

International Comparison Program

Meeting of the Governing Board

Africa progress report

Virtual Meeting
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Outline

- 1. ICP 2021 Implementation Status**
- 2. Overall regional risks**



1. The 2021 Round Implementation

SCB –V Approved : AfDB Board Approved its SCB-V in April 2020 to support Regional Statistical Capacity Development; among other activities are ICP 2021 Round as part of the Rolling Benchmark Approach (RBA) aligned to 2017 results;

- Endorsed the ICP 2017 results as part of the Bank's key strategic areas;

Four strategic lines for the ICP 2021 Implementation

ICP permanency in RMCs activities entails the following 4 Frameworks to be pursued:

Convergence Framework	• (1) The System of National Accounts (SNA)
Strategic Frameworks	• (2) The Data and statistical strategies of the United Nations General Secretariat and the AfDB High'5 Agenda
	• (3) The Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA-II)
Comparison framework	• (4) International Comparison Program



1. ICP 2021 Implementation Status

- ❑ **ALL 50 African countries have agreed** to the following New Arrangements :
 - ❑ SCB-V is a non-concessional Programme of 10 million UC ((~13 Million USD) for the 37 ADF-eligible to countries;
 - ❑ COMESA is the Only Executing Agency as the Bank procedure currently requires;
 - ❑ 10 Million UC was disbursed to COMESA in April 2021;
 - ❑ COMESA as the Executing Agency has been working on arrangements to disburse ICP funds to the eligible both “Non-COMESA member states”(18) and to “COMESA Member states countries” (19)
 - First Time COMESA is Implementing a Program in “Non-COMESA member states”;
 - Signing LOA issues raised in "Non-COMESA member states”;
 - Meetings held with both the Bank and 37 Countries to facilitate disbursement of Funds;
 - **COMESA Accounts at UBA and Ecobank have been opened in all 37 countries to channel resources to NSO for HHC field data Collection**



1. ICP 2021 Implementation Status (Cont'd)

- ✓ **13 Middle Income Countries (MIC)** will implement ICP without resources (these are the Bank New Operational rules):
 - a) based on their CPIA which upgrades them from Non Concessional (ADF-Resources) to Concessional Resources (required special agreement with respective governments)
 - b) All agreed to start collecting data in April because of the delay in their various statistical operations due to Covid-19.
 - c) for special surveys in 2021: validation is underway.
- ✓ **4 “Experimental” or “Benchmark” Countries**
 - a) **Eritrea; Somalia; South Sudan; Libya :**
 - i. the four (04) countries made official request to No longer be Considered as “Non-Benchmark Countries” :
 - ii. Depending on data to be collected a decision will be made to consider them as “Experimental” or “ Benchmark Countries”



1. ICP 2021 Implementation Status (Cont'd)

- ❑ **Various AfDB's communication with 54 countries** (the 50 ICP 2017 round countries plus South Sudan, Libya, Eritrea and Somalia):
 - ✓ **All Confirmed/Updated the composition of national ICP teams for 2021/2022** (Names of experts and allocation of technical areas);
 - ✓ **All Started data Collection for the following Surveys : EDUC, GOV; GDP-MORES;**
 - a) **Update for 2017, 2018 , 2019,**
 - b) **Collection for 2020 2021;**
 - c) **Submission of Population XR figures (2017-2022); and**
- ❑ **AfDB and ESCWA made arrangements : Only Morocco remains to discuss ICP funding issues. The meeting will be held today 14 march 2022.**
- ❑ **A Data Validation Workshop is programmed for September-October 2022**
- ❑ **HHC data collection to run from April 2022 to March 2023.**



2. Overall Regional Risks mitigation measures

THREE (03) major risks are worth underlining:

- ❑ **Belated availability of RESOURCES for the first regional workshop** :
 - The Bank is working very closely with COMESA AND Participating countries to ensure there is very minimum slippage;
- ❑ **ICP staff turnover in the countries** :
 - a) ICP staff died from Covid-19
 - b) Appointment of Whole NI Team
 - c) ICP staff Mobility for various Reasons
 - d) Retirements
- ❑ **Data discrepancy for dual participating countries** – AfDB and ESCWA have learned lessons from challenges that arose from the review of 2017 data. **Implementation of the ISTANBUL 2019 agreement.**



Thank you!