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


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Principles of the ACS

1# Professional independence
- Scientific independence
- Impartiality
- Responsibility
- Transparency

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

3# Mandate for data collection and resources
- Mandate
- Resource Adequacy
- Cost-effectiveness
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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