

Modernizing the South African statistical system



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The future in our hands

Mandate for Official Statistics

Global: Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

(United Nations adopted 10 principles)

Continental: African Charter on Statistics

(African Union adopted 6 principles)

National: Statistics Act (Act 6 of 1999)

(Based on principles of official statistics)

Statistics are driven by policy agendas

Global level

Policy agenda: Sustainable Development Goals

Continental level

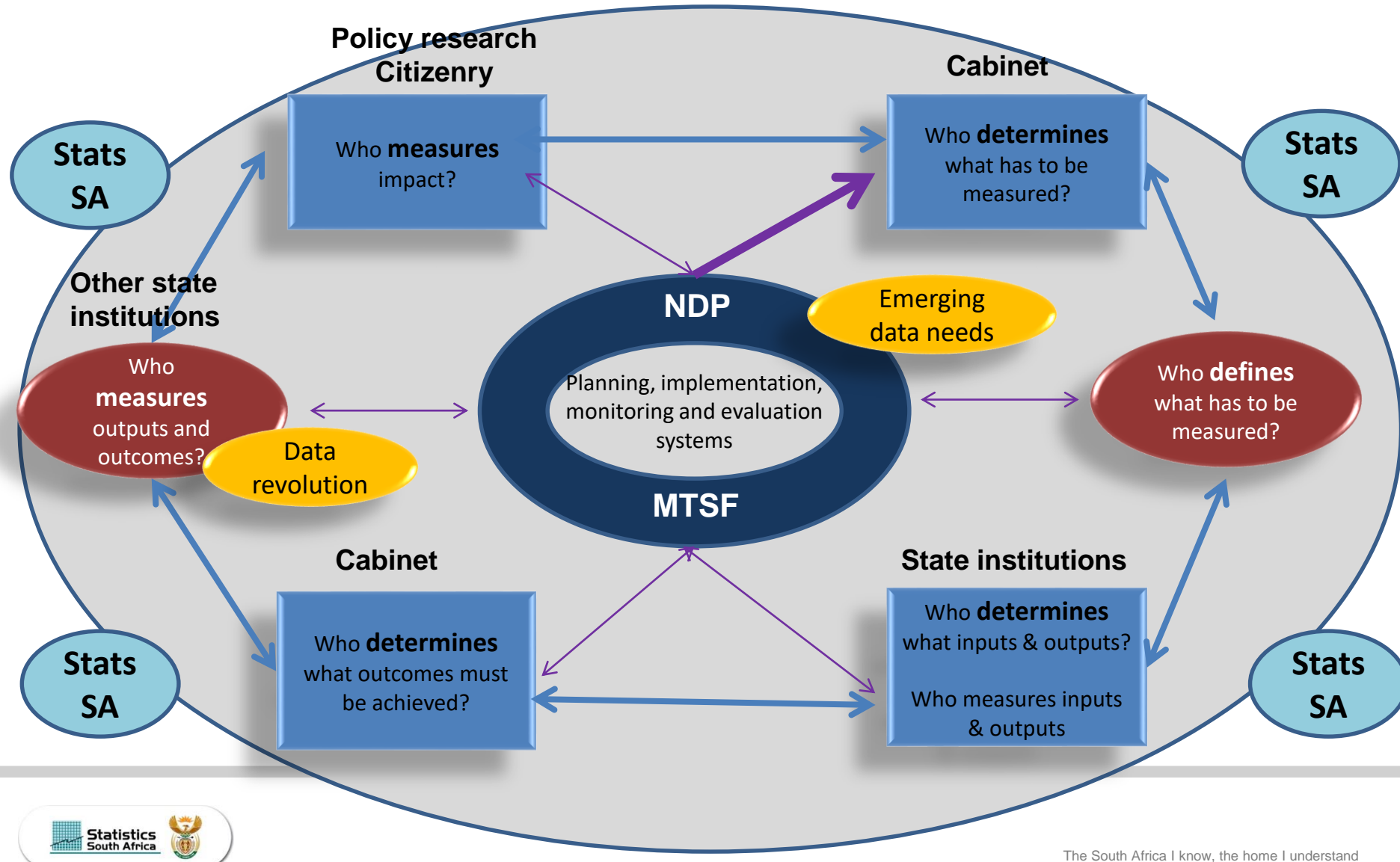
Policy agenda: Vision 2063 (African Integration agenda)

National level

Policy agenda: National Development Plan 2030
Other public, private etc

Requires statistical production and coordination

What gets measured: National Level



What is our strategy?

Our vision:

The South Africa I know, the home I understand

Our Mission:

To lead and partner in statistical systems and products for evidence based decisions

What we want to achieve - strategic outcomes



Informing a nation



Trusted statistics



Partners in statistics



Capable organisation



Statistical leadership

We will **change our business processes**

Statistical production

Statistical coordination - SANSS

We will invest in

IT systems

People

Organisation environment

1. Link to existing measurement frameworks to build partnerships
 - i. Common African Position – Continental level
 - Pillar One: Structural economic transformation and inclusive growth
 - Pillar Two: Science, technology and innovation
 - Pillar Three: People-centred development
 - Pillar Four: Environmental sustainability, natural resources management and disaster risk management
 - Pillar Five: Peace and Security

- ii. SDG process – Global level
 - Build on lessons from MDGs
 - Use MDGs structures
 - National Coordinating committee
 - Technical working committee
 - Sectoral working groups
- iii. National Development plan – National level
 - Outcomes of government
 - Monitoring and Evaluation goals

Map linkages between these Global, Continental and National frameworks

2. Legislative reform:

- Implementing **statistical geography** as a deliberate strategy for transforming the national development information landscape;
- Strengthening **coordination mechanisms and compliance** in order to optimise informatics efficiency and effectiveness;
- Embrace **data revolution** in order to ease the methods of doing business by dramatically changing the capabilities of information collection, access, analysis, use, retrieval, storage and archiving, thereby increasing and deepening our knowledge basis;
- Creating a **state-wide statistics service** through professionalising, training and deployment; and
- Establishing **institutional arrangements and protocols** that will lead and deliver a professional and sustainable National Statistics System.

How will we achieve this strategic outcome?

Partners statistics



Invest and build statistical sampling frames

Business frame & Geospatial information frame

Lead development and coordination of the national statistics system

Statistical production – national effort coordinated

Strengthen international collaboration and partnerships

African statistics system to respond to African Integration Agenda 2063 – Priority CRVS.

Strategic framework for SANSS

Statistical Production – a national effort

Stats SA

**Production of –
Macro economic &
social statistics
Mainly through
Surveys/Censuses**



Statistical
producers

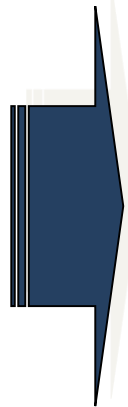
**Production of –
Sectoral statistics
Mainly through
register data**



National
Provincial
Local
Private
NGO

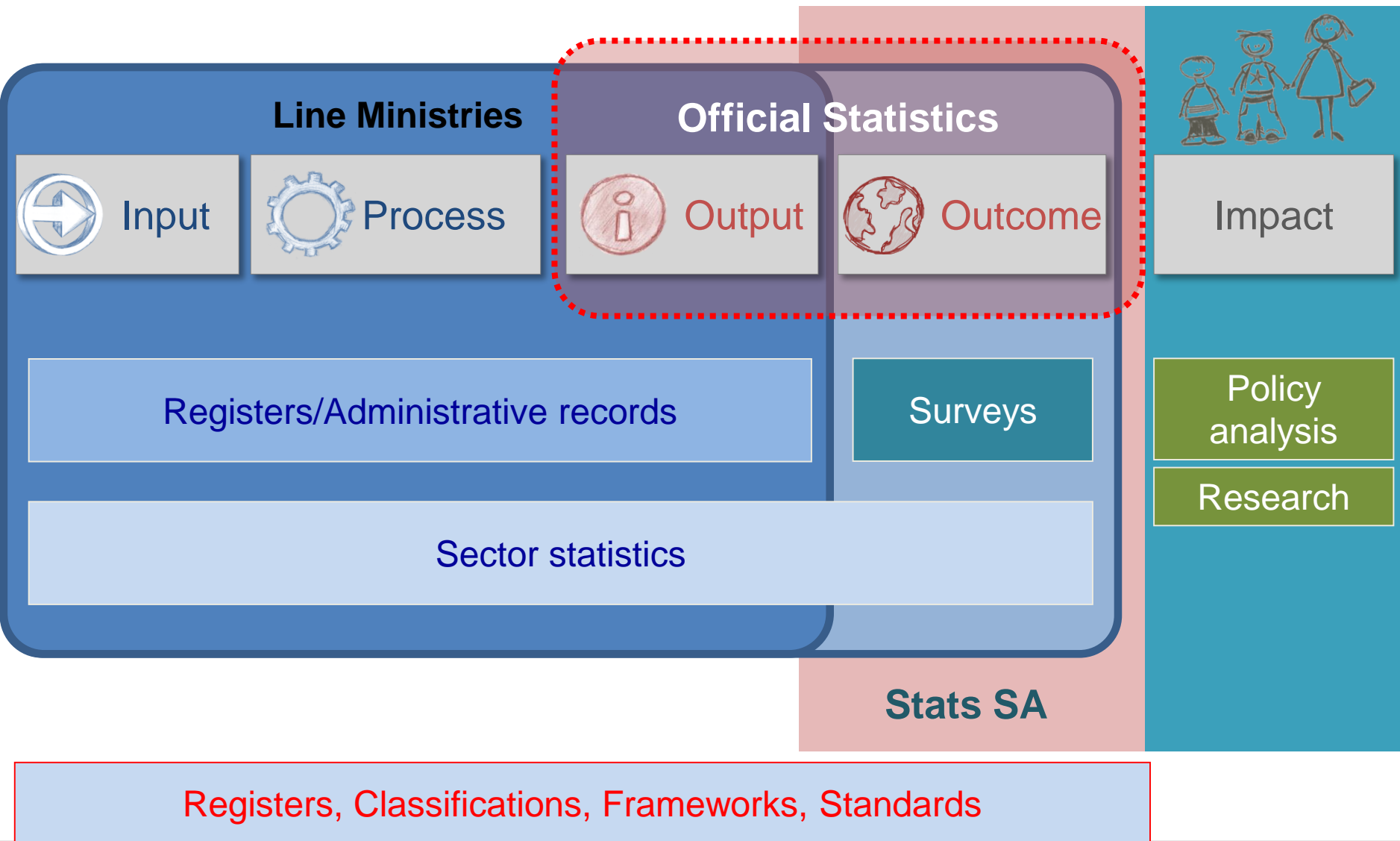
Statistical themes

Economic dynamics
Price stability
Employment, job creation and decent work
Life circumstances, service delivery
& poverty
Population dynamics
Sustainable resource management
Health
Education
Safety and security
Rural development, food security
Governance



System of Indicators

Simplified statistical production system



Tough decisions required

- Effective and functional SANSS a legal requirement
 - Improved participation from other partners
- SEEA implementation
 - Global, Continental and/or National need?
 - Positioning within the SANSS
 - Cross-cutting and driving large parts of SDG
 - Learning from Experimental Ecosystem Services accounts pilot project
- Balance against affordability, practicality and priorities
 - Weaknesses in basic statistics that are often taken for granted, ISIC 4, 2008SNA

Wish us luck !!!