Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics
The Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics (MAPS) is a set of six key actions to improve development statistics at both the national and international levels. MAPS was agreed at the Second Roundtable on Measuring for Development Results in Marrakech, Morocco in February 2004 and is broadly supported by organizations and countries around the world.

**NATIONAL ACTIONS**

1. Mainstream strategic planning of statistical systems and prepare national strategies for the development of statistics for all low-income countries by 2006

2. Ensure full participation of developing countries in the 2010 census round

3. Increase financing for statistical capacity building

**PARTNERSHIP**

The implementation of MAPS relies on partnership activities among developing countries, development banks, donors, statistical agencies worldwide, and UN agencies. An Advisory Board has been set up to guide MAPS strategies and to promote coordination among implementing agencies.

**COST**

Taking the actions recommended by MAPS at national level is estimated to cost an additional $118m per year, over and above existing levels of support. At international level, an estimated $24-28m is needed.

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INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

4. Set up an International Household Survey Network

5. Undertake urgent improvements needed to monitor the Millennium Development Goals and other development goals

6. Increase accountability of the international statistical system

ACTIVITIES

Much is happening at national and international levels to successfully implement MAPS:

- More countries are preparing National Strategies for the Development of Statistics.
- UN Statistics Division has set up the 2010 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses, which will help developing countries to prepare for the 2010 census round.
- The International Household Survey Network has been established and is in operation.
- Specialized agencies are working to improve data to monitor key development goals.
- The Principles Governing International Statistical Activities have been endorsed by the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities.
- The World Bank has allocated funds from the Development Grant Facility to assist implementation of the MAPS activities by various partners.
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