Meeting of ICP Regional Coordinating Agencies

Brief overview of ICP interim activities

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INTRODUCTION..

- Implemented the 2011 ICP in 50 African countries and published the results:
  
  - Comparing the Real Size of African Economies: *Highlights of the Main Findings of the 2011 Round of the International Comparison Program*
  
  - Comparing the Real Size of African Economies: *Results of the 2011 International Comparison Program for Africa*
  
  - ICP paper in the African Statistical Journal

Still to be done

- ??? Africa in the World report – in progress

- Have not estimated the PPPs for 2012, 2013 & 2015
INTRODUCTION...

- In addition to producing internationally comparable price & expenditure data and PPP estimates, the AfDB has designed the ICP to serve as a capacity-building platform for Price statistics & NA.

And

- because of this importance, & the Accra Declaration of the Heads of African NSOs which decreed to conduct ICP on regular basis
- Based on strong demand for reliable annual PPP

- It is desirable to implement an ICP between benchmark years
- consider lighter, sustainable ICP exercise.

Why? A full scale ICP would be expensive to run every year

- Consider an integration of ICP and CPI/HCPI to reduce the costs of both ICP & CPI activities – long term agenda
Option...

Compromise...

- Undertake a reduced ICP program every two years between benchmark years.
  
  *Similar program* was implemented in 2009 - 2010

- **2009:**
  - covering only household consumption expenditure, (and not the GDP as a whole)
  - Prices collected in capital city only

- **2015:**
  - Collection of price data in capital city only
  - Use of a reduced regional list
  - Full GDP
Preparatory Activities:

- Development of regional reduced list using the 2011 list and the lists of products common to both ICP and CPI

- Updating the data collection and validation tools

- Tunis workshop: (i) review & agree on the Regional ICP products list for the undertaking of a reduced ICP-Africa round in 2015, (ii) discuss NA & capacity building (iii) brainstorm on ICP-CPI integration issues; (iv) discuss questions to be addressed within the framework of ICP-CPI integration; (v) discuss actions to be undertaken to ensure the sustainability of the integration
Action…2015 ICP-AFRICA

- Launching the 2015 Reduced ICP-Africa:
  - About 150 participants from 54 RMCs, sub-regional organizations (SROs), regional and international institutions;

Objective: to launch the 2015 reduced ICP-Africa round activities, discuss & agree on the timetable for the implementation of the 2015 ICP activities;
  - Review the regional reduced list related to major household products;
  - Discuss survey frameworks issues (principles, preparation and implementation)
  - Provide participants with all the necessary information for the implementation of the program
CONCLUSION …

• Data will be collected mid quarter months over 4 quarters

• Way forward
  
  • Collaborate with the ICP Global team
  • Implementing the reduced program to ensure that the results can be linked to the rest of the world & incorporated into the global PPP time series.
  • Estimation PPP exercise for none ICP years
  • ICP-CPI integration pilot of exercise
  • Hence outreach initiatives to simplify the utilization of the ICP results
THANK YOU