



## **“Data Analysis and Use in the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses”**

### **6<sup>th</sup> ASSD Resolutions:**

We, the National Statistical Offices of African States, supported by the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the governments of Egypt and South Africa, Health Metrics Network and development partners, gathered in Cairo from 31 October to 2 November 2010 during the 6<sup>th</sup> Africa Symposium on Statistical Development (ASSD) under the theme **“Data Analysis and Use in the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Census”**, are:

Aware of the challenges that National Statistical Offices and national governments continue to face in the development of statistics on the African continent and elsewhere in the world;

Appreciating the hospitality of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt in hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> ASSD here in Cairo;

Reaffirming the decision by African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development during their May 2006 meeting in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, to provide support to in-conflict and post-conflict countries;

Noting the importance that was placed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Governments in July 2010 in Kampala, in adopting the Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA) and their call to AUC, ECA, AfDB and countries, to come up with pillars for its implementation;

Noting the celebration of the 1<sup>st</sup> World Statistics Day by African countries under the theme of service, integrity and professionalism in the fields of official statistics, held on 20 October 2010;

Reiterating our commitment to building statistical capacity on the African continent, as well as encouraging enabling institutional reforms;

Recalling the resolutions of the preceding ASSD sessions in Cape Town, South Africa; Kigali, Rwanda; Accra, Ghana; Luanda, Angola; and Dakar, Senegal; wherein we continuously affirmed our commitment to the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses and to have a complete count of Africa's population under the leadership of ECA;

Also noting the challenges of migration on the continent as well as the Conference of Ministers on charge of civil registration;

Further noting the commitment of the African statistical community to support young statisticians as well as the limitations that language places on the development of statistics on the continent;

Appreciating the unprecedented progress made by African countries that indicated by the near universal participation of countries participating in the 2010 round of census;

Noting the launch of the Africa Integrated Census Microdata portal that compiles samples of censuses from African countries and made available to researchers, scholars and policy makers;

Taking note of the Ministerial statements emanating from the 2010 Addis Ababa Conference: "*Improved Civil Status Information for Efficient Public Administration and Generation of Vital Statistics for National Development and MDGs Monitoring in Africa*", organized by AfDB, ECA, AUC, Health Metrics Network and other partners;

**Hereby resolve that:**

- The ASSD will adopt the strengthening of National Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems as its theme for the next five years beginning in 2012;
- There is a need to reinforce the capacity of stakeholders of African statistical systems in the analysis of census data;
- The interim committee on the revival of the African statistical association to take necessary step in the inception of the association and report to the next session of the statistical commission for Africa in January 2012;

- The AfDB, ECA, and AUC should ensure that the work on ICP Africa take place according to agreed upon schedule in line with the global implementation plan. We therefore:
  - Call upon AfDB, ECA, AUC to prepare a communication strategy for the dissemination of the ICP 2011 Round results to decision makers for policy formulation, monitoring and evaluation of their development effort.
  - Call upon sub-regional organizations to continue assisting AfDB in implementing the ICP Programme in their member states and their capacity should be strengthened accordingly.
  - Technical Working Groups should be established in critical areas such as communications strategy, poverty analysis, use and dissemination of ICP data, infrastructure, etc.
  - Detailed anonymized, microdata should be accessed by analysts and researchers, subject to the preservation of confidentiality.
- The World Bank should share household surveys data on African countries available to them with AfDB, ECA, AUC, ACBF;
- Strengthening the capacity to stakeholders in census data analysis;
- Statistical association: to take necessary steps to revive the African statistical association and report to the next session of the Statistical Commission for Africa;
- ICP-Africa: Calls upon
  - Countries should ensure timely release and analysis of census data in support of their policy and programmatic formulation, monitoring, and evaluation of their development efforts
  - Regional and international organizations should support countries in their efforts.
- Research institutions and Statistical Training Centers should be at the forefront of the building of capacities of countries in census data analysis;

- Regional organizations and partners are called upon to reinforce the capacity of countries in census post evaluation through workshops, training and provisions of guidelines;
- AfDB, ECA, AUC and partners to work out modalities that will ensure the harmonization of population projections inter-censal periods;
- Call on ECA, AUC, AfDB, United Nations Statistics Division, and Health Metrics Network to work with countries to deploy the application of existing standards associated with the collection and processing of census and CRVS-related data, for use through hand-held, web-based and other technology platforms.

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