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Launch of the International Data Masterclass pictured. © GSS

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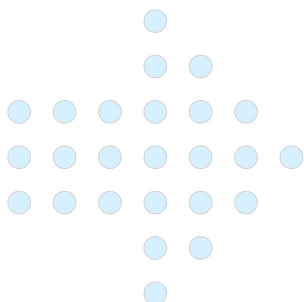
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Group Photo at the regional national accounts workshop on data sources and GDP rebasing
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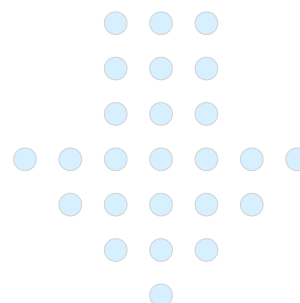
Development of national accounts and price statistics

Supported by AFRITAC WEST 2/ IMF

AFRITAC West 2 (AFW2)/IMF continues to support member countries to build capacity in compiling quality national accounts and price statistics to inform decision-making in the region. During quarter 4, GSS conducted a review of data sources and compilation methods for quarterly GDP by expenditure and annual GDP series. The review of annual GDP estimates focused on identifying improvements to be implemented in the next GDP rebasing.

A regional training on GDP rebasing was conducted in November 2023 in Accra, Ghana to promote best practices and to strengthen participants' knowledge on the processes of GDP rebasing and the prerequisite steps needed for successful rebasing. Eighteen officials from the national statistics offices participated in the workshop.

An HQ-led mission conducted during November 20-24, 2023, reviewed available data, and assisted GSS to initiate the process of updating 2013 supply and use tables (SUTs) to 2019. The updated SUTs will support the compilation of air emissions.



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Fostering excellence in data and analytical literacy among senior leaders – International Data Masterclass

Organised by the Office for National Statistics

The UK launched the International Data Masterclass in Ghana to coincide with African Statistics Day celebrations in November 2023. The Data Masterclass is an online tool that aims to improve data and analytical literacy and help non-analytical and future leaders across government put data and evidence at the heart of decision-making. The Deputy British High Commissioner, Keith McMahon said, "Understanding the language of data is key to making evidence-based decisions . . . and the creation of impactful policies"

Speaking at the launch, the Deputy Government Statistician Dr Faustina Frempong-Ainguah reiterated, "It is our expectation that Senior Government Officials, Chief Directors, Directors will enrol to take this International Data Masterclass programme to: put data and evidence at the heart of their decision-making, gain the required skills to create and support a data culture in their organisation and assignments, understand how they can use data to improve the way they make decisions, craft policies, and

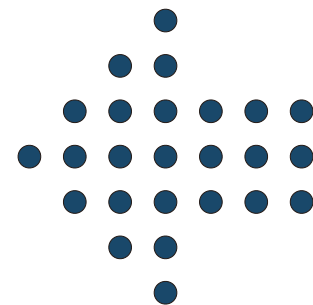
communicate compelling narratives to advance the course of our national development".

This comprehensive program covers a spectrum of topics including data analysis, data science and data visualisation, equipping participants with the essential skills to navigate the complexities of the modern data ecosystem.

Participants will learn from relevant case studies and keynote talks from leading experts including the Ghana Government Statistician Professor Samuel Kobina Annim and the UK National Statistician Sir Ian Diamond.

While the primary target audience are non-analytical leaders and future leaders, the course is available to all management-level professionals and serves as a refresher for analytical minds.

The free course is available via the UN Learning Hub, here <http://bit.ly/3R6rSDD>.





Participants taking part in the communications training led by the ONS facilitator. © ONS

Enhancing effective communication and dissemination at the GSS

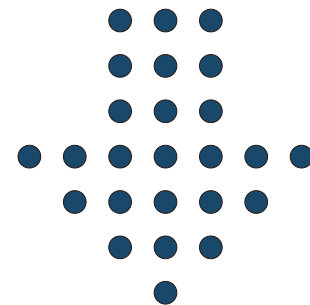
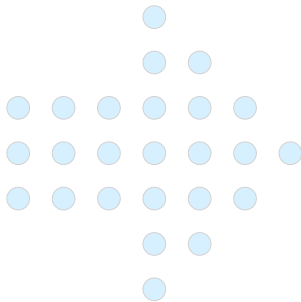
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The ONS organised a 2-week training programme in November 2023 targeted at different audiences at the GSS. The capacity building activities focused on developing impactful e-newsletters for internal and external stakeholders, media relations training to engage effectively and confidently with the media.

Furthermore, the program covered improving writing and communication with impact skills which included report writing and communication research findings to a diverse audience. Lastly, we provided training on equipping participants with the skills to identify, interact and build trust with diverse stakeholder groups.

Participant feedback suggested that the training was found to be highly beneficial, providing new knowledge to some groups and serving as a refresher for others.

In the next couple of months, ONS will initiate a process to assess any change and/or observe the impact to determine how the knowledge gained and any new tools have been applied, particularly in recent stakeholder engagements, publications, and releases.



FOCUS ON NEXT QUARTER

JANUARY- MARCH 2024



AFRITAC WEST2/IMF

- » GSS plans to start recompilation of the national accounts time series
- » An AFW2 follow-up mission in February/March 2024 to review progress and continue providing support to redevelop annual estimates of economic activities.
- » A mission to support an update of the Consumer Price Index (CPI)- March 2024.

UK Office for National Statistics (ONS)

- » A workshop on strategic leadership and embedding data science in areas of operations.
- » Participants will be GSS sectional heads and regional statisticians
- » Technical training to be delivered to GSS data scientists

USEFUL LINKS TO RECENT GSS RELEASES

- » [The Digital Census Atlas](#)
- » [Rasterized Data platform](#)
- » [Multi-dimensional poverty report](#)
- » [PHC 2021 StatsBank](#)
- » [Mid-Year 2023 Trade report](#)
- » [Consumer Price Index- October 2023](#)
- » [Producer Price Index- September 2023](#)
- » [Trade Vulnerability Report 2022](#)
- » [Ghana 2010 and 2021 Population and](#)
- » [Housing Census Water Report](#)

Further information can be found on the Ghana statistical service website
www.statsghana.gov.gh