Brief Update on African Activities and Risks

3rd Inter-Agency Coordination Group
Meeting
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Outcomes of the launching workshop of the ICP-Africa 2017

Ongoing preparations:
• Administrative issues being addressed
• 2017 regional list being finalized: 560
• 418 Global Core, of which 167 new
• 142 Strictly regional, of which 34 new

All operational material:
• were discussed at workshop and are being finalized (editing, translation, formatting automation)

PPP 2011 revision:
• 2011 GDP have been revised
• GDB breakdown being reviewed by countries
• will complete in July
• PPP revision scheduled for September

53 participating countries
• Of which 28 FR; 25 EN;
• Of which 7 dual members;
• Of which 4 Portuguese and Spanish speaking

Main conclusions
• Country commitment;
• Full GDP;
• [Conditional] nationwide coverage;
• ICP Task Force extended to selected country experts;
• Rolling benchmark approach is long due
Field and Desk Activities

Country’s initial activities
• Survey framework being completed
• GDP questionnaire being completed
• Deflators and extrapolators almost complete
• Comments on GDP narrative reports being prepared

AfDB’s ongoing preparations
• Finalizing operational material
• Editing product list: EN + FR
• Catalogues, manuals, validation tools
• Preparing a step-by-step note on MORES
• Preparing ToRs for consultants in M&E and Construction

Activity Schedule
• Main survey schedule
• Schedule for special surveys
• GDP compilation and splitting latest year
• GDP compilation and splitting 2017
Assumption (Worst case scenario):
• collection will start in July 2017 and run until April/May 2018
• Data will be submitted on first month of next quarter
Planned Process

1. Extrapolate prices to entire....
2. Compute basic heading PPPs for...
3. Revise the 2011 PPPs, taking into consideration GDP revision and Population revision
4. Run a restricted aggregation of revised 2011 PPPs that will be limited to the same basic headings as those covered in the 2015 interim data collection;
5. Review 1 & 2 against 3.
Challenges and Opportunities

**Challenges**
1. Lack of governance framework
2. Limited budget
3. Belated start and tight schedule
4. How to develop an outreach strategy?
5. Start of field surveys
6. Expertise in special surveys
7. Language issue
8. Dual participation
9. PPP computation

**Opportunities**
1. AfDB commitment
2. Country’s participation
3. A three-layer expert group
4. ICP commonalities with other activities

**Principles**
1. Price-expenditure consistency
2. Integration
3. Participation

**Risk mitigation**
1. Using SRO funding channels
2. Flexibility/Adaptability
3. Statistical diplomacy
4. Steadfast monitoring
5. Centrally organized surveys, if needed
Thanks