



## National Statistical System PNSD Bulletin



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### The Plan for National Statistical Development (PNSD)

The Plan for National Statistical Development (PNSD) design by Uganda Bureau of Statistics in collaboration with key sectors/institutions is making a clear headway. There is remarkable progress that has been made to date with the development of Sector Strategic Plans for Statistics (SSPS) by the relevant sectors/institutions. All the sectors in phase 1 namely; Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES), Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development (MGLSD), Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry (MTTI), Bank of Uganda (BoU), Ministry of Local Government (MoLG), Police and UBOS, had submitted their final SSPS reports to the Consultants for harmonization. The Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development has also expressed interest to be in the first phase of the PNSD design, thus raising the first set of agencies in Phase 1 to 10.

As we progress, the PNSD concept is still being marketed across the players in the NSS. The PNSD will be a framework for strengthening statistical capacity across the entire NSS to support results-based management. It will be a 5 – 10 year plan covering the entire NSS, presenting priorities for statistics and building capacity needed to meet the priorities in a more coordinated, synergistic and efficient manner. The PNSD will address among others issues of structure, sustainability and modification of relationships between key actors in the NSS, harmonization and implementation of planned activities financed by government and development partners. The PNSD is intended to galvanize all data producers to come together towards a common vision and mission for statistical production.

The SSPS are sector/institution specific strategies and form part of the entire PNSD. The 5 – 10 year SSPS will constitute detailed information about the current status of statistical production and the planned strategic direction of the agency in terms of its statistical organizational set up, infrastructure, data and human resource development as well as the monitoring and evaluation framework. The SSPS will in addition, present a 3 year financing and implementation plan in line with the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) for consideration by government and multi lateral development partners.

## PROGRESS

### INTER AGENCY COMMITTEE (IAC) MEETINGS

- ✚ The fourth (4th) Inter Agency Committee (IAC) meeting was organised to enable the costing consultant to interface with the IAC contact persons and responsible accounts officers who will handle the preparation of financing plans and costing of SSPS.. Specifically, the consultant;
  - (i) Sensitized participants about the principles of preparing a financing plan and Costing.
  - (ii) Outlined the expected role of the Sector contact persons and Accounts Officers,
  - (iii) Explained the Terms of reference for the Costing Consultant, and
  - (iv) Generated a time table, and agreed on milestones for this assignment.
  
- ✚ The fifth (5th) IAC meeting was called for contact persons to present sector logical frameworks for statistical production. Logical frameworks outline the strategic objectives, activities, outputs, inputs, verifiable indicators and anticipated risks. By the time of the meeting, only MoH, MAAIF and Police had generated their SSPS logical frameworks. To date, BoU, UBOS, MoE, and MGLSD have generated the initial draft of their logical frameworks.

## PNSD ADVOCACY

- ✦ At an informal donor fora held at the EU office, Crested Towers, Kampala, the Bureau made a presentation about the PNSD. Particular emphasis was put on progress to date, next steps and expectations from the donors. Specifically, the Bureau impressed upon the donors present to;
  - Participate in the PNSD stakeholder meetings,
  - Inform colleagues about the PNSD,
  - Support the process, and
  - factor statistical support into country programmes including; ensuring that finances are available through UBOS or sector basket funds towards;- Statistical capacity building; Infrastructure; and Recurrent costs
- ✦ The meeting was attended by European Union, UNDP, DFID and World Bank, ADB consultant and UBOS representatives. UBOS will be visiting donor offices to talk about the PNSD.

## SECTOR STRATEGIC PLANS FOR STATISTICS (SSPS)

- ✦ The final SSPS are being refined to the required standard for appropriate harmonization by the technical contact persons and the consultants.
- ✦ The costing of the SSPS has begun and is expected to be complete by 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006. Nonetheless, the consultant may derive indicative costing by the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Development of Financing Plans and costing of SSPSs
- ❖ Production of the PNSD document
- ❖ Inter Agency Committee meeting
- ❖ PNSD Stakeholders Review workshop – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2006
- ❖ PNSD High level Seminar – 21st April 2006
- ❖ Phase II launching - May 2006 involving; (Ministry of Lands, Water and Environment (MoWLE), Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD), Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (MOJCA), Ministry of Works, Transport, Housing and Communication (MOWTHC), Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST), Uganda Revenue Authority (URA), Civil Aviation Authority and The Department of Meteorology)

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