
Workshop on the Implementation of a National Quality Assurance Framework for Official Statistics in countries of Eastern-Europe/Central-Asia Region
Belgrade, Serbia, 10-13 December 2019

Concept note and tentative agenda
(as of 7 October 2019)

At its fiftieth session in March 2019 the Statistical Commission adopted the United Nations National Quality Assurance Frameworks Manual for Official Statistics (UN NQAF Manual) and the recommendations contained therein (decision 50/106). The Statistical Commission welcomed the *Manual* as an important contribution in guiding countries in the implementation of a national quality assurance framework, including for new data sources, new data providers, and for data and statistics of the Sustainable Development Goal indicators. The *Manual* provides guidance for developing and implementing a national quality assurance framework (NQAF) and aims at addressing quality assurance in different circumstances and situations, hereby supporting countries in safeguarding the role of official statistics as trusted source of information in a changing environment.

In its decision, the Statistical Commission took also note of the results of a country survey on the implementation of national quality assurance frameworks and the fact that many countries have yet to implement a national quality assurance framework.

The Workshop aims at training participants from national statistical offices on quality assurance and the development of a national quality assurance framework and its implementation throughout the national statistical system, using both the new Manual and the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (ESS QAF). The Workshop will first provide an overview of the contents of the new Manual and the global and the European quality assurance frameworks. Subsequently it will focus on specific topics and tools geared towards the needs of participating countries. Please find attached the concept note with the tentative agenda of the Workshop.

In general, morning sessions will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and afternoon sessions from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. There will be a 15-minute break in the morning and afternoon.

Tuesday, 10 December 2019

Opening of the Workshop

- 08:30-09:00 Registration of participants
09:00-10:00 Opening, Objectives of the workshop, Adoption of agenda

Session 1: Overview of the implementation of national quality assurance frameworks in participating countries

- 10:00-10:30 Session 1.1: Activities and perspectives of UNSD and UNECE
10:30-12:30 Session 1.2: Implementation of quality assurance in countries

Session 2: Review of principles and their requirements (indicators)

- 13:30-14:00 Session 2.1: Introduction to the UN NQAF Manual and its core recommendations
14:00-15:30 Session 2.2: Introduction of ESS QAF
15:30-16:00 Session 2.3: Overview of UN NQAF
16:00-17:00 Session 2.4: Review of selected principles and identification of challenges in their implementation (also considering the changing environment of official statistics)

Wednesday, 11 December 2019

Session 3: Implementation of quality assurance throughout the national statistical system

- 09:00-10:00 Session 3.1: Review of UN core recommendations and relevant principles
10:00-12:30 Session 3.2: Implementation of a NQAF throughout the national statistical system

Session 4: Implementation of quality assurance at the national statistical office

- 13:30-15:00 Session 4.1: Development and implementation of a NQAF at the NSO
15:00-17:00 Session 4.2: Quality assurance across different statistical domains – use of GSBPM and other relevant practices

Thursday, 12 December 2019

Session 5 (Part I): Dealing with new data sources and data providers

- 09:00-10:30 Session 5.1: Challenges of the new data ecosystem and responses
10:30-12:30 Session 5.2: Dealing with different (and new) data sources

Session 5 (Part II): Dealing with new data sources and data providers

- 13:30-17:00 Session 5.3: Certification of statistical outputs and data providers

Friday, 13 December 2019

Session 6: Roadmap of countries and support

- 09:00-10:00 Session 6.1: International and regional activities
10:00-11:00 Session 6.2: Plans and next steps of countries

Closing of Workshop

- 11:00-12:00 Introduction of the draft conclusions of the meeting
12:00-12:15 Evaluation
12:15-12:30 Closing remarks
