

#### **UN Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks**

Comments on NQAFs (received in response to the questions in the 13 August 2010 EG launch letter/e-mail):

China: Xu Ronghua, 9 September 2010

Dear colleagues,

I am very glad to share our experiences together. Now I would like give my answers to the four questions according to the situation of National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) of China.

## 1) What are your country's or agency's experiences – if any – with the development or use of an NQAF?

We have not a quality framework for National Statistics so far, but we have established the quality control system for 10 main data. The 10 main data are GDP, Value-Added of Industry, Gross Energy Consume, Gross Investment in Fixed Assets, Total Retail Sales of Consumer Goods, Average Wages of Fully Employed Staff and Workers in Urban units, Gross Output of Grain, Per Capita Net Income of Rural Households, Per Capita Disposable Income of Rural Households, and Consumer Price Index (CPI).

For each indicators above -mentioned, we take measures to ensure its data quality in 7 aspects, such as method design, data collection, data examine, data transmission, data processing, data assessment and data dissemination.

Furthermore, we are trying to improve some statistical methods, for example, NBS will be with responsibility for calculating national and local GDP synchronously, implement integrative enterprise survey, and so on.

# 2) What problems and obstacles have you experienced or anticipate experiencing in developing and implementing an NQAF?

In China, official statistics spread around many government 's departments, and major statistics are carried from local level to national level. Government 's departments and local governments have too much discretionary power to data. That is our biggest problems and obstacles.

## 3) What are the main needs and priorities from a country perspective vis-àvis the development and implementation of an NQAF?

In my opinion, the most important thing for implementing NQAF is to make NQAF as UN official document like SNA.

The main needs and priorities from China are :

- Coordinating the national statistical system: protocols and standards
  Managing accuracy: design, accuracy assessment, quality control and revision
  policy
- Managing coherence and comparability: standards, harmonized concepts and methods
- Managing statistical infrastructure: standards, registers and policies



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### 4) What are your initial comments regarding the three proposed templates for a generic NQAF presented in the Statistics Canada report?

I think the best one is Canadian model, because the model is more exercisable and efficient than others.

Best regards,

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