Africa’s Participation in International Statistical Literacy Project

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# Introduction

Although the Global and continental progress on strengthening the Statistical development in Africa is growing especially Official Statistics, the international statistical literacy project a tool that has to add value of Official statistics in Africa remains limited and taken for granted. Recently, the proportion of African countries that participated in promoting statistical literacy through international statistical literacy poster competitions compared to those in the other regions of the world is significantly lower up to this time,18 African countries have either shown interest or participated in International statistical Literacy project since it started, 9 out of 18 countries have only shown interest but haven’t participated neither at a national level nor international level.

# Methods

Through several literatures and data collected by interviewing 53 different ISLP country Coordinators across Africa through their emails, this paper explored the real challenges that hinders this very important initiative in their respective countries.

# Results

Lack of volunteerism spirit, political commitment, language barriers and less efforts shown by National statistical office were among of discovered challenges

# Conclusions

cooperation of all actors dealing with statistics, especially between ISLP, NSOs and academics is a suggested perspective of how this participation can be improved to work to the benefit of having statistically literate society through participation in international statistical literacy project (ISLP).

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