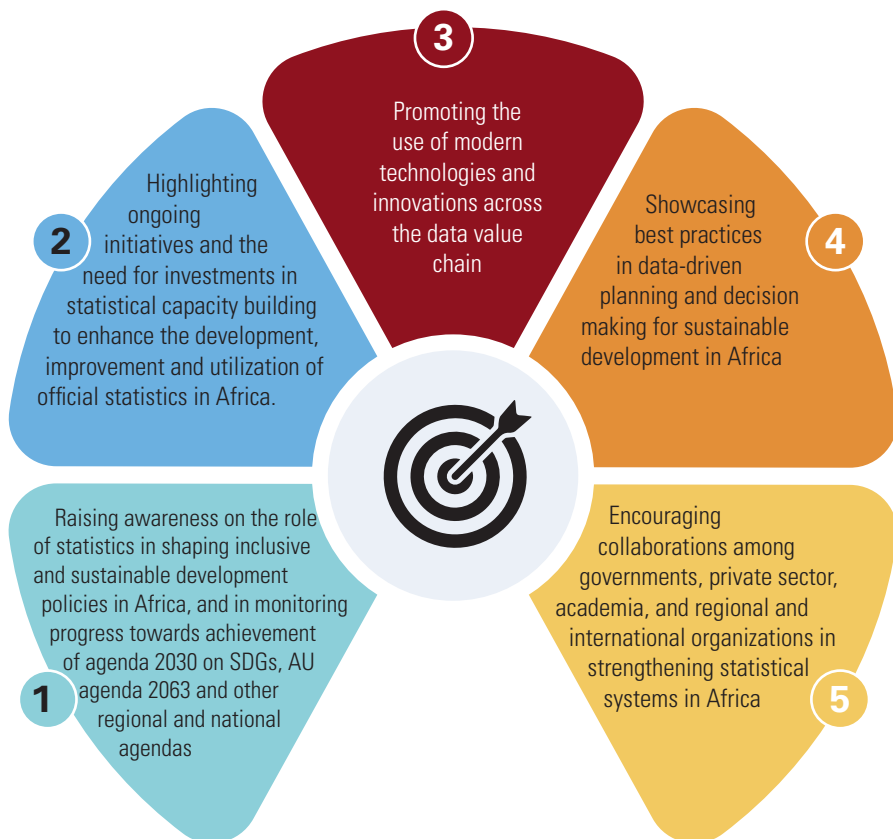


African Statistics Day was adopted in May 1990 by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Conference of African Ministers responsible for Planning and Economic Development.

The primary objective of the celebration is to raise public awareness about the vital role that statistics and data play in all aspects of social and economic development, planning, and policy formulation across the continent. High-quality, timely statistics are essential for monitoring progress towards both the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

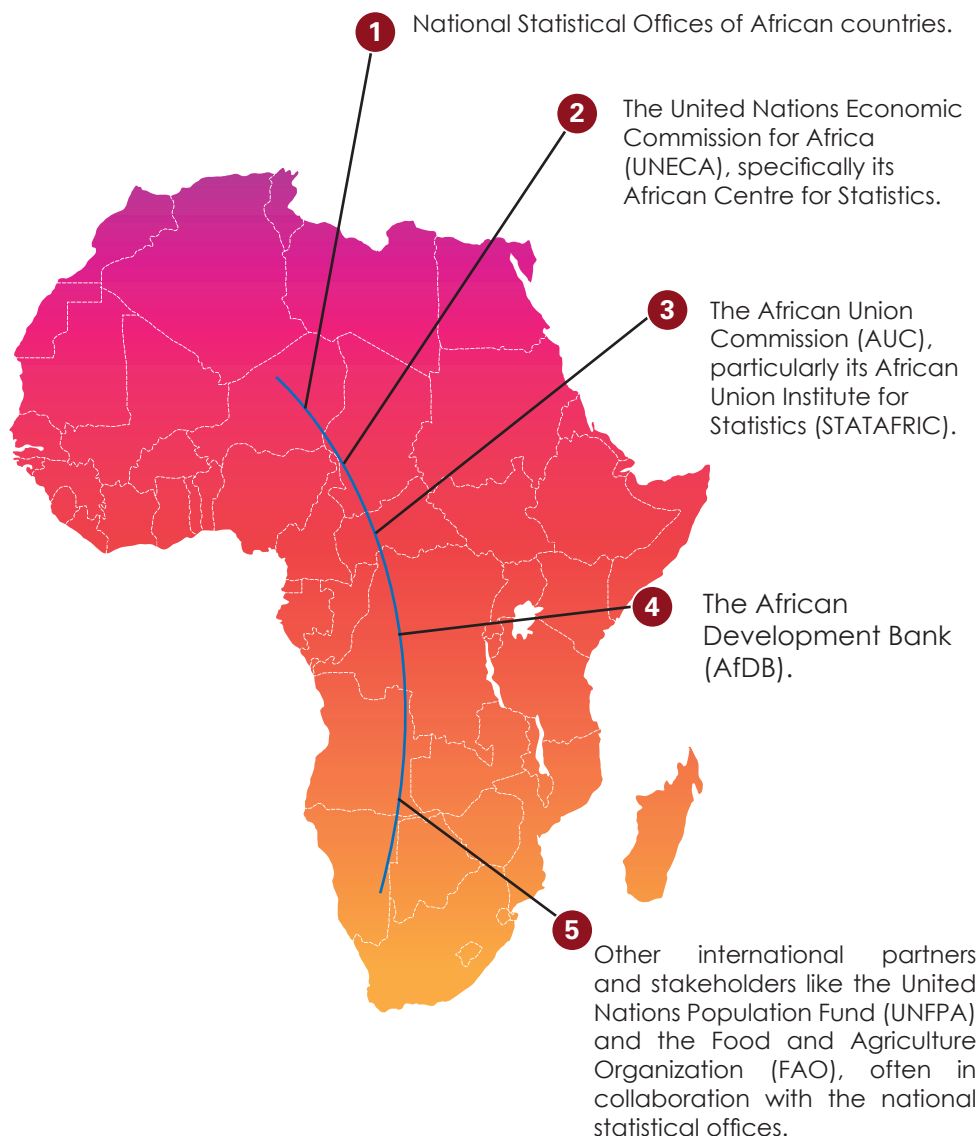
1.3 Objectives for the 2025 African statistics Day

The key objective of celebrating the African Statistics Day for the year is to exchange views on the theme of the day, and includes: -



1.4 Who commemorates the ASD

African Statistics Day is commemorated by the African statistical community, primarily involving:



2. THE 25TH ANNUAL STATISTICS WEEK CELEBRATION

2.1 Background to statistics week celebration

The tradition of commemorating the annual statistics week-long series of activities has been traced to the year 2000, two years after the establishment of UBOS by the Act of Parliament in 1998. In November 2000, the Bureau made the inaugural observance for the weeklong celebration marking the birth of the initiative. The celebration solidified the UBOS vision and anchored it within the Bureau culture. This initiative, distinct to the UBOS, transformed the commemoration of a single African Statistics Day into a rich cultural tradition and institutional hallmark.

Since its inception, the Statistics Week Celebration has remained a key annual activity featuring statistical discourse, enduring legacy. Some of the activities conceived at its founding have been preserved and carried forward each year as both tribute and testament. i.e. commemoration of the African Statistic Day, the Uganda Statistics Society Seminar, Media engagement, User-Producer workshop, and High-Level engagement. Through continuity and commitment, the celebration stands today not only as a reflection of the Bureau's history, but as a living expression of its identity, values, and the statistical interests of stakeholders as emerging from time to time.

This year 2025, marks the 25th annual Statistics Week Celebration. The key initiatives include holding the UBOS inaugural public lecture and workshop on digitization of administrative data innovations, with the intention to preserve expert's knowledge within the National Statistical System in relation to justice, peace, security and governance, The lecture and workshop are structured to capture and codify tacit knowledge, formalize the administrative data history, narrative, innovations within the NSS, and its transformation into actionable activities, and establish challenges and best practices. In addition to the dissemination of 2024 Uganda Aquaculture Census and the 2024 National Governance, Peace and security survey

2.2 The planned activities.

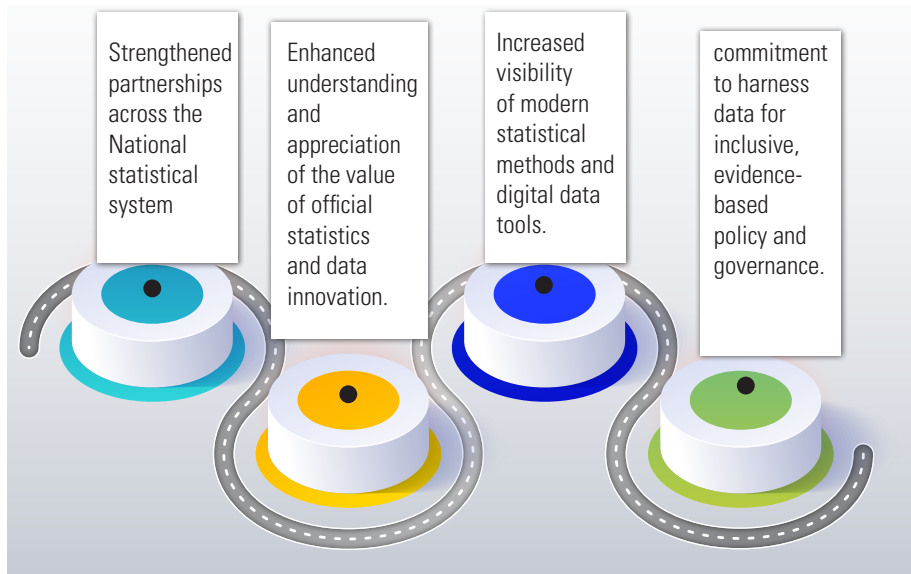
The week-long celebration will feature a range of activities that target a series of high-level engagements, dissemination of statistical reports and technical sessions as shown in Table 1:

Table 1: Program for the 2025 statistics week

Date	Activity	Venue
Friday, November 07, 2025	Students Symposium coordinated by Uganda Statistical Society	Uganda Christians University, Mukono Nkoyoyo Hall
Wednesday, November 12, 2025	Media Briefing and official release of ASW – 2025 activities	Statistics House, Conference Hall 1st Floor
Thursday, November 13, 2025	- Public lecture – “The value of statistics in development” - Workshop on digitalization of Administrative Data in line with the ASD theme	Statistics House, Conference Hall 1st Floor
Monday, November 17, 2025	Professional Seminar	Statistics House, Conference Hall 1 st Floor
Tuesday, November 18, 2025	Celebration of Africa Statistics day - Dissemination workshop for the 2024/25 National Governance Peace Security Report	Statistics House, Conference Hall 1 st Floor
Wednesday, November 19, 2025	Geo -Spatial Information System (GIS) Day	Statistics House, Conference Hall 1 st Floor
Thursday, November 20th 2025	8 th Annual Gender Statistics Forum 2025.	Statistics House, Conference Hall 1 st Floor
Friday, November 21st 2025	Staff wellbeing Recharge to address the need for mental health and stress reduction, Reroute to address the need for practical parenting tips and behavioral strategies	Statistics House, Conference Hall 1 st Floor
Side events	Daily Blood Donation Drives Exhibition	- Kampala - Statistics House



2.3 Expected outcomes



3. CALL TO ACTION

- We invite all stakeholders to join us during the celebration of this years' statistics week
- Embrace digital and technological approaches to harnessing transformative governance and service delivery
- Support research and development of geospatial technologies, big data and citizen-generated data
- Invest heavily in innovation to fully capitalize on the benefits of the emerging opportunities that have been proved to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of processes in the data value chain, as data systems evolve.
- Support innovations in data collection, dissemination and use
- Engage in conversations about data ethics, inclusion and quality
- Use official statistics in planning, decision-making. Public debate and dialogue
- Champion data literacy in your institution and communities.
- Share experiences and success stories of how data has informed decisions and improved outcomes.

4.

UBOS EFFORTS TOWARDS MEASURING INDICATORS FOR SDG 16

The Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) Act, 1998 provides for the development and maintenance of a National Statistical System (NSS) to ensure collection, analysis and publication of integrated, relevant, reliable and timely statistical information. It established the Bureau as the coordinating, monitoring and supervisory body for the National Statistical System. In addition to being the source of official statistical information



In fulfilling this mandate, the Bureau draws on a **diverse range of data sources** and works in close collaboration with **Ministries, Departments, Agencies (MDAs), and development partners**. Given that **SDG 16** encompasses the broad areas of **peace, justice, and strong institutions**, the Bureau relies primarily on **two key data sources** namely: **survey data** and **administrative data** to ensure comprehensive and reliable measurement.

I. Data gap analysis for SDG 16 in Uganda, June 2020

An initiative undertaken to take stock of data availability at country level, funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) NDP and conducted by UBOS working closely with institutions in the Justice, Law and Order Sector with technical support from the UNDP country office



DATA GAP ANALYSIS FOR SDG 16 IN UGANDA



Key finding indicated that

- out of 23 SDG 16 indicators, 21 had full or partial data support, and only 2 indicators lack data,
- one half of SDG 16 indicators is dependent on administrative data sources, and the other half on individual, household and enterprise survey data.
- Disaggregation of SDG 16 data is in place for most indicators that rely on survey-based data sources, but substantial efforts are needed to generate disaggregated data obtained from administrative sources..
- The data produced by the civil society and the academia were largely non-representative and did not fully fit into definitions of the indicators. However, some sources (e.g. the Afrobarometer survey) had the potential to provide alternative credible data.

II. National Governance, Peace and Security (NGPS) Survey

The NGPS survey is conducted every five years in line with the African Charter on Democracy and the African Union Protocol on the Peace and Security Council. The Bureau has conducted 3 rounds of the NGPS survey, with the first survey conducted in 2013, with a 2017 follow-up survey that expanded the scope to include access to justice, compliance with national registration and electoral systems, democracy, transparency, accountability, and women's rights, then the 2024 survey yet to be disseminated. It provides statistics on governance, peace, and security, namely:

- a. Safety and trust i.e. SDG 16.1.4 Proportion of population that feel safe walking alone around the area they live after dark.
- b. Corruption i.e. SDG 16.5.1 Proportion of persons who had at least one contact with a public official and who paid a bribe.
- c. Public service satisfaction i.e. SDG 16.6.2 Proportion of population satisfied with their last experience of public services.

III. Uganda Demographic and Health Survey (UDHS) | Gender Based Violence / Sexual Reproductive Health and Harmful Practices surveys

Both the UDHS and the GBV survey's provides information on victimization and reporting i.e.

SDG 16.1.3 Proportion of population subjected to (a) physical, (b) psychological and/or (c) sexual violence in the previous 12 months)

The UDHS is a national survey conducted every five years, and the bureau has conducted **7 rounds of the survey**, with the first conducted in 1988/89, followed by DHS series conducted in 1995, 2000-01, 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2022. It **provides estimates** on marriage, family planning, sexual activity, maternal and child health, **domestic violence**, childhood and maternal mortality, nutrition, malaria, child labor/discipline, HIV/AIDS. While the GBV survey aim to provide comprehensive data on the prevalence and impact of GBV to inform policy decisions and interventions. Other surveys include the **2020 Uganda National Qualitative Survey on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)**.

Uganda Violence Against Children Survey - UBOS advised on survey design and provided the survey sample, The was survey was led Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development, and fieldwork implementation conducted by The AfriChild Centre for Excellence through ChildFund and Makerere School of Public Health.

Harmonized data system for GBV/SRH/HP - The Bureau aims to integrate and link GBV data systems, creating a comprehensive and routine overview of these issues based on administrative data. This integration will establish a centralized data repository for GBV/SRH/HP information.

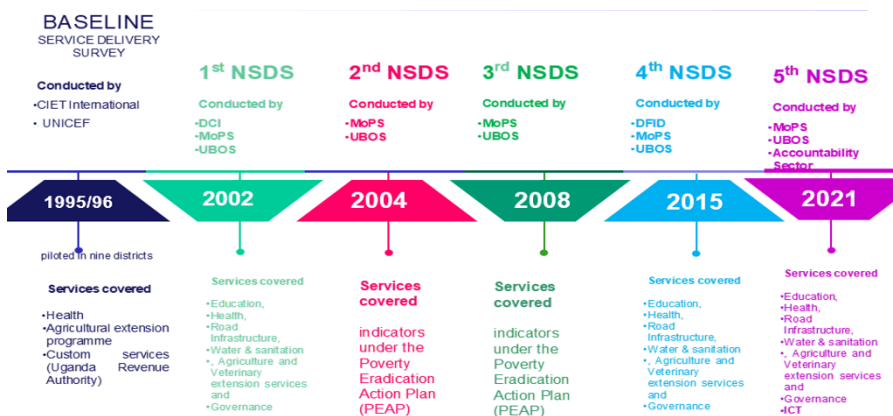


IV. National Service delivery Survey (NSDS)

The NSDS is a national survey conducted every five years, and the Bureau has conducted 5 rounds of the survey, as shown in figure 1. Its main objective is to establish the availability, accessibility, affordability and utilization of services, and whether service recipients are satisfied with the trends in service delivery, in terms of coverage, quantity and quality

It collects information on Justice, Law and Order sector, relevant to accessing justice and experiencing the rule of law, experiences of corruption and bribery, which directly measures SDG indicator 16.5.1 and 16.5.2 (Proportion of persons/businesses who paid a bribe). public sector management and accountability in education and health which is directly relevant to SDG 16.6.2: Proportion of population satisfied with their last experience of public services

Figure 1: NSDS IMPLEMENTATION SERIES



V. Uganda Vital Statistics Report (UVS)

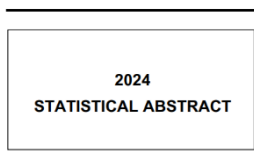
The Uganda Vital Statistics (UVS) Report 2024 was the 1st to be produced in Uganda, and its main purpose was to generate information on Births, Marriages, Deaths and Causes of death from administrative registration systems country-wide, i.e NIRA, Ministry of Health. It provides information on Legal identity i.e.

- **SDG Target 16.9** aims to achieve universal legal identity, including birth registration, by 2030. Particularly **SDG 16.9.1** Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered

VI. Annual Statistical Abstract



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The Annual Statistical Abstract is a comprehensive reference publication that compiles a wide range of statistical data on various aspects of a country's economy, society, and environment. It typically includes information on population demographics, economic indicators, health, education, governance and security statistics and other relevant sectors. It presents statistics compiled by

- **The Uganda Police Force** i.e. reported occurrence of crime by category, that provide information for **SDG 16.1.1: Number of victims of intentional homicide per 100,000 population, by sex and age**. victims and perpetrators of crime, crimes investigated and prosecuted, traffic and road safety, some of which links to several indicators, primarily under **Targets 16.1, 16.2, 16.3, and 16.5**.
- **The Uganda Prison services** i.e. prison population, prisoners on rehabilitation recidivism, prison capacity and occupancy rate, number of prisoners by offence committed and sex, babies staying with their mothers in prison, deaths in prison, some of which inform **SDG 16.3.2: Unsentenced detainees as a proportion of overall prison population**. This is a core administrative indicator derived directly from **prison administration data**.

VII. National Standard Indicators (NSI), National Development Plan (NDP) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

The demand for statistics has grown in response to changes in the social, economic, environmental and political domains in the country as well as the regional, continental and international reporting requirements. These changes present statistical challenges, threats and opportunities for the National Statistical System (NSS) and manifest themselves during the process of data production, dissemination and use of information.

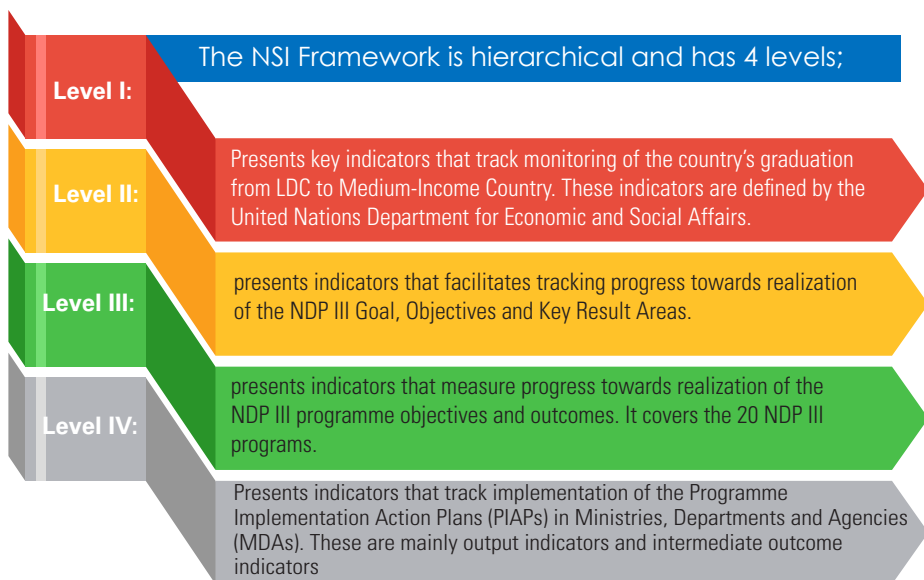
For UBOS and MDAs, Local Governments and CSOs to effectively respond to the

evolving demands and requirements of the National Statistical



System (NSS), it is inevitable that a National Standard Indicator (NSI) Framework was developed and maintained

The evaluation of the NDPI reflected data that underlined the need to define a minimum set of National Indicators, which would later be known as the National Standard Indicator (NSI) framework. Through a Quadripartite arrangement UBOS, MoFPED, NPA and OPM developed the maiden four-level hierarchical National Standard Indicator (NSI) framework to track progress towards achieving national, continental and global commitments.



Following the transition from the second National Development Plan (NDP II) to NDP III, Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) reviewed the Maiden National Standard Indicator (NSI) framework in order to align it to the current development landscape and consequently to NDP IV data requirements.

The NSI integrates all Indicators for tracking the 2030 agenda for sustainable development (SDGs), the Africa Agenda 2063 for the Africa we want, the East Africa Community Vision 2050, Uganda Vision 2040 and the NDP IV and related program Implementation Action Plans.

For the subject under discussion, the NSI consolidates data under level III, for the programmes of Governance peace and security, Legislature oversight representation and the Administration of Justice.



A Statistical Metadata Handbook provide detailed documentation on the methods, definitions, and standards used in collecting and processing statistical data. They serve as a guide for understanding the context, quality, and reliability of statistical information.

The objective of creating these handbooks is to ensure transparency, consistency, and comparability in statistical practices, facilitating accurate data interpretation and effective communication among users, researchers, and policymakers.

5. JOIN THE CONVERSATION

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