



WORKSHOP ON PEER REVIEW MECHANISMS FOR NATIONAL STATISTICAL OFFICES IN OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES

CONDUCT THE PEER REVIEW, PRATICAL EXAMPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE

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In Pan-African Statistical programme Context

Peer reviews are based on documentation submitted by the countries

- Involve visits of peer review teams to each country;
- Meetings with National Statistical Institute and National Statistical System stakeholders;
- Usually involve main producers of official statistics, main data providers, and main users;
- Provisional findings are presented at the end of the visit;
- Peer review report following peer review visit.





CONDUCT THE PEER REVIEW



The team necessary to conduct the peer review consists of:

- 3 persons per team = 2 peers + 1 international expertise
- The peers shall be experienced heads of two African National Statistical Institute
- The peers shall come from the same language group of countries as that reviewed (or be proficient in the language)
- One of the peers shall be chair of the team
- The chair shall be responsible for the overall conduct, cooperate with NSI on the preparation of agenda, be the spokesperson for the team





CONDUCT THE PEER REVIEW



The commitment of the beneficiary countries to the peer review is required

- Commitment to supply the documents requested
- National Statistical Institute shall appoint a coordinator and key statistical staff members to compile requested documentation, to plan/prepare visits of peer review teams, to involve key managers and experts and to organize meetings with NSIs and NSS stakeholders
- Meetings should involve main producers of official statistics, main data providers, and main users
- Countries shall publish of PR reports and conduct discussions of findings among NSS partners





Peer review meetings take place from Monday to Friday

It includes:

- Meetings with NSI, NSS institutions (ministries, central bank ..) agencies & non-governmental users
- Elaboration and presentation of draft results and recommendations for peer review and discussion of these results with INE, SEN and the head of the high Council of Statistics

the focus of the interviews is based in five topics:

- Organisation and coordination of the NSS, Institutional environment, Quality, Statistical processes and Dissemination (and list of issues to be discussed under each topic).





Context

The peer review of the National Statistical System of Mozambique was conducted in 2009, for one week (February 2-6).

It was decided at the meeting of the Committee on Information for Development of the Economic Commission for Africa held in 2003 with the aim of:

- Accelerate changes in the process of reformulation of statistical systems in African countries
- Provide guidance in the process of defining and implementing National Strategies for the development of statistics that are central elements for the implementation of the Marrakesh Action Plan 2004





Peer review teams

Mr. Charles Machinjili, Commissioner of Statistics, National Statistical Office, Malawi

Mr. Rodwell Mzonde, Deputy Director, Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, Malawi

Mrs. Radegunda Maro, Director of Statistical Operations, National Bureau of Statistics, Tanzania

Mrs. Grace Mosha, Assistant Director, Macro-Economic Cluster, Planning Commission, Tanzania

Paris 21 experts

Mr. Tony Williams and Mr. Guest Charumbira, PARIS21.





Commitments on the peer review conduct

The National Statistical Institute appointed a coordinator and a cooperation officer to follow the peer review activities

- To compile requested documentation (summary explanation of the including legal basis, main producers, NSS organisation, participating bodies, coordination, operations made on the NSI, size and financing, Statistical laws, regulations, codes and similar, Statistical policy documents). Related documents was presented to the team.
- To Plan and prepare visits of peer review teams and organize meetings with NSIs and NSS stakeholders



PRATICAL EXAMPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE



The peer review team met and interviewed producers, users and cooperation partners to analyze and review peers, namely:

- Higher Statistical Council
- Producers of statistics (INE, Central Bank, INE Delegation (Health, Labor))
- Users (Parliament, Ministry of Planning, TVSoico Group, CTA and Eduardo Mondlane University)
- Funding for SEN (Ministry of Finance and Cooperation Partners - IMF, NORAD, DANIDA, UNICEF, UNFPA)





Focus of the peer review

The interviews followed a discussion guide and the evaluation focused on the following topics

- Governance of the National Statistical System
- Organization
- Strategic Planning
- Services provided to users (statistical production)
- Financing and sustainability

At the end of the interviews a draft report and recommendations were made and shared with all the interviewees including the head quarter of INE



PRATICAL EXAMPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE



What was recommended to the NSS of Mozambique?

Strategic plan:

- NSS should define priorities and sequencing activities as indicated in the Strategic Plan;
- Implementation of the Plans should be monitored at all levels.

Production and Dissemination:

- Increased number of disaggregated data;
- Household Consumption Surveys should be conducted on a panel basis;
- Reduce ICP production time;
- Intensify training courses for parliamentarians and journalists on the use of statistics
- Improve the internet site;

Financing:

- The Government should strike a balance between national allocations and contributions from partners to finance statistical activities

Mozambique benefitted from peer review because it

- Showed the strength, weakness of NSI and NSS;
- Joined together the NSS members and users to discuss the need of improvement in terms of coordination, production and dissemination;
- Through the recommendations of peer review report, the NSS defined the action plan with clear priorities to be adressed by NSS;
- With the action plan defined the NSS Mozambique improved in terms of timliness of IPC (now is published 10 days after the end of the reference period), improved in terms of striking government allocation, now (2017) the governament contribution is 41% againts contribution of 30 % in 2009.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED



- The need of carrying out the peer review on regular base;
- The definition of a clear and friendly methodology for self-assessment by the NSI and NSS before the peer review mission such us Snapshot tool;
- The establishment of indicators and parameters to evaluate the quality issues of the statistical production processes.



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