

Workshop on the Implementation of a National Quality Assurance Framework for Official Statistics in countries of the Africa Region

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Relevant core recommendations

Responsibility of the central coordination body and all members of the NSS for quality assurance.

Based on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics:

(a) It is recommended that countries establish a national quality assurance framework for official statistics and that all members of the national statistical system commit to continually assessing, improving and reporting on the quality of official statistics, as well as on the quality of data and statistics used in the production of official statistics as required* (core recommendation #3 – FULL TEXT).

* This commitment of members of the NSS should also, as deemed appropriate and required, extend to data and statistics that are disseminated jointly with other statistics producers that are not members of the NSS.

Relevant core recommendations

Responsibility of the central coordination body and all members of the NSS for quality assurance.

Based on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics:

(b) It is recommended that the national quality assurance framework be implemented at the national statistical office and throughout the entire national statistical system. Furthermore, it is recommended that the national quality assurance framework be applied to all data and statistics produced outside of the national statistical system that are disseminated with the help and support of a member of the national statistical system or that are used for government decision-making, as deemed appropriate and required (core recommendation #5 – FULL TEXT).



Highly relevant principles regarding NSS-wide implementation

- Principle 1: Coordinating the national statistical system
- Requirement 1.1: Statistical law establishes responsibilities
- Requirement 1.2: There is a body and mechanism for coordination
- Principle 3: Managing statistical standards (
- Requirement 3.1: All statistical agencies cooperate in development and implementation of standards
- Requirement 3.2: NSO provides support to others and guidance to all data providers and producers of official statistics in the implementation of statistical standards

