

Meeting of Directors General of African National Statistical Institutes

Thursday 20 July 2017, from 12:30 to 14:00, Palais des Congrès, Room A.1.16

This meeting is organized jointly by the High Commission for Planning (HCP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). It is part of the dynamic process undertaken by Morocco in order to strengthen its relationship with African countries and institutions. It is also part of the African community's joint reflection on how to improve its statistical system.

The purpose of the meeting is to contribute to reflection on drivers and challenges to develop and upgrade national statistical systems, and effectively serve Africa's integration process. This meeting will launch preparations for a conference scheduled to take place in Morocco in 2018 under the theme: "**The role of statistics in Africa's integration process**".

The meeting is expected to deliver the following outcomes:

- Identify topics to be covered at the upcoming conference.
- Define major expected outcomes of the upcoming conference.
- Set up a system for monitoring and assessing how -and to what extent- the recommendations resulting from the conference will be put into effect.
- Outline ways through which national statistical systems can act as a lever to consolidate African integration foundations.

Panel structure:

Chairs:

- Mr Ahmed Lahlimi Alami, High Commissioner for Planning.
- Ms Giovanie Biha, UNECA Deputy Executive Secretary for Knowledge Delivery.

Speakers:

- African Union Commission
- African Country
- African Development Bank
- HCP