

Dear Dr. Cheung,

Pls. kindly refer to you letter, dated 3 September, 2009, asking our comments and views regarding NQAF. We think that it is very timely and very useful for Thai NSO to have this draft as a guidance, since currently we are on the process of preparation the final draft of Statistical Master Plan (SMP) of Thailand, also we are studying on data quality assessment and its implementation for our statistical processes and statistical products. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for your efforts for the benefits of statistical community.

On behalf of practitioner, we have some comments and views as follows;

1. It would be much helpful if the term "official statistics" mentioned in paragraph 1 of the report to be clarified in accordance with its coverage or criteria. In countries where system of statistics is decentralized, overlapping in statistics which are produced by different government statistical units or agencies will probably be occurred, so it is important that this term should be identified for applying to national good practices.
2. We agree in principle with the proposed NQAF template for countries among national or international statistical office to develop or adapt for their quality framework. This template should be helpful for NSOs to apply or harmonize with their quality framework for international organizations such as the IMF's DQAF.
3. We also would like to see handbook which include good practices and suggestions on the elements of the template. This handbook could assist countries in providing guidance and experience of other countries.
4. On paragraph 38 page 14 and figure 2, we would like to see more examples under each topic and also additional topic on data quality declaration, like we have seen in ABS census and survey reports, in order that users will be provided useful information for further consideration in using statistics whether it fits for their use or not.

For your kind consideration,

With best regards,

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