



The Republic of Uganda

# National Statistical System PNSD Bulletin



## Uganda to develop a Plan for National Statistical Development (PNSD)

### OVERVIEW

The first PNSD Bulletin [July 2005] expounded the rationale and Frequently Asked Questions about the PNSD, the National Statistical System [NSS], and the draft Road Map. The PNSD will be a **framework for strengthening statistical capacity across the entire NSS for results-based management**. UBOS has for the past three years been fulfilling its mandate based on a 5 year Corporate Plan (2002-2007). However, the corporate plan has almost exclusively focused on UBOS activities. It has not provided for a holistic approach to data production in the NSS, including the system's institutional and technical administrative framework, financing, human resources, and methods to data users and utilization for decision-making. This has led to a NSS characterized by a weak capacity and low level of institutional coordination.

The PNSD is anticipated to address 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. 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 design Process started in July, and the draft plan is estimated to be ready by January 2006. To date, sensitization of key stakeholders within and outside the UBOS has been conducted and will continue throughout the entire design process.

### PROGRESS

The UBOS management met and presented the PNSD concept to the following officials and institutions;

- ✚ The Head Public Service
- ✚ Minister of State, Planning and Economic Development [in charge of Statistics] – Hon. Isaac Musumba.
- ✚ Sector representatives to the Producer – Producer Committees (PPC's) [*Producer – Producer, General Data Disseminating Systems (GDDS) and EAC – Technical Working Groups.*]
- ✚ Ministry of Local Government
- ✚ Ministry of Health
- ✚ Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development

Further, a *Strategic Management Workshop* facilitated by *Prof. Ben Kiregyera* was conducted to enable stakeholders/line ministries understand the basic concepts of strategic planning and equip them with skills to support the development of the PNSD in their line ministries/institutions. The strategic management workshop was *officially opened* by Hon. Mwesigwa Rukutana, Minister of State for General Duties, Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development. One major recommendation from the training was that the UBOS Act (1998) should be restructured to include all actors in the NSS ie. The Uganda Statistical System Act.

### FORESEEN CHALLENGES

- ✚ Securing stakeholder buy-in into the PNSD
- ✚ Sequencing activities of the policy making cycle with the data production cycle

- Institutional constraint along the data production chain of line ministries/routine data producing agencies
- Prioritization of statistical functions by line ministries and other government agencies

## ROAD MAP FOR THE PNSD - UGANDA

TASKS	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBLE
<b>Documentary review of</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National and international results based agenda (PRS, MDGs, etc)</li> <li>○ International standards and frameworks</li> <li>○ Country experiences of sector/institutional specific data</li> </ul>	<b>July - Sept</b>	<b>Key PNSD stakeholders</b>
<b>A: Assess current status of statistics &amp; existing Plans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholder analysis</li> <li>• Assessment of user needs/data gaps</li> <li>• Data User consultations by sector</li> <li>• SWOT Analysis                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Conduct a User consultative meeting</i></li> <li>○ <i>Conduct Inter agency meetings to harmonize outcomes</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>B: Strategic objectives ;-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Organizational, institutional, infrastructure, data management and development, M&amp;E and reporting, and budget development</li> </ul> <b>C: External Capacity assessment / gaps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Internal</li> <li>○ External</li> </ul> <b>D: Gap analysis [data &amp; capacity]</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Benchmarking</li> <li>○ <i>Conduct Technical meetings with respective sectors and or institutions</i></li> <li>○ <i>Inter agency meetings</i></li> </ul>	<b>Sept - Oct</b>	<b>Sectors/institutions</b>  <b>UBOS Consultant/s</b>
<b>E: Visioning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision</li> <li>• Mission</li> <li>• Core Values                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Interagency committee meetings to harmonize outcomes</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Oct- Nov.</b>	<b>Sectors/institutions</b>  <b>UBOS</b>
<b>F: Strategy development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Sector/Institutional activity plans, and budgets</i></li> <li>○ Action plan: activities, outputs, indicators</li> <li>○ Draft of the Main PNSD Report                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Stakeholders Workshop</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Nov. – Dec.</b>	<b>Sectors/institutions</b>  <b>UBOS Consultant/s</b>
<b>G: Finalise Main Report/Plan for the NSS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Implementation, monitoring, evaluation &amp; reporting</i></li> </ul>	<b>Jan - ...</b>	

### NOTE:

Initially the design process will mainly involve key actors, including Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Industry, Police and UBOS.

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