

An Overview of the Modernisation Project

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Rationale for Project



- Why this Project?

Loan Agreement

- Loan Agreement signed on December 11, 2008
 - by Minister of Economic Affairs and Empowerment, Innovation, Trade, Industry and Commerce

Objectives

- General Objective:
 - To strengthen the BSS ability to provide relevant, timely and quality Economic and Social Statistics
 - To establish the leadership of the BSS in the area of Statistics within the Public Sector

Beneficiaries of the Project

- The country as a whole:
 - The Public Sector
 - The Private Sector
 - Civil Society

Components of Project

- A new or revised **legal framework** (Component 1)
 - To strengthen the BSS to perform its duties more effectively
 - To strengthen the technical & administrative autonomy of the BSS
 - To broaden the institutional setting to include other statistics producing units of agencies and ministries, while asserting BSS' role as leader of a wider statistical system

Component 1: Legal Framework Cont'd

- To enhance the internal and external accountability of the BSS & other statistics producing units in agencies and ministries.
- To better allow for compliance by both those agencies responsible for collecting information & those agents or agencies expected to provide information

Component 1: Legal Framework Cont'd

- To clarify the scope of data protection
- To make it more apparent that the BSS has the responsibility for making information more accessible to users
- When the new legal framework is adopted or if a new Act is passed
 - a Statistical Council (SC) will be institutionalised.
 - The SC will replace the SSC

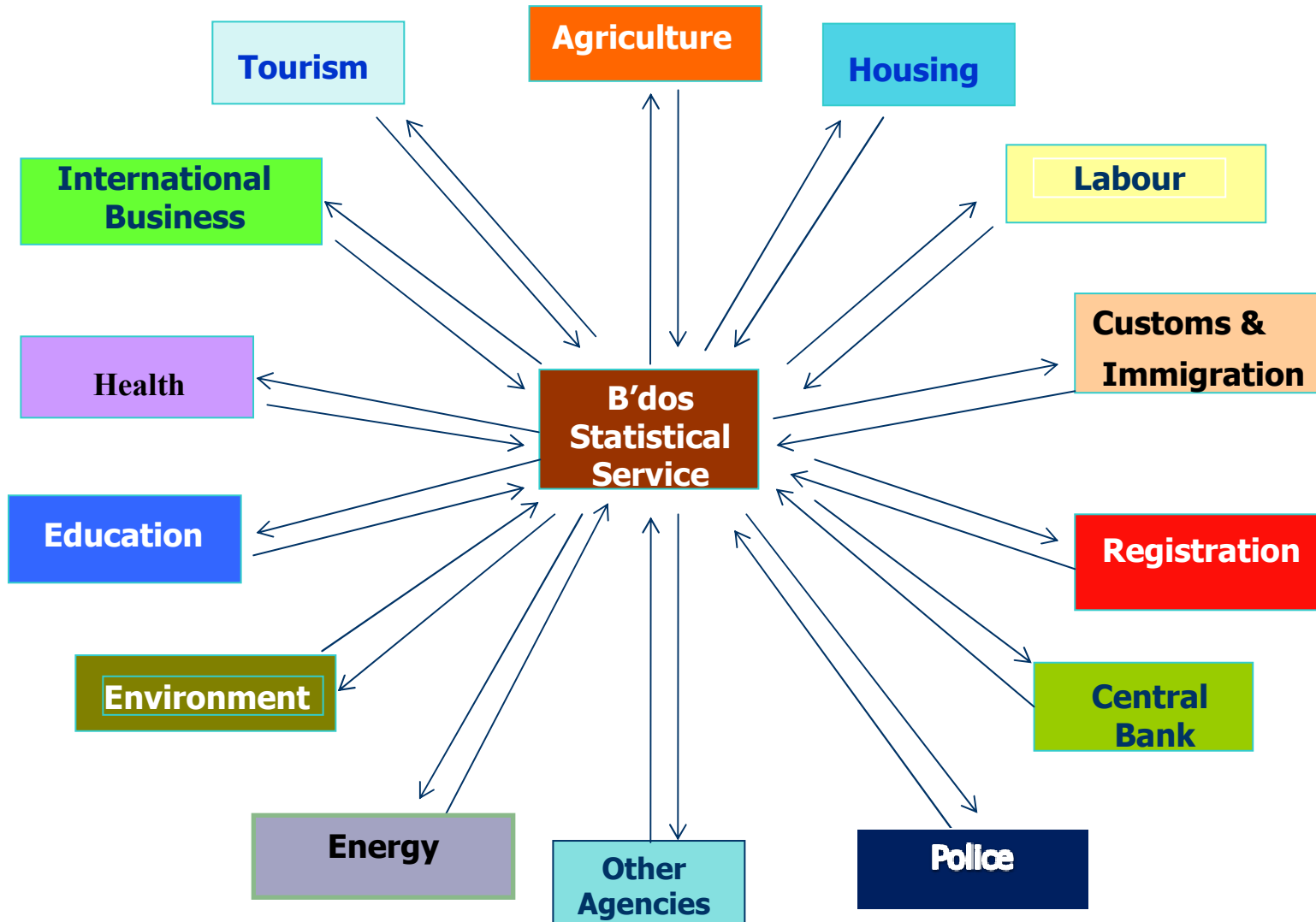
Component 2: Statistics Network

- To provide assistance for the creation of a network of agencies involved in Statistics production
 - To improve cooperation
 - To coordinate the national statistics programme
 - Set priorities for statistical products

Component 2: Statistics Network Cont'd

- To ensure that standardized/harmonised concepts, definitions, procedures & working methodologies are used by all agencies
- To establish clear & formal communication channels between agencies and the BSS

National Statistical System



Component 3: Institutional Reengineering

To reform the institution in terms of its managerial & administrative performance

Component 4: Enhancement of Statistical Products

- To improve the technical capacity of the BSS and other agencies to collect, process and disseminate data.
- To improve the production and dissemination of key Social and Economic Statistics

Component 5: Human Capacity

- The Project will support the creation and implementation of an HR Management System & any necessary regulatory reforms
- Provide to the BSS and other agencies:
 - Academic and On-the-job technical training

Component 6: Technical Infrastructure & Public Outreach

- To upgrade the information technology of the BSS and relevant agencies
 - Upgrade of hardware & software
 - Establishment of an Intranet & network with agencies which provide data to the BSS
- To facilitate dissemination of statistics to the public
 - Enhancement of the BSS Website

Structure for Project Execution

- A Statistical Steering Committee (SSC) established
 - Role
 - Coordination & monitoring of Project
 - Approval of Annual Operating Plan
 - Relevant SSC members will be responsible for ensuring the implementation of technical assistance activities financed by the Project within their agencies
 - Comprises representatives of Public and Private Sector agencies, Central Bank
 - Chaired by the Director of Statistical Service

Sub-Committees



- Provision made for setting up of technical sub-committees

Structure for Project Execution Cont'd

- Project Coordinating Unit:
 - A Project Coordinator
 - A Senior Accountant
 - A Project Officer
 - A Clerk/Typist

Project Implementation

- Conditions Prior have been met so that funds may be drawn down
- The Procurement Consultant is on board
 - Training of staff of the Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) in procurement matters
- Discussions being held with stakeholders to prepare TOR for Consulting Agency to assist in the implementation of the Project

Project Implementation Cont'd

- Consultancies:
 - Package 1- Includes Components 1, 2,3,4,5
 - Package 2- Includes Component 6

Execution Mechanisms

- The Annual Operating Plan (containing targets, budget, source of financing)
- The Procurement Plan (containing schedule for procurement of goods & services)
- The Operating Manual (containing detailed Project execution procedures)

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Examination of technical & financial reports
- Annual Project review meetings
- Independent midterm & final evaluations
- External auditing by auditors approved by the IDB.

Conclusion

- Project supported by Government
 - Will lead to:
 - the provision of timely, relevant and quality statistics required by users
 - General improvement in technical capacity and procedures of the National Statistical System
- Beneficial to the Public & Private Sectors & the Public, in general

Conclusion Cont'd

- Success will depend on the full cooperation and commitment of all stakeholders



Thank You