



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Regional Meeting

Regional capacity building training on the use of statistics and the Productive Capacities Index to inform evidence-based policy-making in landlocked developing countries and other structurally weak and vulnerable economies

**Windhoek, Namibia
9 - 10 April 2019**



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Day 1

Tuesday, 9 April 2019

08:30 – 9:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:30 Opening Session

This session is intended to set the tone for the workshop and provide direction for subsequent discussions. It will particularly highlight the objectives and expected outcomes of the regional meeting, and their implications for domestic, regional and global policy making.

09:00 – 09:15 Welcoming Remarks

Mr. Alex Shimuafeni, Statistician General, Namibia Statistics Agency, Namibia

09:15 – 09:30 Introductory Remarks

Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

09:30 – 12:30 Session I: Productive capacities and structural economic transformation: Concepts, key drivers, policy implications, instruments and lessons

This session is intended to explain the concepts of productive capacities, structural economic transformation and export diversification, and identify their key drivers and role in the development process. It also will assess the role of governments, domestic policies and institutions in fostering productive capacities and structural transformation.

09:30 – 09:50 Developing productive capacities in landlocked developing countries: Policy instruments and lessons

Mr. Patrick Osakwe, Chief, Trade and Poverty Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

09:50 – 10:10 Concepts and key drivers of productive capacities: policy implications to African countries

Mr. Mussie Deleegn, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programme, UNCTAD

10:10 – 10:20 Tea/Coffee Break

10:20 – 10:40 The role of Government in promoting industrial parks and export processing zones to boost productive capacities and foster economic transformation: The experience of Rwanda and lessons for other countries in Africa

Mr. Jonas Munyurangabo, Director General of Planning, M&E, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Rwanda

10:40 – 11:00 National policy and institutional framework to build productive capacities and promote structural economic transformation in African countries: The experience of Rwanda

Mr. Richard Karugarama, National Consultant for UNCTAD, Rwanda

11:00 – 11:30 Country perspectives on the challenges of fostering productive capacities and structural transformation: Botswana, Ghana

11:30 – 12:30 Interactive discussions/questions and answers

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 18:00 Session II: The role of data and statistics in fostering productive capacities: Measurement, benchmarking and the use of the Productive Capacities Index (PCI) for evidence- based policy formulation in African countries

The objective of this session is to discuss the role of quality data and statistics for policy making. The session is intended to reflect on methodologies to construct survey questionnaires for social indicators such as health indicators and relevant data. The session is also designed to facilitate the exchange of practical experiences in data collection, organization and analysis among countries.

13:30 – 13:50 Use and misuse of data and statistics in economic policy making

Mr. Brian Mbazuvara, Economist, Bank of Namibia, Namibia

13:50 – 14:10 The role of quality data and statistics for development policy making in Togo: Challenges and opportunities

Mr. Stephane T. Kpowbiè Akaya, Economic Adviser of the Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister, Togo



14:10 – 14:30 Use of data and national statistics for informed policy making in the areas of export diversification: How is data collected and how does it feed into policy making processes in Botswana?

Mr. Larona Thina Kaisara, Senior Statistician, Botswana Statistics, Botswana

14:30 – 15:00 Interactive discussions

15:00 – 15:20 Tea/Coffee Break

Session II (Continued)

15:20 – 15:40 Data collection, organization and analysis as inputs to evidence-based policy formulation in African countries: The case of Rwanda

Mr. Ivan Murenzi, Deputy Director General, National Institute of Statistics Rwanda (NISR), Rwanda

15:40 – 16:00 Health indicators and methodology for conducting a statistical survey

Mr. Yohannes Kinfu, Senior Research Fellow, University of Canberra, Australia

16:00 – 16:20 The Namibian experience in data and statistics collection, organization and analysis for policy making: What lessons for African countries?

Mr. Ronnie Lutibezi, Statistician, Namibia Statistics Agency, Namibia

16:20 – 16:40 Methodology and data sources in constructing the UNCTAD PCI

Mr. Alberto Munisso, Associate Expert, Landlocked Developing Countries Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programme, UNCTAD

16:40 – 18:00 Interactive discussions



Day 2

Wednesday, 10 April 2019

09:00 – 13:00 Session III: Fostering productive capacities, structural economic transformation and diversification in African countries: Benchmarks and policy options

This session focuses on building economic resilience to reduce vulnerabilities in African economies. It discusses benchmarks and UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index, together with other relevant indices such as the Financial Capabilities Index, with a focus on policy implications, options and strategies aimed at fostering productive capacities, structural economic transformation and export diversification in African countries. It highlights the role of export diversification, value addition and challenges and opportunities for African countries.

09:00 – 09:15 Introductory remarks: Building economic resilience through fostering productive capacities and structural transformation

Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

09:15 – 09:35 Findings and policy conclusions of UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index (PCI): The performance of African LLDCs

Mr. Mussie Deleegn, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programme, UNCTAD

09:35 – 09:55 Financial Capability Index and its implications to domestic development policy making: The case of Namibia

Mr. Lizl Stoman, CEO, Namibia Survey Ware House, Namibia

09:55 – 10:15 The role of trade and export diversification in realizing the Rwanda National Vision 2020: What lessons to the other African countries?

Mr. Dickson Malunda, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Analysis and Research, Rwanda

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee/Tea Break

10:30 – 10:50 Botswana's Economic Diversification Drive and Citizens Economic Empowerment policies: What lessons from institutional arrangements for policy formulation, implementation and coordination for African countries?

Ms. Pinkie Kebakile, Research Fellow at the Botswana Institute for development and Policy Analysis, Botswana

10:50 – 11:30 Challenges and opportunities for building economic resilience, export diversification: The experiences of Eswatini, Namibia and Zimbabwe

11:30 – 12:30 Interactive discussions/Questions and answers

12:30 – 13:00 Summing up and closing

13:00 **Lunch break**