

The Regional Statistical Information System at the Service of Local Development: Status and Prospects. The Case of the Regional Department of the High Commission for Planning, Souss-Massa Region, Morocco

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Abstract:

The role of the regional statistical information system (RSIS) remains little approached. Yet this system enables public and private institutions to base their policies and action programs on knowledge and analysis of the situation at the regional level. They need to have regular access to a series of indicators capable of informing them about the realities they manage and providing them with the information they need to make decisions or take action. Producing meaningful statistical data for the provinces and prefectures of the Souss-Massa region requires sample sizes that are out of all proportion to the human and budgetary resources available to the regional Department of the High Commission for Planning (HCP). It also implies remedying the slow pace of production of economic statistics and data (Agadir communal inventory survey, production structure survey, etc.). As part of this proposal, we will study the statistical information system specific to the Regional Department of the HCP (RDHCP), focusing our analysis on the human and logistical resources available to the RDHCP, the shortcomings of the information collection system, and the prospects for partnership with decentralized administrations with a view to improving the regional statistical system.

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