

ACS Bilateral Engagement Matrix: Follow-Up Actions for ACS Staff

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NSOs covered: Mali · Burundi · Burkina Faso · Cabo Verde · Morocco · Botswana · Mauritius · Congo (Rep.) · CAR · South Africa · South Sudan · Malawi · Senegal · Rwanda

Priority: **HIGH** = Immediate / urgent action required by named ACS staff **MEDIUM** = Action required within current quarter (Q3 2026)

Country / NSO	Meeting Date	Mode	NSO Counterpart	Key Issues for Director's Attention / ACS Response	Pending ACS Actions & Timelines	ACS Focal Section	Priority
Mali (INSTAT)	5 Jun 2026	Virtual	Mr. Idrissa Officer-in-Charge, DG INSTAT Mali	- Feedback on input-output tables (AFCIOT) was overdue at the time of the meeting — risks to ACS credibility - Satellite imagery used for agricultural statistics & livestock counting (security constraints) — continental learning opportunity - Geospatial/IGIF collaboration ongoing — needs focal point continuity - Data centre planned at new HQ — ACS/partner support may be needed 4th Generation NSDS completed; submitted for Government adoption	- Provide formal feedback on AFCIOT/input-output tables engagement [within 1 wk — DONE] - INSTAT to share updated national accounts data [within 1 wk] - Designate ACS focal point for Mali geospatial/IGIF and national accounts - Invite Mali to present satellite-based agricultural statistics at STATCOM side event or webinar [Q3 2026] - Explore ACS/partner support for data centre — schedule scoping discussion [TBD] - Encourage active STATCOM participation, including possible exhibition/side event	Lead: SPMR (national accounts, AFCIOT/input-output tables, agri-stats) Support: DCIGK (IGIF/geospatial; data centre; satellite imagery) Support: CPP (STATCOM participation; knowledge-sharing event)	HIGH
Burundi (INSBU)	16 Jun 2026	Virtual	M. Nicolas Ndayishimiye Director-General, INSBU	- ACS Director's response to 4 support requests was cut off by connectivity loss — follow-up is essential to avoid loss of confidence - Support request 1: satellite accounts (land, water, forest) — builds on prior ACS energy satellite accounts work - Support request 2: spatial price analysis - Support request 3: SDG indicator computation and metadata refinement - Support request 4: continued census support (cartography, dashboard, enumerator training) — results pending government decree for publication - STATCOM-Africa registration submitted (form + passport copy) — receipt confirmation needed	- Send formal written response to INSBU on all 4 support requests [within 2 wks] - Designate ACS focal point for INSBU technical follow-up [within 1 wk] - Confirm receipt and processing of STATCOM-Africa registration and passport copy [within 1 wk] - Monitor census decree progress and follow up with INSBU as needed [ongoing]	Lead: SPMR (satellite accounts; SDG indicators; census support) Support: CPP (STATCOM coordination; focal point designation) Support: DCIGK (spatial price analysis)	HIGH
Burkina Faso (INSD)	16 Jun 2026	Virtual	M. Toubou Ripama Director General, INSD	- National accounts rebasing underway — technical support on 2025 SNA, admin data & interoperability needed - Artisanal gold survey ongoing: innovative inclusion of informal gold production in national accounts — regional learning opportunity - CRVS modernization: interoperability and administrative data integration - Ongoing agricultural statistics collaboration confirmed — continuity needed - Donor-funded project ending — ACS continuity support required - INSD confirmed STATCOM 2026 participation and interest in StatsTalk-Africa webinar	- Share ACS programmes and technical support opportunities with INSD [within 1 wk] - Designate ACS focal point for national accounts and CRVS follow-up [within 1 wk] - Encourage INSD to submit a formal technical assistance request - Share Statstalk-Africa webinar themes and participation details [immediate] - Document and share Burkina Faso artisanal gold methodology through regional platforms [Q3 2026] - Coordinate CRVS interoperability engagement [Q3 2026] - Continue agricultural statistics collaboration [ongoing]	Lead: SPMR (national accounts rebasing, 2025 SNA; CRVS; agri-stats) Support: CPP (statstalk-africa; capacity building; knowledge sharing) Support: DCIGK (admin data interoperability)	HIGH

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Cabo Verde (INECV)	16 Jun 2026	Virtual	Mr. João de Pina Mendes Cardoso, President, INECV	- No active ACS-supported programmes or capacity-building in Cabo Verde in 2025 - Formal needs request from INECV not yet submitted — needed to guide future ACS support - Opportunity to proactively share the ACS programme portfolio	- Share information on ACS programmes and support opportunities with INECV [within 1 wk] - Designate ACS focal point to coordinate future INECV engagement [within 1 wk] - Encourage INECV to submit a formal request outlining priority needs [within 1 month] - Explore inclusion of Cabo Verde in upcoming regional capacity-building initiatives [upon receipt of request]	Lead: CPP (outreach; needs assessment; regional programme inclusion) Support: SPMR (upon receipt of formal request)	MEDIUM
Morocco (HCP)	17 Jun 2026	Virtual	Mr. Oussama Marseli, Director of Statistics, HCP [Morocco is STATCOM-Africa Bureau Rapporteur]	- NSS institutional reforms underway under HCP — no formal national statistical commission for inter-agency coordination - ACS offered to provide technical support on NSS governance and coordination if formally requested - AI and official statistics: Morocco participates in the Kigali City Group — opportunity for ACS collaboration - Multidimensional poverty is more relevant than monetary measures in Morocco context; collaboration with Oxford University is ongoing - Morocco, as STATCOM-Africa Bureau Rapporteur, is a strategic partnership asset	- Share Statstalk-Africa webinar background documents with Morocco [immediate] - Maintain bilateral engagement on NSS coordination and governance reforms [ongoing] - Explore technical support for NSS coordination — await formal request [Q3 2026] - Continue AI and official statistics collaboration [ongoing] - Encourage Morocco's continued active participation as STATCOM-Africa Bureau Rapporteur [ongoing] - Consider peer-learning exchange on NSS governance models [Q3–Q4 2026]	Lead: CPP (STATCOM-Africa Bureau liaison; Statstalk-Africa; NSS governance) Support: SPMR (MPI; GDP comparability; well-being measurement) Support: DCIGK (AI/official statistics; Kigali Group coordination)	MEDIUM
Botswana (Statistics Botswana)	18 Jun 2026	Virtual	Mr. Khaufelo Raymond Lekobane, Statistician General, Mr. Lucky Mokgathe, Deputy Statistician General	2024/25 Multi-Topic Household Survey to support national MPI and contribute to SADC-level MPI - Growing continental demand for MPI guidance — harmonization across global, regional, sub-regional, and national frameworks needed - ACS leadership role in MPI methodology and continental framework development - Statistician General contributing inputs to ACS well-being paper — technical inputs to be incorporated - Transforming Health Financing in Africa Initiative — ongoing engagement with Statistics Botswana	- Finalize Statstalk-Africa webinar preparations on well-being measurement [immediate] - Incorporate Botswana's technical inputs into the ACS well-being paper [before Statstalk-Africa webinar] - Initiate dialogue with OPHI and partners on MPI comparability and methodology [Q3 2026] - Explore development of regional and continental MPI frameworks [Q3–Q4 2026] - Continue engagement on Transforming Health Financing in Africa Initiative [ongoing]	Lead: SPMR (MPI methodology; well-being paper; OPHI dialogue) Support: CPP (Statstalk-Africa webinar; STATCOM preparations) Support: SPMR (Transforming Health Financing in Africa Initiative)	MEDIUM
Mauritius (Statistics Mauritius)	22 Jun 2026	Virtual	Mr. Mukesh Dawoonauth, Director General of Statistics Mauritius	- Small island developing States have unique capacity constraints — tailored ACS support needed - ACS proposed as developer of shared regional tools: automated coding, classification tools, tablet-based data collection apps - Expanded support needed on AI, big data, digital economy statistics, and advanced programming - ACS-supported statistical audits and a peer-review mechanism proposed by Mauritius - SADC-supported national MPI expected to be published shortly — knowledge-sharing opportunity - MPI harmonization guidance needed across global, regional, sub-regional, and national levels - Capacity-building should target measurable implementation outcomes, not just training attendance	- Assess the feasibility of developing regional coding tools and digital data collection applications [Q3 2026] - Explore establishment of ACS online learning platform with self-paced modules [Q3–Q4 2026] - Develop concept for statistical audits and peer-review framework [Q4 2026] - Strengthen coordination with regional organizations and development partners [ongoing] - Engage Mauritius on MPI dissemination and knowledge-sharing following national MPI publication [ongoing] - Identify Mauritius contributions to STATCOM-Africa side events [before STATCOM-Africa]	Lead: CPP (online learning platform; audit/peer-review framework; STATCOM side events) Support: DCIGK (regional tools; coding apps; AI/big data/digital economy) Support: SPMR (MPI harmonization guidance)	MEDIUM

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Congo, Rep. (INS)	23 Jun 2026	Virtual	Mr. Steve Mboko, Director General, INS	- GDP rebasing and CPI rebasing exercises underway — targeted ACS support may be needed - Growing demand for AI-related statistical capacity building - Country also receiving support from AfDB, IMF, AFRITAC Central, and AFRISTAT — ACS should coordinate to avoid duplication - Formal support request to ACS not yet submitted - INS confirmed receipt of StatsTalk-Africa and STATCOM invitations	- Encourage INS Congo to submit a formal priority technical assistance request [within 1 month] - Designate ACS focal point for technical follow-up [within 2 wks] - Assess ACS support opportunities for GDP and CPI rebasing [upon receipt of request] - Include INS Congo in upcoming AI capacity-building activities [Q4 2026] - Coordinate with AfDB, IMF, AFRITAC Central and AFRISTAT to avoid duplication [ongoing]	Lead: SPMR (GDP rebasing; CPI rebasing — coordinate with AfDB/IMF/AFRITAC) Support: CPP (formal request procedures; focal point; AI capacity building) Support: DCIGK (AI/data analytics)	MEDIUM
Central African Rep. (ICASEES)	25 Jun 2026	Virtual	Mr. Bienvenue Ali, Director General, ICASEES	- NSDS 2024–2028 at critical implementation stage — coordinated technical support needed - Statistical legislation modernization underway — new statistical law being advanced - Significant capacity gaps across sectoral statistical units - Formal support request to ACS not yet submitted — ICASEES has committed to do so - ICASEES confirmed STATCOM participation; unable to attend StatsTalk session (World Bank conflict) - FASDEV data collection process requires ICASEES inputs before STATCOM	- Share ACS contact details and formal support request procedures [immediate] - Follow up to ensure ICASEES submits a formal support request [within 1 month] - Review ACS support options for NSDS implementation and governance reform [upon receipt of request] - Develop capacity-building options for sectoral statistical staff [Q3 2026] - Collect ICASEES country inputs for FASDEV [before STATCOM-Africa] - Maintain regular bilateral communication [ongoing]	Lead: CPP (NSDS implementation support; statistical legislation; capacity building; FASDEV) Support: SPMR (sectoral statistics capacity; methodological guidance)	MEDIUM
South Africa (Stats SA)	24 Jun 2026	Virtual	Mr. Risenga Maluleke Statistician-General [+ 6 DDG-level officials]	- Agenda 2063 Integrated Indicator Framework requires renewed engagement — alignment with SDGs and national plans needed - Africa Statistical Coordination Committee (ASCC) inactive — limits effective continental coordination; revitalization needed with AUC and AfDB - Post-COVID statistical recovery initiatives need revival - Multiple conflict and post-conflict countries need coordinated census and statistical system support - Statistical Business Registers: underdeveloped at continental level — structured engagement needed - CRVS identified as a priority collaboration area with Stats SA - Stats SA willing to support 2030 Census Round and contribute expertise via South-South mechanisms	- Re-engage on Agenda 2063 Integrated Indicator Framework and dashboard [Q3 2026] - Initiate ASCC revitalization discussions with AUC and AfDB [Q3 2026] - Develop coordinated support plan for conflict and post-conflict countries with Stats SA and partners [Q3–Q4 2026] - Strengthen collaboration on 2030 Round of Population and Housing Censuses [ongoing] - Establish structured engagement on CRVS and Statistical Business Registers [Q4 2026] - Develop framework for mobilizing African statistical expertise [Q4 2026]	Lead: CPP (ASCC revitalization; Agenda 2063 framework; South-South cooperation; partnerships) Support: SPMR (CRVS; census 2030 round; statistical business registers) Support: DCIGK (geospatial/census collaboration)	HIGH
South Sudan (NBS)	30 Jun 2026	In-person / Hybrid	Dr. Augustino Ting Mayai, Director-General, NBS [UNICEF also present]	- NSDS II drafted; Government endorsement delayed by political instability at the Ministry of Finance — high-level political follow-up needed via VP (economic cluster) - Outdated 2008-based sampling frame poses a major quality risk to MICS, HBS, Labour Force Survey, and future surveys - Critical needs: data storage, data protection, and national data portal - Human capacity gaps: GIS, ICT, demography, econometrics, data management - Post-MICS analytical work needed (child poverty, WASH, health, education, social protection, public financing) — UNICEF partnership opportunity	- Support NSDS II endorsement through VP (economic cluster) and Cabinet [immediate/ongoing] - Prepare documentary/summary of ECA/ACS interventions in South Sudan [before high-level engagement] - Explore the feasibility of the ECA Executive Secretary's high-level visit [to be scheduled] - Provide technical support on data storage and national data portal development [TBD] - Initiate technical discussions on sampling frame strengthening via geospatial/hybrid methods [Q3 2026]	Lead: CPP (NSDS II endorsement; high-level ECA visit; FASDEV; partnerships with UNICEF) Support: SPMR (post-MICS analysis; health/education stats; census/surveys) Support: DCIGK (geospatial/hybrid	HIGH

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				• ACS raised institutionalization of health and education statistics beyond periodic surveys • Agriculture census planned for May 2027 — could be leveraged for population/household estimates • Possible high-level visit by ECA Executive Secretary to strengthen political support — requires preparation	• Develop post-MICS analytical workplan with UNICEF [Q3 2026] • Explore use of 2027 agriculture census for population/household estimates [ahead of May 2027] • Include South Sudan inputs in FASDEV stocktaking on censuses and surveys [before STATCOM-Africa]	sampling frame; national data portal; data storage)	
Malawi (NSO)	30 Jun 2026	Virtual	Mr. Shelton Kanyanda, Commissioner, NSO Malawi	• 2028 Population and Housing Census is top priority — key donor has reduced support, resource gap significant; innovative approaches (revolving equipment) proposed • Quarterly national accounts: staff trained but not yet operationalized — short targeted technical mission needed • GDP rebasing required (last base year: 2017), Government priority • Existing ACS-supported activities (CRVS, small area estimation, performance management dashboard, agriculture census, agriculture stats training) need consolidation into a coherent country support package • Malawi could be showcased at STATCOM-Africa as a multi-domain ACS support case study	• Request Malawi to nominate a focal point for ACS coordination [immediate] • Prepare consolidated summary of recent and ongoing ACS support to Malawi [within 2 wks] • Encourage Malawi to submit a formal request covering 2028 census, quarterly NAs, and GDP rebasing [after summary prepared] • Assess the feasibility of a short ACS technical mission on quarterly national accounts [Q3 2026] • Initiate GDP rebasing support discussions [Q3–Q4 2026] • Follow up internally on ongoing CRVS support and update the Commissioner [immediate] • Encourage internal dissemination of agriculture statistics training materials [immediate/ongoing] • Explore showcasing Malawi's ACS-supported progress at STATCOM-Africa [before October 2026]	Lead: CPP (consolidated support package; focal point; STATCOM showcase) Support: SPMR (2028 census; quarterly NAs; GDP rebasing; CRVS; agri-stats) Support: DCIGK (performance management dashboard; small area estimation)	HIGH
Senegal (ANSD)	2 Jul 2026	Virtual	Mr. Abdou Diouf, Director-General, ANSD [Strong World Bank SPI ranking]	• First direct engagement at ACS Director level — important relationship milestone • Senegal is willing to lead a STATCOM-Africa session; 2–3 thematic proposals to be submitted within 1 week — urgent review needed to avoid overlap • Thematic areas proposed: GDP comparability, AI, and Beyond GDP • ANSD 20th anniversary international data forum (October 2026) — formal letter to ACS pending; ACS/ECA participation being considered • Ongoing collaboration on trade-in-value-added and capacity-building; expertise in international trade in services and informal cross-border trade • STATCOM-Africa/FASDEV recommendations questionnaire not yet returned	• Follow up with ANSD on submission of 2–3 STATCOM-Africa thematic proposals [within 1 wk] • Review proposals and advise on the most suitable option — avoid overlapping with other countries [upon receipt] • Await and process formal letter on 20th anniversary data forum; advise on ACS/ECA participation [upon receipt] • Continue dialogue on GDP comparability and statistical harmonization [before STATCOM-Africa] • Develop structured engagement on informal cross-border trade, trade in services, and trade-in-value-added [Q3–Q4 2026] • Follow up on STATCOM-Africa/FASDEV recommendations questionnaire [immediate - DONE]	Lead: CPP (STATCOM thematic proposals; 20th anniversary forum; FASDEV questionnaire; partnerships) Support: SPMR (GDP comparability; trade-in-value-added; trade in services; statistical harmonization)	MEDIUM
Rwanda (NSIR)	2 Jul 2026	Virtual	Mr. Ivan Murenzi, Director General, NSIR Co-Chair, Kigali City Group	• Rwanda proposed as champion country for analysis of discrepancies between national stats and international outlets — Rwanda to write formally to ACS requesting country-specific analysis • Discrepancies issue has political/institutional dimensions beyond technical capacity — possible ECA Executive Secretary escalation • Kigali City Group: ACS must be a key partner; governance structure established; subgroups forming — African participation in subgroup leadership is strategic	• Share ACS reflections on statistical discrepancies with Rwanda [immediate] • ACS Director to draft email to UNSD/Shantanu on AI side event and Kigali City Group [immediate] • Confirm Rwanda's STATCOM-Africa travel routing from London (admin/programme management) [immediate] • Request Rwanda to write formally to ACS requesting Rwanda-specific discrepancies analysis	Lead: CPP (STATCOM AI side event; Kigali City Group; FASDEV questionnaire; AfDB coordination) Support: SPMR (Rwanda statistical discrepancies brief; harmonization analysis)	HIGH

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				- Proposed AI data labs at STATCOM-Africa using country use cases — practical and precedent-setting - ACS Director to write to UNSD/Shantanu on AI side event and Kigali City Group participation - Rwanda travel routing from London for STATCOM-Africa requires administrative clarification [urgent] - Need to coordinate with AfDB on SHaSA emerging data work and AI initiatives to avoid duplication - STATCOM-Africa/FASDEV questionnaire not yet returned	- Prepare Rwanda-specific technical brief on discrepancy sources [following Rwanda's request] - Consider ECA Executive Secretary escalation on harmonization and partner responsibility [TBD] - Organise STATCOM-Africa session/side event to socialize Kigali City Group [before STATCOM-Africa] - Explore practical AI data labs using selected country use cases [before STATCOM-Africa] - Map AI, big data, and emerging data initiatives (AfDB SHaSA, TTAI, global webinar series) to avoid duplication [before finalizing event concept] - Follow up with AfDB on AI/STATCOM-Africa/FASDEV coordination [immediate/ongoing] - Rwanda to share Kigali City Group workplan and meeting schedule with ACS [once available] - Resend STATCOM-Africa/FASDEV questionnaire to Rwanda [immediate - DONE]	Support: DCIGK (AI data labs; AI/big data innovation mapping)	

Cross-Cutting Themes: Consolidated ACS Response

Themes are numbered by priority tier. HIGH themes require action before the end of July 2026. MEDIUM themes should be actioned by the end of Q3 2026.

Theme	Countries / Context	ACS Actions Required	Priority
1. Overdue / Time-Critical Actions	Mali: AFSIOT feedback overdue. Burundi: written response to 4 support requests not sent. Rwanda & Senegal: FASDEV questionnaires not returned. Rwanda: STATCOM travel routing unresolved. Senegal: STATCOM theme proposals due within 1 week.	Immediate action: AFSIOT feedback; Burundi response; Rwanda UNSD letter & travel confirmation; Senegal theme review; chase all outstanding questionnaires.	HIGH
2. STATCOM-Africa 2026 Preparation (19–23 Oct 2026)	Rwanda: AI side event + Kigali City Group socialization + AI data labs proposed. Senegal: 2–3 country-led thematic proposals due (1 wk). Botswana & Mauritius: Statstalk-Africa inputs. Malawi: potential showcase case study. Multiple countries: FASDEV questionnaires outstanding.	Compile country-led session plan; finalize AI side event with Rwanda and UNSD; coordinate Senegal's proposals; develop FASDEV questionnaire tracker; prepare Malawi case study concept.	HIGH
3. AI & Official Statistics / Kigali City Group	Rwanda (co-chair, Kigali City Group; AI data labs; UNSD engagement); Morocco (Kigali Group participant); Mauritius (AI, big data, digital economy); Congo (AI capacity demand); Senegal (AI as possible STATCOM theme). Continental AI architecture is being shaped now — Africa must engage early.	ACS Director to write to UNSD on Kigali City Group AI side event; map AfDB SHaSA/TTAI initiatives to avoid duplication; ensure ACS is a formal partner in Kigali City Group subgroups; include Congo and others in Q4 AI activities.	HIGH
4. Statistical Harmonization: National vs International Outlets	Rwanda (proposed champion country; country-specific analysis requested); Senegal (GDP comparability, harmonization interest). The issue has political/institutional dimensions — not purely technical.	Share ACS discrepancy reflections with Rwanda; prepare Rwanda-specific technical brief; continue GDP comparability dialogue with Senegal; align with Statstalk-Africa; consider ECA Executive Secretary escalation.	HIGH
5. National Accounts & Price Statistics	Burkina Faso (2025 SNA rebasing, artisanal gold in NAs); Mali (AFSIOT/input-output tables — feedback overdue); Congo (GDP & CPI rebasing — partners already engaged); Malawi (quarterly NAs not operationalized + 2017-base GDP rebasing).	Respond to Mali AFCIOT [overdue]; plan Malawi quarterly NAs mission [Q3]; assess Congo rebasing support and coordinate with AfDB/IMF/AFRITAC; engage Burkina Faso on 2025 SNA.	HIGH

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6. Support to Fragile/Post-Conflict Countries	South Sudan: NSDS II stalled (political endorsement needed via VP/Cabinet); outdated 2008 sampling frame; data portal and capacity gaps. CAR: NSDS 2024-2028 in early implementation; statistical law modernization; sectoral capacity gaps. Stats SA: offered coordinated support to conflict-affected NSOs.	South Sudan: support VP engagement; prepare ECA ES visit; sampling frame review [Q3]. CAR: share ACS procedures; await formal request; FASDEV inputs. Develop a multi-country support plan with Stats SA and partners [Q3–Q4].	HIGH
7. 2030 Census Round Preparedness	Malawi: 2028 census is top priority; donor funding reduced; innovative equipment approaches proposed. South Sudan: no updated sampling frame since 2008; geospatial/hybrid methods needed; agriculture census (May 2027) could support population estimates. Stats SA: offered to support the 2030 Round.	Mobilize early support for Malawi 2028 census [Q3]; explore geospatial/hybrid sampling frame solution for South Sudan [Q3]; leverage Stats SA expertise for both countries; coordinate FASDEV inputs for census stocktaking.	HIGH
8. Continental Coordination Architecture	Stats SA: ASCC inactive — limits continental coordination; Agenda 2063 Indicator Framework stalled; post-COVID recovery initiatives lapsed. Rwanda: Kigali City Group as an entry point for AI. Morocco: Bureau Rapporteur role offers a coordination channel.	Initiate ASCC revitalization with AUC and AfDB [Q3]; renew Agenda 2063 dashboard engagement; use Morocco's Rapporteur role to advance STATCOM agenda; integrate Kigali City Group into ACS AI workstream.	HIGH
9. Multidimensional Poverty Measurement (MPI)	Botswana (national MPI + SADC MPI from 2024/25 survey); Mauritius (SADC MPI publication imminent); Morocco (MPI preferred over monetary poverty; Oxford collaboration); ACS well-being paper in progress.	Finalize ACS well-being paper with Botswana inputs; engage OPHI on MPI methodology [Q3]; develop continental MPI guidance; use Mauritius MPI publication as knowledge-sharing trigger.	MEDIUM
10. CRVS Modernization	Burkina Faso (interoperability & admin data integration); Malawi (2nd CRVS report underway; existing ACS support ongoing); Stats SA (structured collaboration proposed for Q4 2026).	Update Malawi Commissioner on CRVS progress [immediate]; coordinate Burkina Faso CRVS engagement [Q3]; establish Stats SA CRVS engagement [Q4].	MEDIUM
11. Agricultural Statistics Innovation	Mali (satellite imagery for crop/livestock surveys under security constraints — regional learning model); Burkina Faso (artisanal gold in NAs — innovative inclusion of informal sector); Malawi (agriculture census support ongoing; training materials to be disseminated); South Sudan (agriculture census May 2027 as population estimation lever).	Invite Mali to present a satellite-based approach at STATCOM or webinar [Q3]; document Burkina Faso artisanal gold methodology for regional platforms; consolidate Malawi agriculture support; link South Sudan agriculture census to geospatial capacity.	MEDIUM
12. Data Infrastructure & Digital Systems	South Sudan (national data portal, data storage, data protection — critical gaps); Mali (data centre at new HQ — equipment/support needed); Mauritius (regional coding tools, classification tools, tablet-based data collection apps).	South Sudan: schedule data portal technical support [TBD]; Mali: explore partner support for data Centre; Mauritius: assess feasibility of ACS regional toolkits [Q3].	MEDIUM
13. Statistical Governance, Legislation & NSDS	CAR (NSDS 2024-2028 + new statistical law in progress); Mali (4th Gen NSDS awaiting government adoption); Morocco (NSS institutional reform, no national statistical commission); South Sudan (NSDS II awaiting endorsement).	Share ACS governance and legislative modernization resources; assess support modalities per country; facilitate peer-learning on NSS coordination models.	MEDIUM
14. South-South Cooperation & African Expertise Mobilization	Stats SA (willing to contribute expertise, including on censuses and conflict-country support); Mali (satellite agri-statistics innovation); Senegal (informal cross-border trade, trade-in-value-added expertise); Rwanda (statistical discrepancies champion); Botswana/Mauritius (MPI experience).	Develop a formal framework for mobilizing African statistical expertise [Q4]; create structured opportunities at STATCOM-Africa for country-led South-South exchanges; leverage Senegal, Rwanda, and Stats SA as lead contributors.	MEDIUM
15. Engagement Gaps & Country Support Consolidation	Cabo Verde: no active ACS programmes; formal needs request pending. Congo: formal request not yet submitted; multiple partners active (AfDB, IMF, AFRITAC, AFRISTAT). CAR: formal request pending. Malawi: multiple active ACS strands need consolidation into a coherent package.	Share ACS programme portfolios with Cabo Verde, Congo, CAR [within 1–2 wks]; designate focal points; prepare consolidated country support summary for Malawi [within 2 wks]; track all pending formal requests.	MEDIUM

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16. Statistical Business Registers	Stats SA: identified as an underdeveloped area of continental collaboration; offered structured engagement.	Establish formal ACS-Stats SA engagement on statistical business registers [Q4 2026].	MEDIUM

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