



**African
Charter on
Statistics**

What is the African Charter on Statistics (ACS)?

A regional legal instrument which defines :

- the **principles** governing the activity of the institutions in charge of collecting, producing, disseminating and analysing public **statistics**, and
- the **ethical** and **professional** rules of **conduct** of African statisticians

Strengthen the effective implementation of the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

Adopted in Feb. 2009, entered into force in Feb. 2015.

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Principles of the ACS

1# Professional independence

- Scientific independence
- Impartiality
- Responsibility
- Transparency

3# Mandate for data collection and resources

- Mandate
- Resource Adequacy
- Cost-effectiveness

2# Quality

- Relevance
- Sustainability
- Data sources
- Accuracy and reliability
- Continuity
- Coherence and comparability
- Timeliness
- Topicality
- Specificities
- Awareness-building

Principles of the ACS

4# Dissemination

- Accessibility
- Dialogue with users
- Clarity and understanding
- Simultaneity
- Correction

5# Protection of individual data, information sources and respondents

- Confidentiality
- Giving assurances to Data providers
- Objective
- Rationality

6# Coordination and Cooperation

- Coordination
- Cooperation

Implementation of the ACS

[Standards and guidelines for the implementation of the ACS](#) to measure the extent to which NSSs are implementing the principles of the Charter developed in 2012

