



Partnership – Light Reporting Mechanism

The May 2004 meeting of the Forum for African Statistical Development (FASDev) underlined the need for greater exchange of information among technical and financial partners that support statistical development in African countries. In addition to contributing to a stronger collaboration among these partners, such an exchange would support the preparation of national strategies for the development of statistics in African countries. To this end, the meeting agreed that a light mechanism be put in place to facilitate this exchange, requesting the PARIS21 Secretariat, in collaboration with a few partners, to design a sample template for reporting and collecting the information from all partners.

Accordingly, during the first half of 2005, the Secretariat of PARIS21:

- has drafted the attached template (Annex 1), which covers information on statistical activities in a specific country or region, the type of assistance provided, the duration of the activities, the type and amount of funding, references to any documentation related to these activities, and the institutional contact person;
- has piloted the template with a few partners, namely the FAO, the World Bank, PARIS21, and the European Union, to not only test the feasibility of filling out the template, but also to request comments on the relevance and completeness of the information requested and suggestions to improve the template;
- has revised the template incorporating comments received; and
- is sending the revised template to other key partners in June 2005 for completion by September 2005.

The key points arising from this pilot experience are: (i) the necessity of partners having an up-to-date database on their activities, as that of the World Bank, found on its external website: www.worldbank.org/data/countrydata/spid.html; (ii) the importance of agreeing on an appropriate classification of statistical activities; and (iii) the recognition that the information provided needs to be complemented with the reality on the ground (implementation progress, constraints met, etc.) by country partners and operational staff responsible for the activities.

The PARIS21 Secretariat is ready to assist partners in completing the template, if necessary. It plans to aggregate and synthesise the information collected by country and/or region/sub-region for the FASDev meeting in late 2005. Also, as the templates are received, the Secretariat will post partners' inputs on its website.

#	Decision for the Steering Committee
5	Does the Committee agree to proceed with the proposed template of the light reporting mechanism? If so, does it agree that the PARIS21 Secretariat request key partners to complete it?



Annex I: Light Reporting Mechanism

Technical and Financial Support to Statistical Development

Explanatory note for completing the information sheet

This information sheet consists of two pages, plus this explanatory note.

The first page is for general information – contact details, brief description of principal areas of support to statistical development, total financing provided for statistical development in Africa during the period 2004–2005, number of statistical staff in partner’s organization, and key partners in statistical development.

The second page provides detailed information on individual projects/programmes, by country or by region or sub-region. In the case of a regional or sub-regional project or programme, please indicate the countries or regional institutions supported by the project or programme.



Technical and Financial Support to Statistical Development

Partner's General Information Sheet

Partner Name:

Brief description of principal areas of support to statistical development:

Total financing provided for statistical development in Africa in 2004-05:

Number of statistical staff in partner's organisation:

Key partners in statistical development:

Contact person (person responsible for completing this information sheet)

Name: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Tel.: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Date sheet was completed: _____



Detailed Information Sheet
(one for each Project, by Country or Region/sub-region)

Partner's Name

Beneficiary Country or Region/sub-region _____

Project/Programme Name _____

Beneficiary Institution _____

Statistical areas
(e.g., national accounts) _____

Project main objectives _____

Amount (in US\$) _____

Type of financing loan/credit grant direct financing

Type of assistance TA training tool dev. Dissem. Oper. costs

Duration _____

Other donors involved _____

Main results _____

Problems encountered
(e.g., cooperation with other partners, availability of experts and funding, etc) _____

Documentation
(include how to access) _____

Institutional contact
(name and Email of person responsible for implementation of given activity) _____
