

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

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Session 6.2: Implementation of NQAF throughout the NSS

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Chapter 5: Development and implementation of an NQAF at individual NSS members



Chapter 6: Implementation of quality assurance within the NSS
(For readers who are concerned with implementing an NQAF throughout the NSS)

Coordination of the NSS (6.A.)



Role of NSS-wide bodies in NQAF implementation (6.B.)



Implementation of system-wide measures – introducing all NSS members to quality assurance (6.C.)



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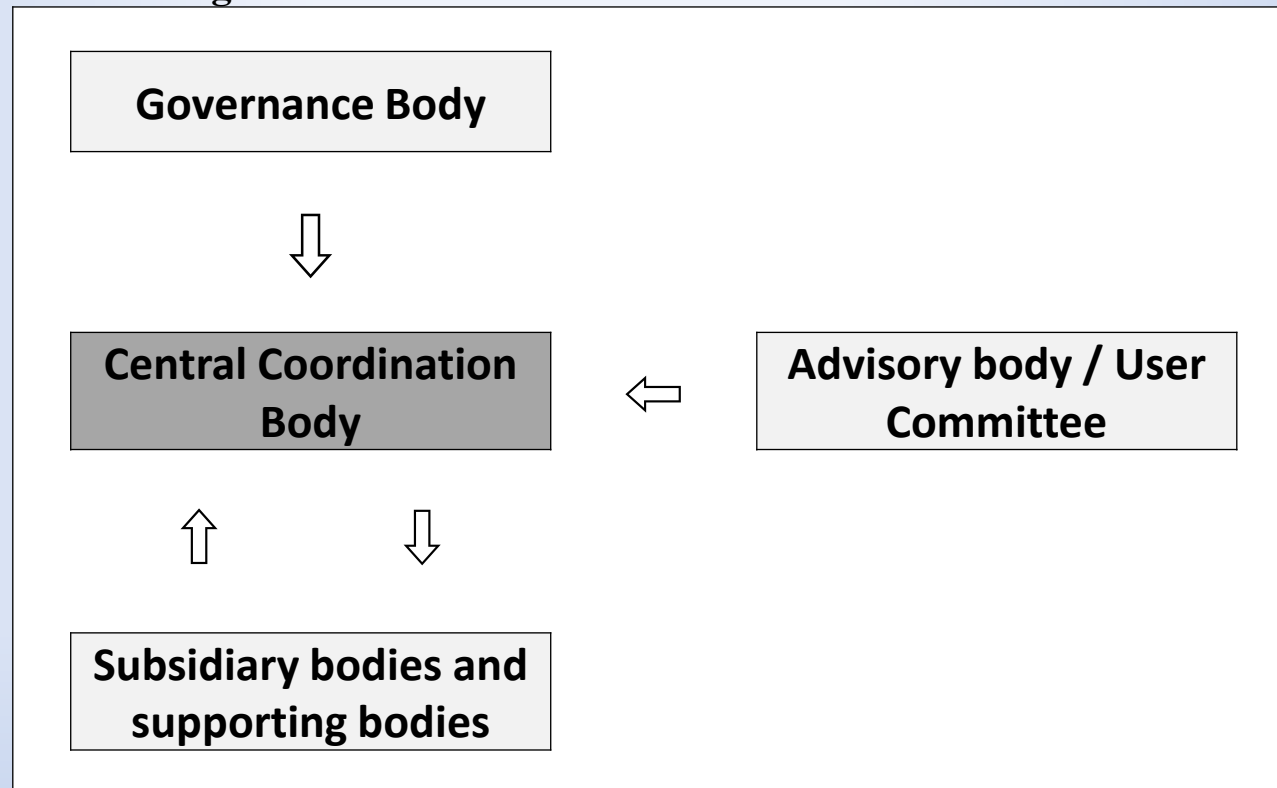
All NSSs require coordination for the following reasons:

- Harmonization of concepts, definitions, classifications and sampling frames
- Avoiding duplication of effort and undue burdening of respondents; fostering of efficient and effective data collection and proper data sharing;
- International representation and coordination;
- Establishment of system wide policies and programs;
- Capacity-building; reporting on progress regarding the SDGs.

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Depending on the national institutional arrangements, there can be several bodies involved in the coordination of different aspects of the NSS.

Generic organizational chart of NSS-wide bodies





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Tasks of the central coordination body (the NSO) in quality assurance (depending on specific arrangements).

- (a) Oversee the development of the NQAF in consultation with all stakeholders;
- (b) Ensure the adoption and endorsement of the NQAF and the mandate for quality assurance at the policy level by including it in national legislation or provisions;
- (c) Review the core recommendations on quality assurance in official statistics contained in chapter 2, and take the necessary steps for their implementation;



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Possible tasks of the central coordination body (the NSO) in quality assurance.

- (d) Promote the NQAF and support its implementation by members of the NSS;
- (e) Align and coordinate the use of the NQAF with the use of other quality frameworks that have already been applied;
- (f) Ensure that a template for quality reporting and assessment is established;
- (g) Establish advisory and additional supporting bodies, such as working groups and task forces, to address specific quality issues and quality assurance in specific statistical domains;



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Possible tasks of the central coordination body (the NSO) in quality assurance.

- (h) Promote and support training on quality assurance;
- (i) Establish appropriate responsibilities and mechanisms for the quality assurance of SDG indicator data and statistics;
- (j) Establish appropriate responsibility and mechanisms for assuring the quality of data and statistics from other and new data sources, new data providers and new statistics producers;
- (k) Undertake activities and establish mechanisms to assure the quality of data and statistics produced by entities outside the NSS when they are intended for use in production of official statistics.



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Implementation of system-wide measures

–Different circumstances of members of the NSS

- For many members of the NSS the production of official statistics is not their primary purpose. For example, for government ministries, the production of statistics is a byproduct of and input to their policymaking tasks.



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Implementation of system-wide measures

–Introducing all national statistical system members to quality assurance

- (a) Emphasize the obligation of all members of the NSS to assure the quality of the statistics they produced (see core recommendations in chapter 2);
- (b) Adopt the country's NQAF as the basis for quality management in the NSS;
- (c) Identify the quality assurance focal point at the statistical agency;
- (d) Conduct staff training on the NQAF;



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(e) Introduce the essential tools for quality assurance as specified in chapter 4 (quality indicators, quality reports and user surveys).

Conduct an initial self-assessment based on the NQAF as part of a training workshop;

(f) Prepare a short-term plan focusing on the most urgent actions that can be implemented within the available resources and result in improvement of the quality of statistical outputs visible to the users:

(g) Inform management and develop a plan for the next phase.

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