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Title of Mission	First Meeting of the Specialized Technical Group on SDGs/Agenda 2063 Statistics (STG14-SDGs/A2063)
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Venue and Dates	Nairobi, Kenya, 23-25 February 2026
Background and Context	The first meeting of the Specialized Technical Group on SDGs/Agenda 2063 Statistics (STG14-SDGs/A2063) was held from 23 to 25 February 2026 in Nairobi, Kenya, at the Concord Hotel & Suites. The meeting brought together AU Member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and Pan-African and regional organisations to operationalise STG14 under the Second Strategy for the Harmonisation of Statistics in Africa (SHaSA 2) and to strengthen harmonised statistical production for monitoring and reporting on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063. Participation included: • Representatives of AU Member States: Algeria, Botswana, Burundi, Cote d'Ivoire, Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Morocco (online), Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia and South Sudan. • AU Regional Economic Communities: Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), East African Community (EAC) and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). • Pan-African and regional organisations: African Union Office of Strategic and Delivery Planning Directorate (OSPD), ACBF, STATAFRIC, ECA, AfDB (online), and AFRISTAT (online).
Objectives of the Mission	The meeting aimed to: 1. Present the adopted Terms of Reference (ToRs) of STG-14. 2. Establish the Bureau of STG-14. 3. Share best experiences of countries and international and regional organisations on the implementation of SDGs/Agenda 2063 statistics. 4. Develop a clear Action Plan for 2026-2027 on STG14-SDGs/Agenda 2063 statistics. 5. Elaborate a minimum list of indicators on STG14-SDGs/Agenda 2063 statistics, taking into account other STGs and SHaSA 2. Expected outcomes: • Learning from best experiences on STG14-SDGs/Agenda 2063 STYIP. • A minimum list of indicators for STG14 statistics elaborated. • A clear roadmap to produce the STG14 indicators developed. • An elected Bureau for STG14-SDGs/Agenda 2063 statistics.
Planned Activities	Planned activities followed the adopted agenda and included: • Opening session (welcome statements by AUC/OSPD and Kenya National Bureau of Statistics). • Presentations on SHaSA 2, the STG14 Terms of Reference, and the status of SDG and Agenda 2063 implementation.

	• Experience sharing by Member States, RECs and regional organisations on SDGs/Agenda 2063 implementation and reporting. • Group work to elaborate (i) a minimum set of indicators and (ii) the 2026-2027 STG14 Action Plan. • Election of the STG14 Bureau. • Adoption of conclusions, resolutions and recommendations. These activities were largely implemented as planned.
Work accomplished	AU-STATAFRIC, in collaboration with the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) as the host, convened and facilitated the first meeting of STG14 SDGs/A2063. The Secretariat delivered the following work products and decisions: • Convened the inaugural STG14 meeting (23–25 February 2026) and confirmed operating modalities, including adoption of the agenda and introduction of the adopted Terms of Reference (ToRs) and governance arrangements under SHaSA 2. • Provided technical briefings to frame STG14’s work programme: (i) SHaSA 2 contribution to SDGs/Agenda 2063 STYIP implementation; (ii) status of SDG implementation and data readiness, including the Current Status Index (CSI), Anticipated Progress Index (APIdx) and the Data Situation Index (DSI); and (iii) status of Agenda 2063 STYIP implementation based on the first biennial continental progress report. • Facilitated structured experience sharing by Member States, RECs and partners, capturing practical lessons on indicator interpretation, disaggregation requirements, administrative data quality, survey periodicity, national coordination mechanisms and financing constraints (including SIDS-specific reporting considerations). • Led two technical working groups and consolidated their outputs for inclusion in the annexes: (i) a draft minimum set of STG14 core indicators (with definitions, calculation methods and sources) and (ii) a draft 2026–2027 STG14 Action Plan and roadmap for producing the agreed indicators. • Demonstrated the SHaSA 2 Implementation Platform (SharePoint) and secured agreement to use it as the primary collaboration space for STG14 documentation, Bureau updates, and peer exchange. • Supported the election of the first STG14 Bureau (Chair: Djibouti; Vice-Chairs: Senegal, Egypt and Equatorial Guinea; Rapporteur: Lesotho) and confirmed the Bureau’s immediate responsibility to finalise the minimum indicator list and Action Plan and steer implementation. • Documented and agreed resolutions and recommendations, including the commitment to prepare an STG14 report for endorsement by the SHaSA Executive Committee, the African Statistical Coordination Committee and the CoDGs in November/December 2026, and to support implementation of the agreed roadmap.
Outcomes and Immediate Results	• The STG14 Terms of Reference were presented and discussed, clarifying mandate, governance arrangements, and expected deliverables. • Member States, RECs and partners shared practical experiences and challenges in SDGs/Agenda 2063 reporting, highlighting common data gaps and coordination needs.

	• A draft minimum set of STG14 indicators (including definitions, calculation methods and sources) was prepared by the working group. • A draft 2026-2027 STG14 Action Plan was developed and presented in plenary. • The first STG14 Bureau was elected (Chair: Djibouti; Vice-Chairs: Senegal, Egypt and Equatorial Guinea; Rapporteur: Lesotho). • Resolutions and recommendations were agreed upon, including the commitment to present a report for endorsement in November/December 2026.
Management Attention Required	• Allocate resources for the timely preparation and submission of the STG14 report and recommendations for endorsement by the Executive Committee of SHaSA, the African Statistical Coordination Committee, and the CoDGs in November/December 2026. • Mobilise sustainable financing for 2026-2027 Action Plan implementation. • Develop targeted assistance plan for National Statistical Offices (NSOs). • Strengthen engagement protocol with RECs and Pan-African organisations.
Way Forward and Next Steps	• The Bureau will coordinate the finalisation of the minimum list of indicators and the 2026-2027 Action Plan by March 5th, and will spearhead implementation of agreed activities within the proposed timelines of the Action Plan. • The STATAFRIC Secretariat will circulate the revised drafts and coordinate inputs from Member States, RECs and partners to finalise meeting outputs. • Member States are encouraged to strengthen national coordination arrangements (including establishment of coordination committees) and to integrate multiple data sources for SDGs/Agenda 2063 reporting. • Member States are encouraged to strengthen metadata documentation and establish quality assessment and assurance frameworks to improve the quality of statistics. • RECs and Pan-African organisations will continue advocacy and sensitisation on Agenda 2063 and support capacity building on data collection and analysis. • Members are encouraged to actively use the SHaSA 2 SharePoint platform to support information sharing and follow-up on agreed action points.

Annexes :

- STG14 meeting agenda
- List of participants
- STG14 Terms of Reference (ToRs)
- Draft 2026-2027 STG14 Action Plan
- Draft minimum set of STG14 indicators (definitions, calculation methods and sources)
- Draft STG 14 Report