



PILLAR VI: TRAINING, CAPACITY BUILDING & RESEARCH

**NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
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The strategic objective of this pillar is to ensure capacity development to provide an adequate and skilled workforce and research to support excellent and consistent statistical product and service delivery. This will be pursued as a priority.

Initiatives will be taken to provide training starting in 2016 on:

- the technical aspects of each statistical domain listed in Pillars I, II and III above
- sampling and surveys, data processing, analysis and report writing
- Human resources management, finance and administration operations.

The following actions will be taken from 2016-2018:

- SSL will work with MDAs to conduct a training needs assessment within the NSS and put in place a long-term training plan and curriculum in 2016
- NSS will work with University of Sierra Leone and Njala University on their statistics and related education including both bachelor and master degrees and specifically on a degree in official statistics
- NSS will establish an Institute of Statistical Training and research in SSL to meet a wide range of training needs to supplement what is taught in bachelors and masters degrees, increase the relevancy of education and training to official statistics and conduct statistical research
- SSL will promote statistical research and suggest research agendas for different components of the NSS.

- NSS will emphasize “On-the-job” training by managers and support it support by good desk instruction manuals and other documentation.
- NSS will give more focus to staff learning from international consultants, from colleagues in neighbouring countries and participation in international meetings, especially those organised in the region by ECOWAS, AfDB, UNECA; and by making bilateral study visits to neighbouring countries
- SSL will explore with ECOWAS the scope for a regional wide training initiative for West Africa similar to what is in place in East Africa.