



NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS

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The National Bureau of Statistics, today, joins the global statistical community to celebrate the 2015 World Statistics Day. This year's event holds special significance for us at the Bureau in two key respects. It is the first Statistics Day commemorative event since the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Agenda was launched last month in New York, setting the stage for a rapid increase in the demand and use of key development data. We are fortunate to have been an important part of efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and commit ourselves no less to new initiatives aimed at achieving the SDGs.

Secondly, it is the first Statistics Day celebration since the political transition that took place in Nigeria earlier this year. We have witnessed tremendous interest in socio-economic data that adequately reflects developments not only at the macroeconomic level, but also at regional and state levels. In line with NBS' statutory mandate as the custodian of official statistics and coordinator of the National Statistical System (NSS), the 2015 World Statistics Day presents us with an opportunity to re-assess our engagement with statistical units at the Federal and State levels, our partners in the private sector as well as the hundreds of thousands of households and individuals who have lent their cooperation to the Bureau several times in the past.

National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) renews its commitment to providing the necessary data required to support policymakers, business decision-makers and individual citizens as we all contribute towards sustainable development in Nigeria. Our channels of communication will be further strengthened and more resources will be invested in our greatest asset – our people – to build on our past successes in producing better data, in terms of quality, utility and timeliness. We will also explore new data sources, innovative use of technology and wider stakeholder engagement without compromising our operational independence, professional integrity or public trust.

We are confident that we will continue to enjoy the support of our Government as well as the cooperation of our partners and other stakeholders towards ensuring that NBS remains an exemplary public institution taking the national statistical system to the next level, producing better data for better lives.

Happy celebrations!

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