Implementation of Quality Assurance

At the NSS and Local Level Example

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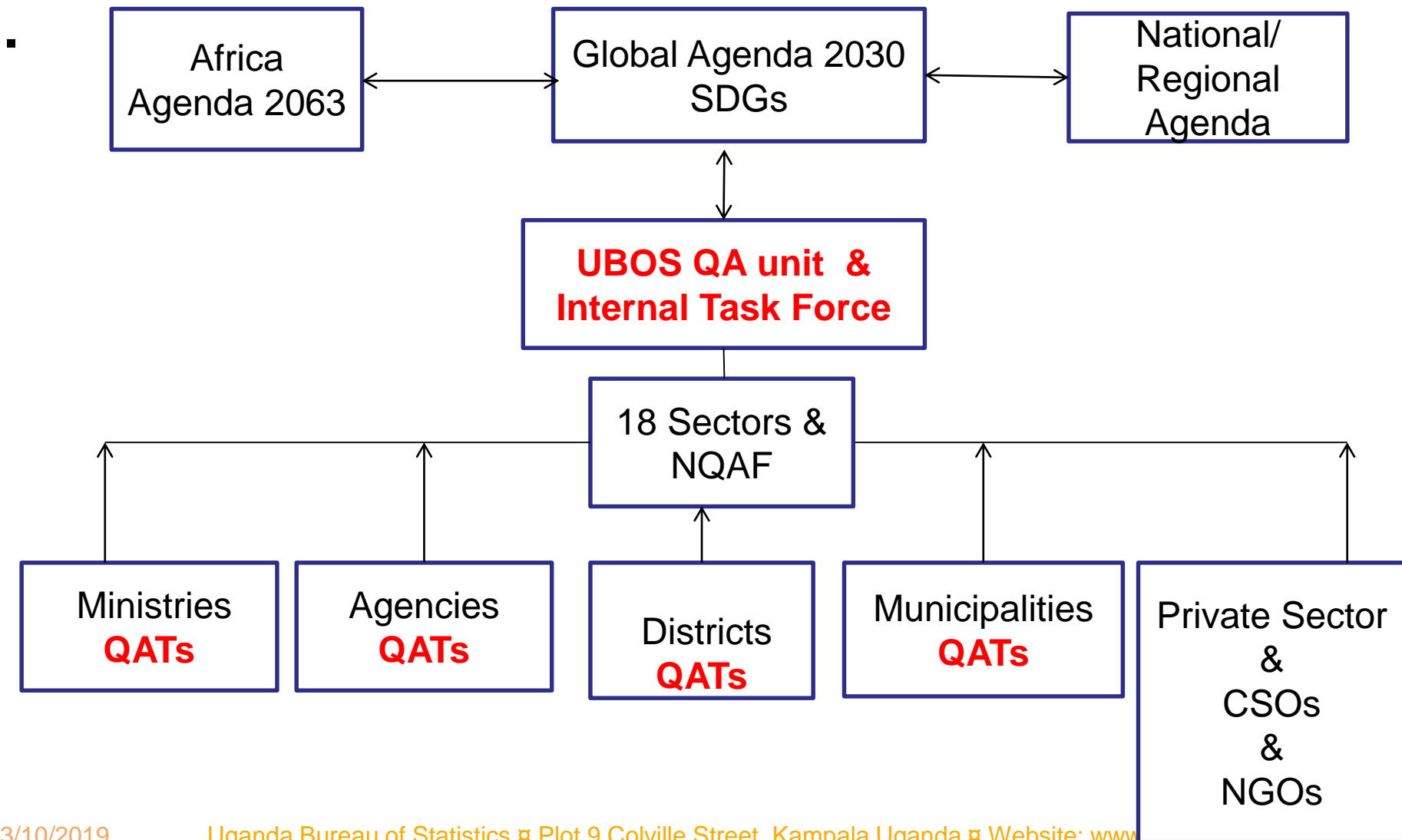**Head Quality Assurance**
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Outline

❑ Structures

❑ Mission of implementing the NQAF

❑ Managing by the levels

❑ QA performance 2013-2019, Example

❑ Challenges

Existence of Structures for implementing the NQAF

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Africa Agenda 2063 ⟷ **Global Agenda 2030 SDGs** ⟷ **National/ Regional Agenda**

UBOS QA unit & Internal Task Force

18 Sectors & NQAF

Ministries QATs — **Agencies QATs** — **Districts QATs** — **Municipalities QATs** — **Private Sector & CSOs & NGOs**

❖Institutionalise Quality Assurance in the Statistical Operations of statistical units.

❖Popularise benefits of producing quality official statistics(trust of users).

❖Promote a quality culture in every-day statistical work

Implementation Mechanism

All statistical plans address management of Quality Assurance

All statistical processes, data, Products, environment are checked and improvements supported

NQAF in the NSS

Actions:

➢ Defining the scope of the NSS and target

➢ Capacity building of the statistical units on Quality Assurance

➢ Harmonization of concepts, definitions, classifications and sampling frames

➢ Support collaborative data collection, sharing and review (sector approach)

➢ Communication between QA teams on methods and products assessment

➢ Advocacy for support to institutionalise the NQAF in the NSS

➢ Promote demand driven quality assurance and Improvements.

Level	Actions
Management Coordination	Advocacy for commitment, Communication, Allocate responsibilities, Assess needs and act on feedback
Management of the Institutional environment (People, Legal framework and Systems)	Assess periodically, 3yrs Provide technical support, Training Build data management systems
Management of the Processes	adopt & harmonize methods, GSBPM Observe the Fundamental Principles Standardise all processes
Management of Products	Support adherence to standards, check/assess quality Provide quality reports

Support Improvements across all the above levels

QA performance 2013 - 2019

Year	Products handled	NSS	Local level
2013	65	20	45
2014	68	31	37
2015	18	17	1
2016	56	41	15
2017	218	77	141
2018	73	55	18
2019-October	128	57	71
Average/Year	89	43	47
NSS product represents the entire NSS, e.g. a GDP report			

Challenges in implementation

a.   Adherence to standard definitions, esp. for SDGs

b.   Many indicators are not individually produced, surveys reports

c.   Quality Assurance for new data sources; e.g. Big data

d.   Evolving Standards & limited capacity development

e.   Limited appreciation for quality assurance across the NSS.

f.   Limited resources to conduct QA across the GSBPM.

g.   Products at the local level are not Specific.

h.   Demand driven quality assurance slows progress

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