

The Use Of ERETES for a Better Consistency of National Accounts Data over User Countries

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Paper Abstract: ERETES is a tool which provides assistance in compiling National Accounts in compliance with the international standards of SNA 2008. ERETES supports the production of consistent economic figures across countries and over the time while offering a great flexibility of use. Currently, about 30 countries over the world are using ERETES including around 25 Northern and Sub-Saharan African countries.

The Strategy for Harmonisation of Statistics in Africa (ShaSa) which has been developed to support the African integration agenda, promotes the harmonisation of standards and methods of statistical production (Strategic theme 1- strategic objective n°3) and the establishment of an effective technological environment (Strategic theme 3- strategic objective n°3). In this frame, ERETES reaches the strategic objectives of ShaSa and is considered as an integrating tool for the compilation of National Accounts, which allows comparison of different data sources and get consistent results from this confrontation.

It is also a place where the users can discuss, share concerns and find common solutions for the compilation of reliable National Accounts, by proposing a development process and methodology.

The paper will present in a first part the main features of the tool and the conditions that need to be reached to use it and in a second part the way how the tool contributes to the economic analysis at the sub-regional scale of African countries which use the tool. The outputs from Eretes can be used for various purposes: to answer the central framework standards, use of data for satellites accounts or construction of social account matrix.