

## Global Seminar - Elevating Official Statistics Quality with Quality Culture

The UN Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks is hosting a global seminar on 24<sup>th</sup> October at [8:30 AM EDT](#). In the era of data-driven decision-making, the accuracy, reliability, and integrity of official statistics play a pivotal role in shaping policies and strategies at both national and international levels. This seminar aims to bring together professionals and experts from national statistical systems and international organizations to exchange insights, share best practices, and foster a culture of data quality excellence. The seminar is designed for individuals who are actively engaged in quality assurance and data management within the national statistical system and international organizations, including statisticians, data managers, quality assurance managers, researchers and professionals working to ensure the accuracy and reliability of official statistics.

### Objectives:

The primary objectives of the seminar are to:

- Promote the importance of building a strong data quality culture within national statistical offices and international organizations;
- Provide a platform for countries to showcase their best practices and experiences in establishing and nurturing a data quality culture;
- Highlight the key characteristics and definition of a data quality culture;
- Discuss the main challenges faced in building and maintaining a data quality culture and share lessons learned.

### Format:

The seminar will be conducted virtually through Microsoft Teams, with an invite link sent to registered participants in advance. This event is scheduled to last for 1 hour and 15 minutes. The seminar will feature four distinguished speakers who have extensive experience in the field of official statistics and data quality. Each speaker will deliver a 10-minute presentation, sharing their unique perspectives and expertise.

Tentative Agenda (with proposed countries):

- Welcome and Introduction (5 mins)
- Colombia: **Cultura de la Calidad en el DANE de Colombia - Quality Culture at DANE in Colombia** (10 mins)
- Norway: **Quality culture at Statistics Norway from different angles** (10 mins)
- Niger: **Niger's experience in implementing a quality culture for official statistics** (10 mins)
- United Kingdom: **Quality Culture: The ONS Quality Framework** (10 mins)
- Q&A Session (20 mins)
- Closing Remarks (5 mins)

## **About our speakers:**

### **Colombia**

Julieth Alejandra Solano Villa, Technical Director of Regulation, Planning, Standardization and Normalization, National Administrative Department of Statistics of Colombia

Ms. Julieth Alejandra Solano Villa holds a bachelor degree on Economics and International Business from ICESI University and Master in Economic Sciences from the National University of Colombia. During her working experience, she has held different positions at the National Statistics Administrative Department and as a contractor at the Colombian Association for the Advancement of Science.

### **Norway**

Emma Castillo Schiro, Senior Advisor in quality team at Statistics Norway

Ms. Schiro has a broad background from working in research and governmental assessments in Norway, the US and Japan. Emma is a passionate sociologist and has studied cross cultural management at the University of Notre Dame.

### **Niger**

Issoufou SAIDOU, Director of Statistical Information Management and Coordination at the National Institute of Statistic of Niger

Mr Issoufou SAIDOU is a statistical engineer and economist. He has held the position of Director of Statistical Information Management and Coordination at the National Institute of Statistic of Niger, since June 2017. He has around 15 years' professional experience. Mr. Issoufou SAIDOU has proven skills in developing and monitoring the implementation of National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS), in developing and implementing the quality approach, and in leading reforms of Niger's National Statistical System (NSS).

### **United Kingdom**

Connaire Pearce, Methodologist Specialising at the Office for National Statistics of the United Kingdom

Mr. Ellie Whatley, Quality Manager at the Office for National Statistics of the United Kingdom

Connaire Pearce is a Methodologist specialising in qualitative research. Recent projects have focused on inclusivity in administrative data, horizon scanning for innovative qualitative methods and administrative data quality tools.

Mr. Ellie Whatley is a quality manager leading on managing the quality of data, statistics and analysis across the Office for National Statistics.