

**Case study for Road Map on Statistics for SDGs 2.0**  
**France: International cooperation for capacity building**

**Description**

INSEE has been involved in International cooperation for a long time. INSEE takes part to the French development policy with a priority to Sub-Saharan African countries and contributes to the building of the European statistical space and to the European neighbourhood policy. INSEE cooperation globally takes part to the follow up and achievement of the SDGs through the contribution to SDG 17 (specially to targets 17.9 and 17.18 on support to capacity building).

Our main partners are Sub-Saharan African countries through a partnership with the economic and statistical observatory for Sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT), Maghreb countries, IPA countries (mainly Serbia) and Eastern neighbourhood.

A team of 6 full time senior statisticians organizes INSEE's cooperation activities. 100-150 activities are carried out every year with the short-term involvement of 120 INSEE experts.

The INSEE strategy in terms of cooperation is based on the following principles:

Actions are mainly targeted on priority topics (national accounts and implementation of the ERETES tool, SDGs indicators, new data sources, quality...) even if INSEE carries out cooperation activities in all statistical domains. In recent years, cooperation activities have been developed in transversal domains such as quality, National statistical institutes' governance (statistical law, human resources management...), National statistical systems coordination, communication and dissemination, regional statistics.

INSEE ensures complementarity between bilateral programs and multilateral programs in order to avoid duplication and create synergies. Indeed, regarding funding, the INSEE cooperation in statistics is based on 2 pillars: bilateral cooperation on French budget and multilateral cooperation through the participation of INSEE in International organizations funded projects (mainly EU and World Bank). INSEE collaborates with several international or regional organizations such as Paris 21, FAO, UNECA, Afdb.

INSEE uses a combination of action modes to foster synergies between participants: in the recent years, an emphasis has been put on the organization of workshops and seminars, beside technical assistance missions and study visits, with the concern to carry out cross-regional activities with Sub-Saharan African countries and Maghreb countries..

**Advantages**

INSEE international cooperation in the domain of SDGs indicators:

- Organization of seminars on SDGs mapping and national adaptation.
- Co-organization with Afristat of seminar on SDG2 indicators; Publication of a special issue on SDG2 of INSEE methodological review on developing countries STATECO.
- Technical assistance on SDG16 through regional workshops in Africa (analysis of WAEMU surveys) and organization of a side event of the UN Statistical Commission (with African and South American countries).
- Organization of awareness days on SDGs targeted to students in statistics at ENSEA (Abidjan) and ENSAE (Dakar).

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Current activities:

- Organization of workshops on SDGs with Maghreb partners.
- Partnerships with ESA schools for the implementation of educational surveys on COVID-19 impact in relationships with SDGs.

French:

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