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# *The Collaborative on Administrative Data*

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# The Collaborative on Administrative Data (CAD)

A multi-stakeholder collaborative of countries and regional and international agencies, aimed to strengthen the capacity of countries to use administrative data sources for statistical purposes

- **Practically oriented:** Addresses challenges as identified by its members, and at different levels of development
- **Platform for collaboration and sharing** of knowledge and experiences
- **Cross-cutting:** Addresses common challenges across sectors

**More info:**





# Current set-up



## Task team 1

**Institutional framework,  
coordination and  
partnerships**



## Task team 2

**Data management and  
standardization**



## Task team 3

**Technical interoperability  
and data linking**

And various cross-cutting work, including e-learnings, webinars and expert clinics

# Inventory of resources

<https://unstats.un.org/capacity-development/admin-data/resources/>

The screenshot shows the 'Inventory' page of the UN Statistics Division Capacity Development Admin Data Resources. The page header includes the United Nations logo and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The main content area is titled 'Collaborative on Use of Administrative Data for Statistics > Inventory'. It features a search bar and a list of resources. The first resource is 'Guidelines for building statistical business registers in Africa' by the African Development Bank, which is an international guideline. The second resource is 'Producing Export and Import Price Indices in Bhutan (XMPI)' by Bhutan, which is a case study. The page also includes a 'Select Filters' section on the left with options for Cross cutting issue, Type, Country or Organization, Domain, Language, and Search.

## Producing Export and Import Price Indices in Bhutan (XMPI)

### Bhutan

In Bhutan, the CPI was used as a deflator of exports and imports for the calculation of GDP with the consequent bias that this implies. This bias is due to the different baskets of goods and services that are represented in the CPI v/s in the country's import and export, which are not necessarily consistent. In fact, they differ greatly. To solve this problem, Bhutan National Statistics Bureau (NSB) implemented the methodology for calculating an Import and Export Price Index (XMPI) through the exploitation of administrative external trade registers. This is an important step in strengthening the economic statistics of the country that will substantially improve GDP estimates.

### Online materials available

- [Producing export and import price indices \(XMPI\) in Bhutan](#)
- [Export and Import Price Index 2019](#)

### Time frame

The time series originally ranged from 2014 to 2017. Now it has been extended until December 2019. Implementation period from June 2017 - May 2018

### Coverage

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# Tools and materials

The Collaborative on Administrative Data has as an **objective to provide materials and tools that are needed and not already available for the work with administrative data for statistics production.**

The tools that have been developed cover different thematic areas that the CAD is working on such as statistical legal frameworks, formal agreements and data quality

## Tools & Materials



### MoU guide and template

A guide and template for improving coordination and cooperation within the national statistical system and increasing access to administrative data for statistics production

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### Statistical legal framework self-assessment tool

This self-assessment tool aims to help understand how current statistical legislation facilitates the access and use of administrative data for NSO/NSS

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### Toolkit for the assessment of admin data quality

A practically oriented questionnaire and guide for the assessment of the quality of an administrative data source, institutional environment and statistical system

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# Admin data e-learning course

## Introduction and learning objectives

### Welcome to the course

In this course you will learn about administrative data and how they can be used in statistics, including Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and indicators, progress on national development plans. Administrative data, if of sufficient quality, can help in decision-making, if of sufficient timeliness, detailed and accurate statistics that can help in decision-making.

### Objectives

After completing the course, you will be able to:

Understand key aspects related to the use of administrative data such as data quality, metadata, data sharing agreements...

Increase the knowledge around the benefits and challenges with administrative data collected for administrative purposes.

Encourage increased collaboration between various ministries and agencies.

## Nordic model



Some countries in the world are making great use of admin data! Let's see how the Nordic countries (Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland) implemented their register-based systems collecting information through public institutions. The statistics offices in the **Nordic countries have a long tradition of collaborating with administrative data holders. Today 80-90 per cent of official statistics in these countries are based on administrative data sources.**

How are the registers organized in the Nordic countries (1:10 minutes)

How does the Nordic model work? (3:10 minutes)

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How to ensure the quality of administrative data

How to build a register-based system

## Meeting the Ministry of Tourism's team



Good day, colleagues. Thank you so much for making time for a meeting with us from the National Statistical Office to discuss administrative data and how we can collaborate. With me is my colleague who has just joined the organization.

Hello. Nice to meet you both. I'm Sara. I am the statistician at the Ministry of Tourism. I am looking forward to working with you on this topic.



Nice to meet you. My name is Amara. I'm the head of Quality Assurance and Registrations in the Ministry of Tourism.



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# Thank you!

Do you have any questions?

The CAD is open to anyone – join us!

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