



Session 2: SNA Project in Africa

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Outline of the Presentation

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- Upcoming activities and the way forward



SNA AND SEEA



Relationship of SEEA to SNA

- SNA is a measurement framework of economic activity, economic wealth and the general structure of the economy.
- SEEA applies the accounting concepts, structures, rules and principles of SNA to environmental information.
- SEEA allows for the integration of environmental information with economic information in a single framework.
- SEEA is in general consistent with SNA with some limited differences.



BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SNA PROJECT IN AFRICA



The African Strategy for the Implementation of the 2008 SNA

developed by the
African Group on National Accounts
under the umbrella of the
Statistical Commission for Africa

Aim

overcome statistical weaknesses by bringing together all African countries to work together to implement SNA 2008

Objective

Implementation of 2008 SNA in all African countries



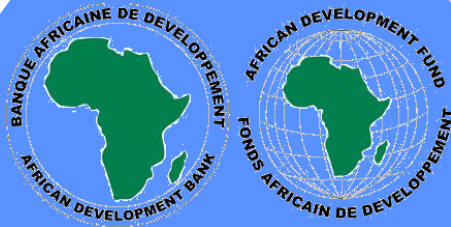


**United Nations
Economic Commission
for Africa**



**African Union
Commission**

**Major roll
players**



**African Development
Bank**

**African Group on
National Accounts**



TIMELINE OF THE PROJECT

	8/25	
	8/25	
	8/27/01	
	8/28/01	
	8/25/01	
	10/12/01	
	12/25/01	
	8/27	
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Timeline

Call for
implementation

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

- *5th meeting of the Committee of Directors General of National Statistics Offices of African countries*
 - Call to implement the project



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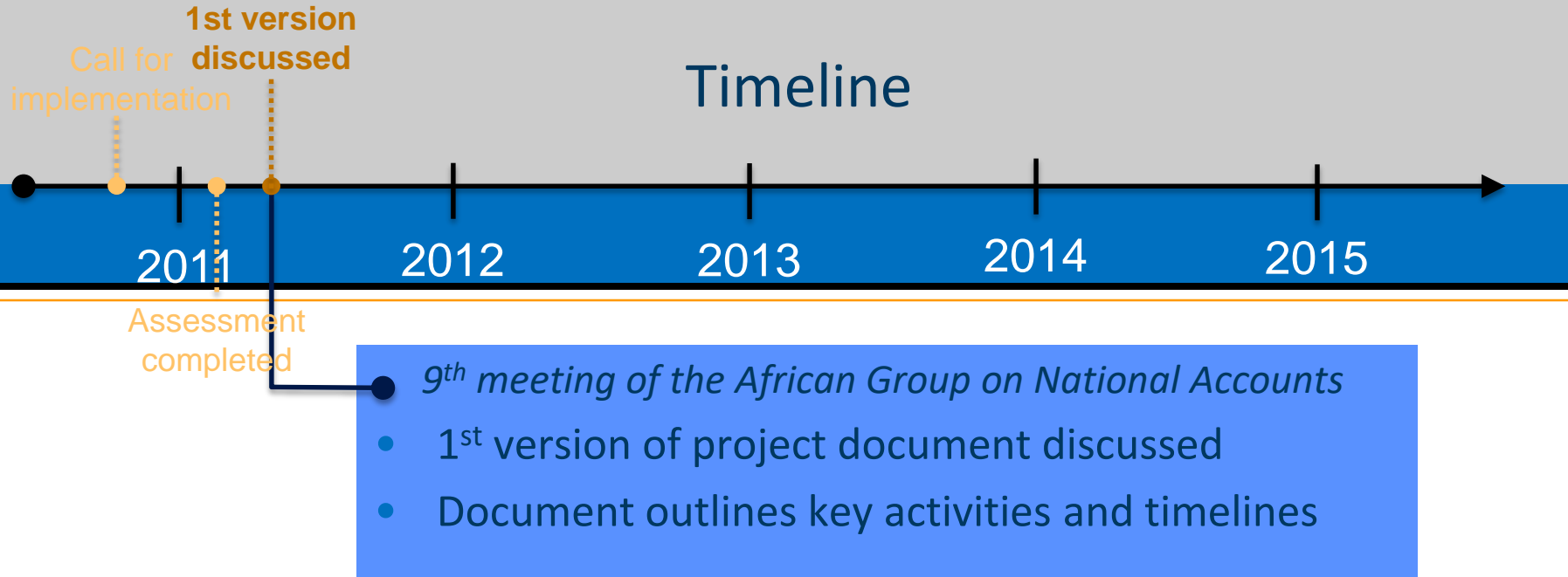
Assessment
completed

● Problem areas identified and interventions proposed

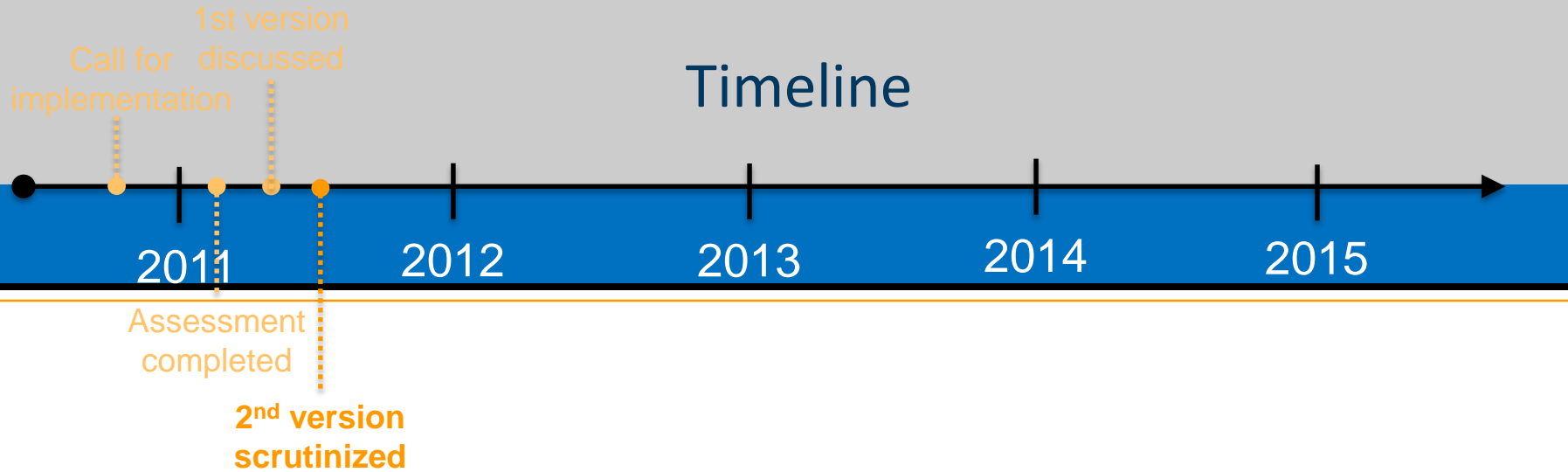
- Limited resources
- Weak capacity
- Unharmonious systems
- Inconsistent coverage
- Early stages



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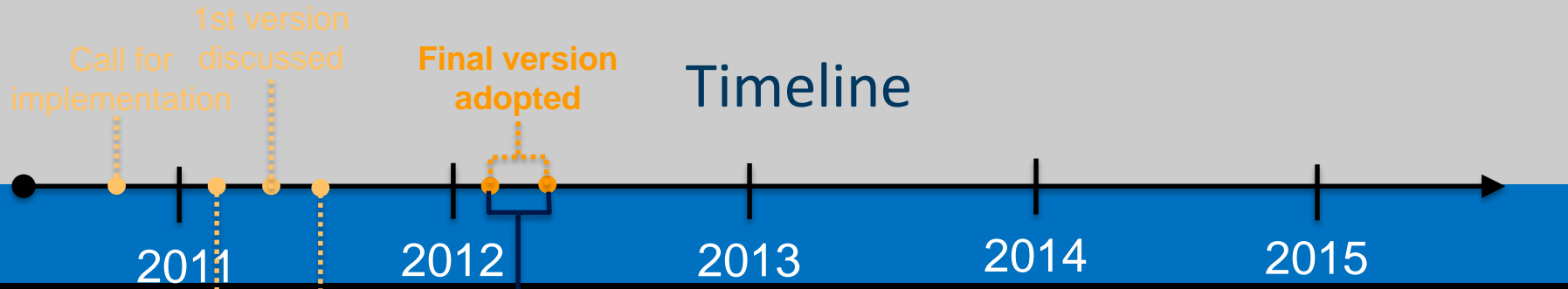


● *10th meeting of the African Group on National Accounts*

- 2nd version of project document scrutinised
- Document endorsed and adopted
- Secretariat asked to amend and finalise document



Timeline



Assessment completed

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● *3rd meeting of the Statistical Commission for Africa*

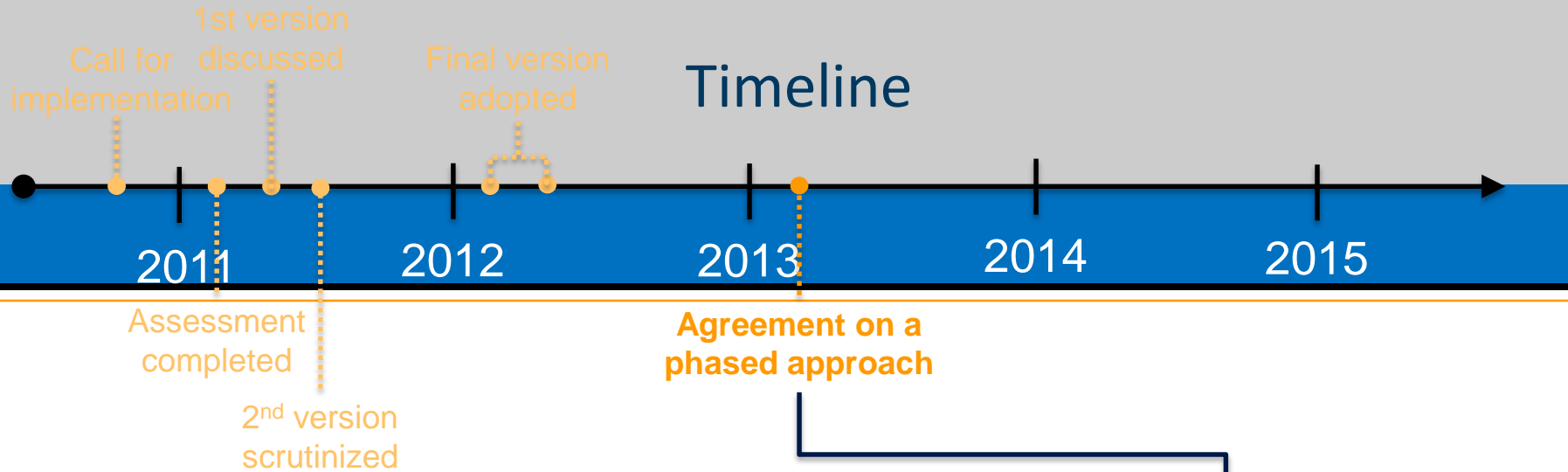
- Final version of project document adopted
- African countries asked to work together to adopt 2008 SNA

● *5th AU-ECA Joint Annual Meeting*

- Document endorsed and adopted



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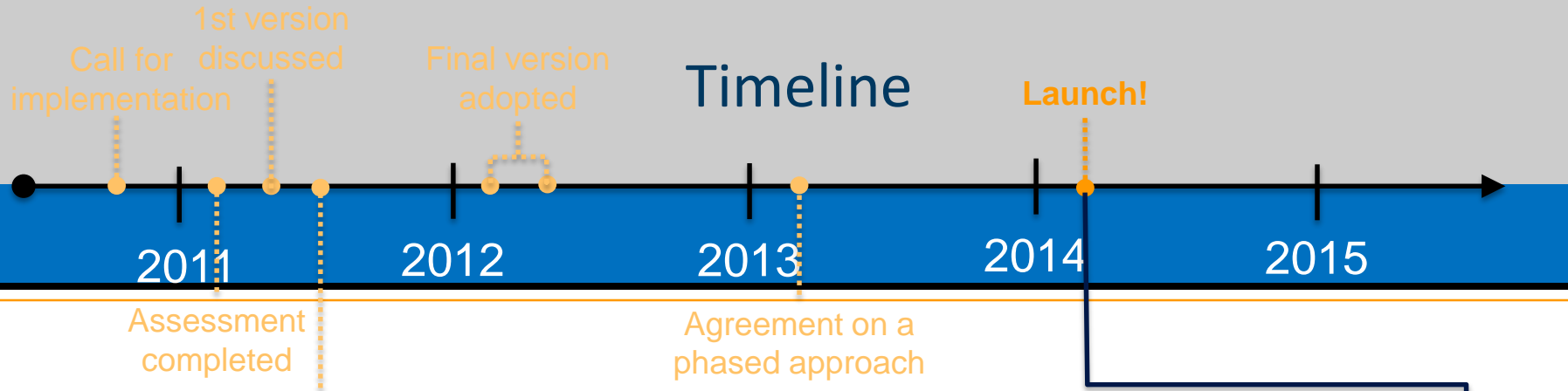


Special session of the African Group on National Accounts

- Five-year African project would be carried out in a phased approach
- 14 activities identified



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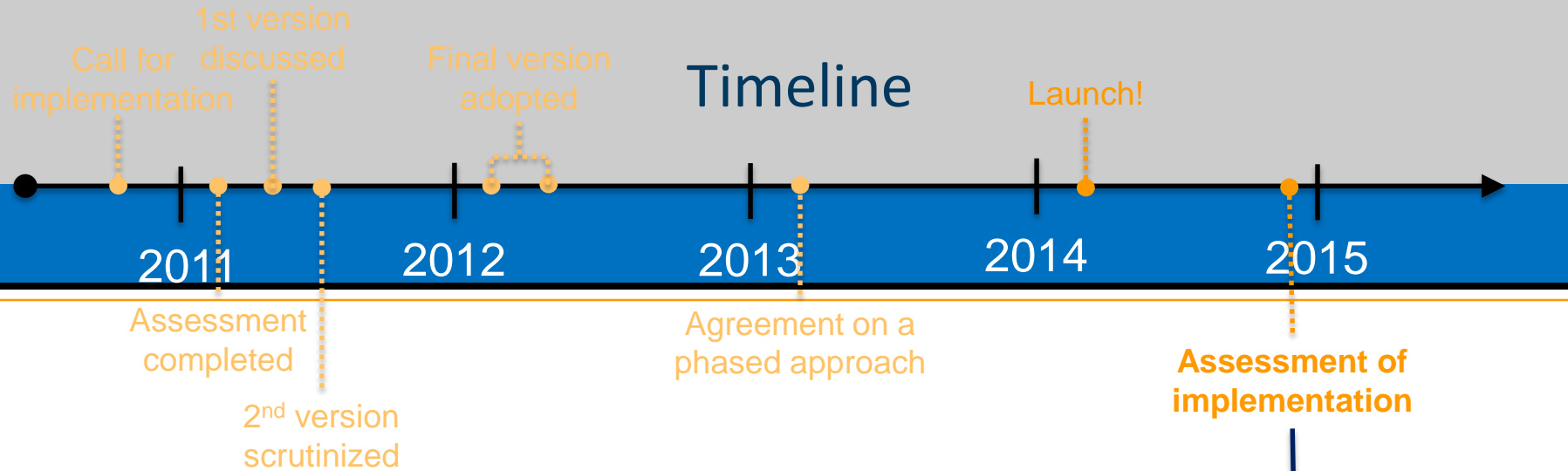


11th Meeting of the African Group on National Accounts

- List of activities increases to 17
- Document outlines governance structure
- Launch of the implementation of the project
- Detailed calendar of phase 1 activities
- Development of a project implementation plan



Timeline



*Meeting of the Continental Steering Committee
- December 2014-*

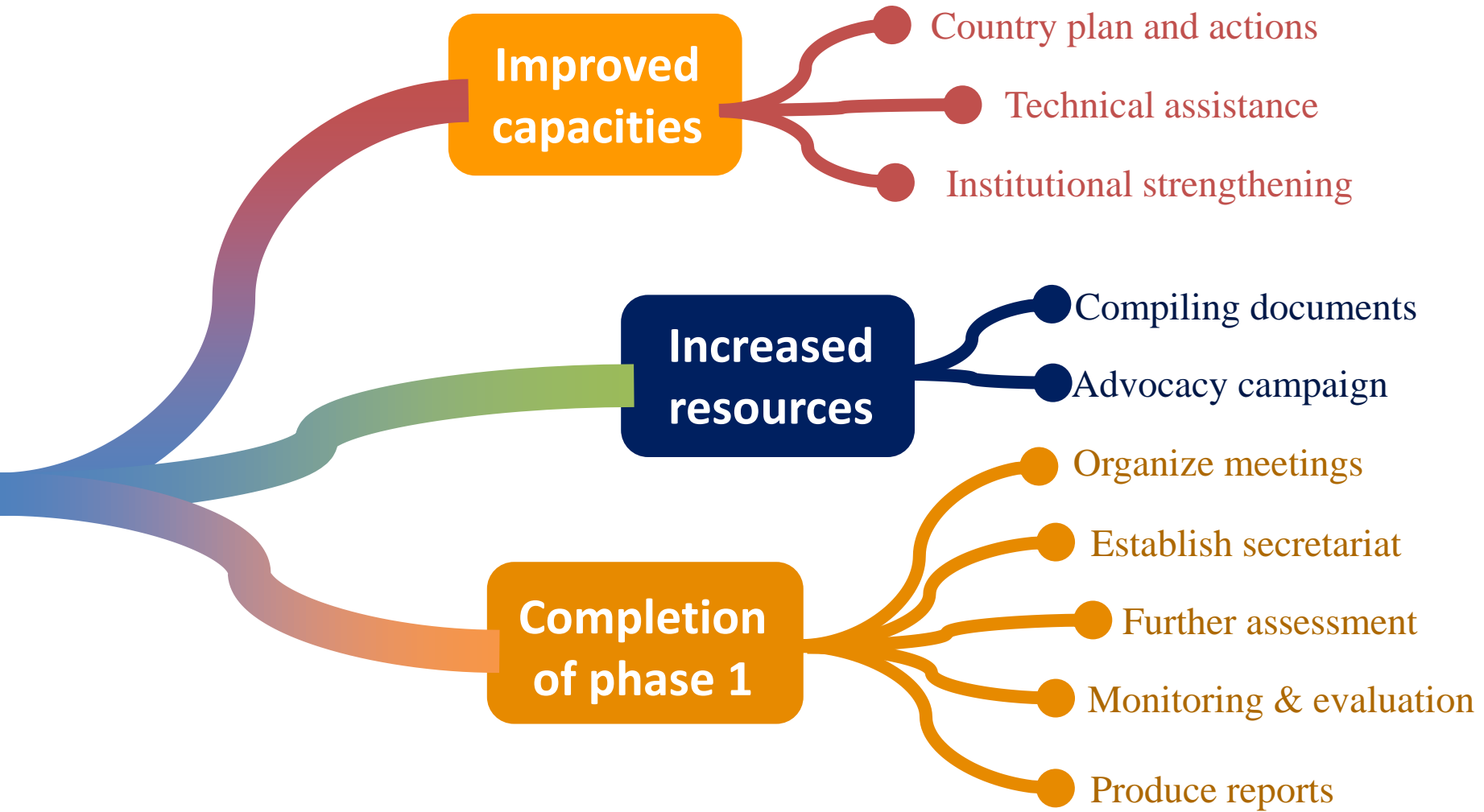
- Review and assess project progress
- Provide guidance in 2008 SNA implementation
- Oversee overall coordination of the project



PHASE I OF THE PROJECT: EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OUTCOMES



Expected accomplishments and outcomes



IMPLEMENTATION: THE SIX PillARS



Pillar 1: Country plans and actions

- Allows member states to align 2008 SNA with African statistical strategies and macroeconomic priorities

Pillar 2: Technical assistance (AfDB)

- Strengthen statistical institutions and the capacity of national statistics systems
- Adopt IT tools, conduct seminars and training workshops

Pillar 3: Institutional strengthening (RECs & Afristat)

- Develop and strengthen coordination structures and systems



Pillar 4: Technical documents (ECA)

- Serve as operational guides for the compilation of national accounts
- Development of a guidebook and handbook

Pillar 5: Advocacy campaign (AUC)

- Organized at a continental, regional and national levels

Pillar 6: Coordination, monitoring, evaluation and reporting

- Close monitoring of the project implementation plan
- Production and dissemination of monitoring and evaluation reports



PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT



Country Plans and Actions

- Up today, more than 21 countries reported to have already formulated country plans including Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Mali, Morocco, Niger, South Africa, and Swaziland.
- 15 countries are currently working on country plans including Botswana, Central African republic, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Togo and Zambia.



Country Plans and Actions: Algeria, Benin & Botswana

- Algeria has conducted an economic census and update of business repertory; business survey; household expense and consumption survey; survey of financial enterprises; work on classifications; started transition to BPM6 (Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual).
- Benin: the 2008 SNA implementation plan is incorporated to the NSDS 2008.
- Botswana: a committee has been set up to come up with a 2008 implementation strategy, expected to be put in place by June 2015.



Country Plans and Actions: Burkina Faso, Burundi & Cameroon

- Burkina Faso: A ProDoc to rebase national accounts and implement the 2008 SNA has been sent to the Ministry of Economy and Finance, who will finance this activity through 2014-16. These projects are part of the capacity building program with the IMF. IMF is providing technical assistance.
- Burundi is conducting annual national agricultural survey since 2011/12; a formal non-profit enterprise survey is foreseen for 2015; adaptation of new classifications is programmed.
- Cameroon revised classifications of products and activities; a capacity building workshop has been organized for non-NSO experts; the fourth household survey is being conducted; an informal sector survey is programmed for 2015.



Country Plans and Actions: CAR, Egypt & Ethiopia

- Central African Republic is reorganizing its national accounts department to facilitate the implementation of the 2008 SNA; several actions have been incorporated in the NSDS.
- Egypt has defined a data protocol; had training for staff to improve skills in data analysis; is using and developing technology tools; has a strategy for publishing in line with international standards.
- Ethiopia has rebased its GDP to 2010/11; made improvement on GDP – expenditure approach; planning to elaborate quarterly national accounts and supply and use tables; these improvements were all align with the 2008 SNA.



Country Plans and Actions: Madagascar, Mali & Morocco

- Madagascar published new classifications conform to the ISIC rev 4 and the CPC 2.
- Mali is finalizing its action plan to implement the 2008 SNA.
- Morocco is rebasing its GDP to 2007; introducing some major changes from the 2008 SNA; adapting surveys and administrative data sources for the needs of the new SNA; is applying adapted frameworks in order to back cast and change over to the 2008 SNA; FISIM will be calculated according to the 2008 SNA and will be allocated to users; central bank output will be measure; research and development, military expenses are treated as fixed capital formation.



Country Plans and Actions: Mauritania & Niger

- Mauritania is elaborating a strategy and action plan.
- Niger is adapting a national classification inspired by regional classifications; is analyzing the impact of changing over to the 2008 SNA; is rebasing to 2012; improving data sources in areas where information is not sufficient; exploiting survey data; implementing public finance (2001) and balance of payments manual (6); updating business registrations.



Country Plans and Actions: Seychelles & Swaziland

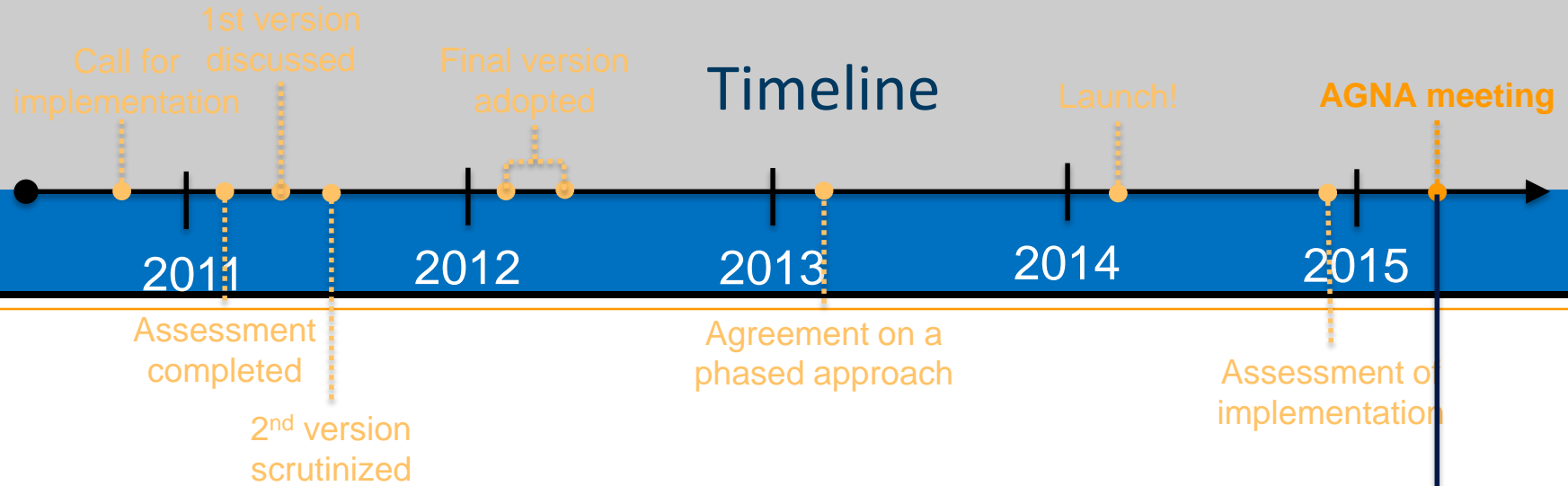
- Seychelles has identified activities to implement the 2008 SNA; set priorities to graduate to the IMF SDDS by mid-2015; trained staff for compiling national accounts; made improvements in quarterly GDP production approach, PPI manufacturing, etc.; updated transition plans based on national priorities for 2016;
- Swaziland has undertaken an economic census and acquired technical assistance from the IMF for rebasing and implementing some aspects of SNA2008.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND THE WAY FORWARD



Timeline



- *African Group on National Accounts*
 - Next meeting of African Group on National Accounts (First half of 2015)
- *Continue Phase I of the Project*
 - Along the six pillars
 - Preparation for the transition to Phase II (during 2015)



United Nations Economic Commission for Africa



Thank you
