



WORK PROGRAMME PRIORITIES – GROUP 5

- DATA GAPS
- DEVELOPMENT WORK



OUTLINE

- Background
- Criteria for Data Gap Identification
- Data Gaps
 - Economic Statistics
 - Labour Market Information
 - Social & Environmental Statistics
- Development Work
- Public Awareness
- Broad Strategies



Background

- **“Policy making in the region has not been influenced by accurate and timely statistics”**
- **Focus – Good Practices as opposed to Best Practices to take into account the resource limitations of countries.**
- **There is a need to prioritize the critical areas for good governance and economic management.**



CRITERIA FOR DATA GAP IDENTIFICATION

- Availability (A)
- Regularity/Periodicity (R)
- Timeliness (T)
- Quality/Accuracy (Q)
- Presentation/Dissemination Standards (P)



DATA GAPS: ECONOMIC STATISTICS

- External Accounts
 - BOP/International Investment Position (IIP)
 - Investment Flows (A)
 - Remittances (A)
 - Tourism Receipts (T,Q,P)
 - Trade Statistics
 - Merchandise (A,Q,T,R)
 - Services (A)

ECONOMIC STATISTICS

CONT'D



- INDICES
 - CPI – Base period; basket (Q)
 - PPI (A)
 - Wage Index (A)
 - Trade Indices (A)
- National Accounts
 - GDP by expenditure (A)
 - Quarterly GDP (A)
 - Financial and other services (A)



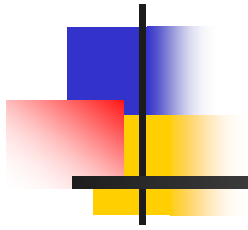
LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

- Labour force (R)
- Wages (A)
- Productivity (A)



Social & Environmental Statistics

- Migration (A)
- Poverty Indices (R,Q,P)
- Literacy (A,Q)
- Crime Statistics (A,Q)
- Gender Statistics (A)
- Annual Population Estimates (A)
- Vital Statistics (T,Q)
- Environmental Statistics (A)

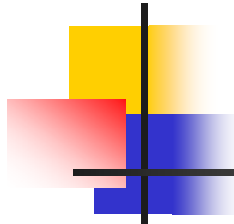


DEVELOPMENT WORK



DATA FOR CSME & MDGs

- Data important to assess/evaluate achievements of CSME
 - Trade Statistics
 - Labour Market Information
 - Migration Statistics
- Produce MDG indicators relevant to national needs



TSA

- Readiness Assessment (RA) & Implementation Plan (IP)
- May want to examine the possibility of taking a regional approach to the implementation of the TSA.



PREPARATION FOR THE 2010 CENSUS

- Develop work programmes and budgets at the national level **ASAP!!**



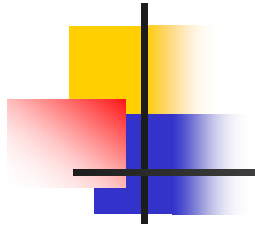
PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Presentation
- Analysis
- Engagement



STRATEGIES

- Need for donor coordination
- Institutional coordination (national)
- Harmonized classification system
- International dissemination standards, e.g., GDDS, GFS 2001
- Staffing/Training
- Identification of good practices [CARTAC Model]
- Better processing and tracking mechanisms
- Management & Resources



END OF PRESENTATION