

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

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Implementation of a national quality assurance framework throughout the NSS

Quality assurance of the SDG indicators

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Quality assurance on SDG indicators



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Reasons for assessing quality of data sources used for reporting?

- To shed light to users on the quality of indicators used to report progress
- Guideline for choosing the suitable data source for populating indicators.
- To enhance transparency in the choice of datasets to populate indicators



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South African Statistical Quality Assurance Framework (SASQAF) 9 Dimensions

Credible information on indicators will be obtained through SASQAF

Indicators (idct) Standards (std)



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SASQAF – UN NQAF

SASQAF	UN NQAF
Dimension	Level
Indicator	Principle
Standard	Requirement
Benchmark	Elements



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SASQAF Lite (4 dimensions) on international reporting obligations



Accuracy



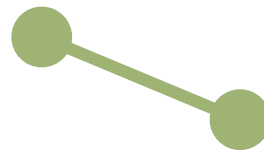
Comparability and coherence



Methodological Soundness



Integrity



Timeliness (Optional)



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Quality assurance (NSO through SANSS as the Coordinator)

- Metadata
- SASQAF Lite Assessment



Indicators for reporting should be checked for metadata and quality of the data source used

4. Data source choice

3. Compilation of the Assessment report with findings, recommendations and limitations

2. Working Teams (2 assessor and 1 metadata provider)

1. Identification of data sources for indicators (Only NSS members)



Stages of assurance



OUTPUT – Quality report



Findings



Recommendations with cautionary notes



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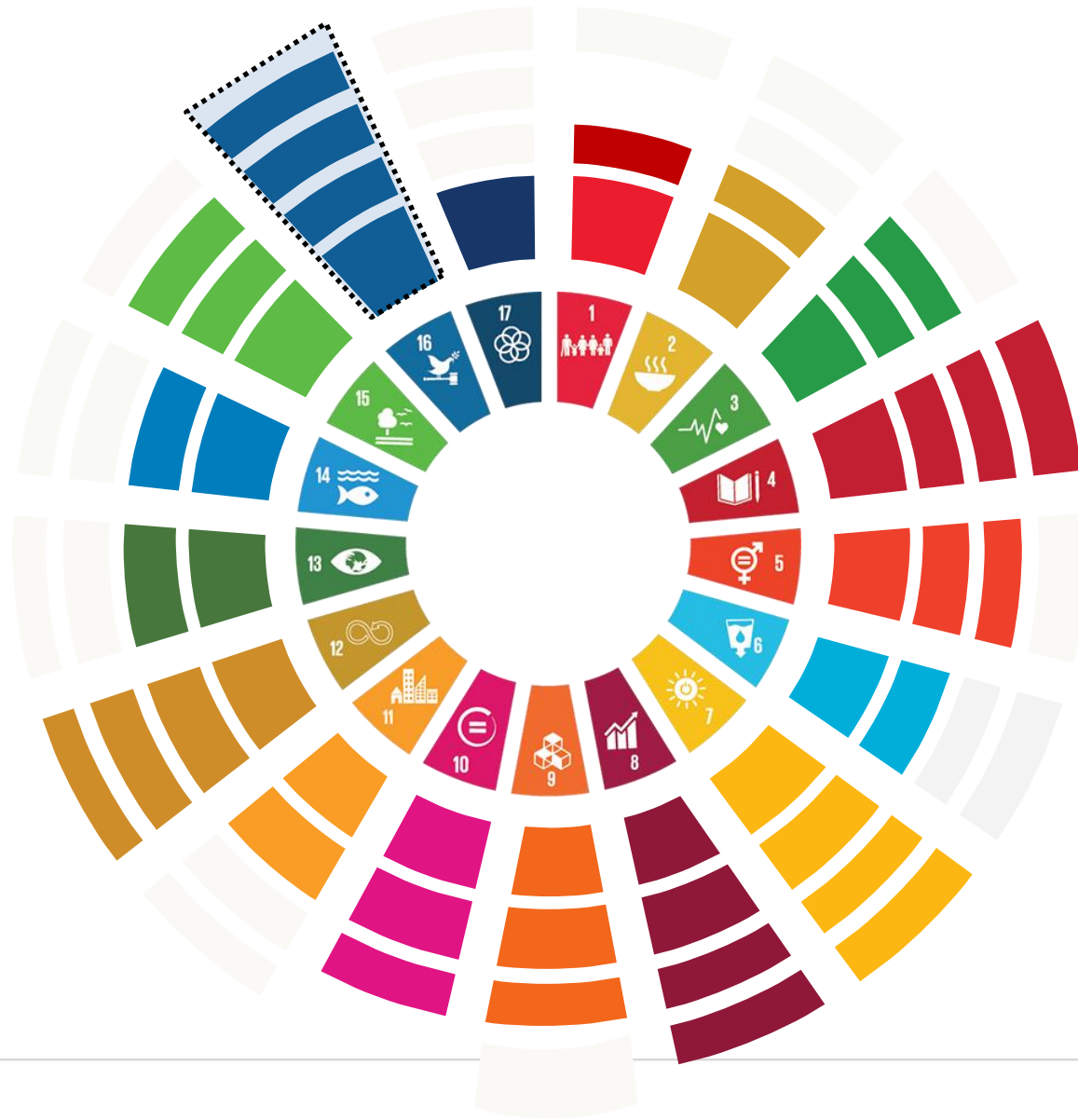
Moving Forward with the SDG goals in South Africa



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Quality is key



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Success



KEY SUCCESSES

01

Coordinating Departmental, CSO and private representation in SDG structures

SDG meetings and Sectoral Working

02

An opportunity to create awareness of quality to non-NSS members



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Challenges



KEY CHALLENGES

01

Sheer volume of indicators

Lack of enough resources to assess all the data sources

02

Access to possible new data sources from non traditional data suppliers (Private sector) – how to deal with governance issues emanating from this?



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Thank you



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