

# National Quality Assurance Frameworks: Case of Zambia

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  - National Statistics Release Calendar & Annual Report for the NSS



**Presentation of National  
Statistical Coordinating  
Committee (NSCC) Members**

# Constitution of NSCC

- Based on the Statistics Act, No. 13 of 2018:
  3. (1) The Board may, for the purpose of exercising its powers and the effective and efficient performance of the functions of the Agency, constitute committees and delegate to the committees functions of the Agency that it considers necessary.

# Membership -rationale

- **Permanent Members (12)**
  - ✓ Based on Statistics Act
  - ✓ Ensuring Sectoral Representation
- **Rotating Members (3)**
  - ✓ Alphabetical order;
  - ✓ 3 agencies every two (2) years

# Membership-Permanent

## PERMANENT MEMBERS (12)

1. Ministry of Agriculture	7. Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development
2. Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry	8. Ministry of Livestock & Fisheries
3. Ministry of Education	9. Ministry of Tourism
4. Ministry of Finance & National Planning	10. Bank of Zambia
5. Ministry of Labour & Social Security	11. Zambia Revenue Authority
6. Ministry of Lands & Natural Resources	12. Zambia Statistics Agency

# Membership –Rotating

ROTATING MEMBERS	
1.	Gender Division
2.	Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources
3.	Ministry of Information and Media

# Objectives of NSCC

In accordance with the *Statistics Act No.13 of 2018 Cap 14(2)*, the committee shall provide an interrelation among the members of the National Statistical System in the:

- (a)** Provision of documents and other information for the purpose of, and in connection with, the compilation, production, analysis and dissemination of official and unofficial statistics;
- (b)** Use of official and unofficial statistics;
- (c)** Research and development of statistical methods and techniques;
- (d)** Training of statistical officers; and
- (e)** Advocacy for the awareness of the importance of Statistics.



# Terms of Reference

- Facilitate interrelations among the members of the National Statistical System
- Promote international statistical standards, classification systems, procedures and methods
- Facilitate and advise ZamStats on capacity-building and training
- Advise on statistical planning and prioritization, including follow-up on the annual workplan and preparation of the annual report
- Facilitate statistical dissemination and outreach

# **TORs cont'd**

- **Facilitate the formulation of the national strategy for the development of statistics (NSDS) (28 (1) and (2))**
- **Ensure the national statistical development fund is established**
- **Ensure the establishment of statistical units in all agencies**
- **Advise the statistical agencies and support the adherence to the Code of Practice**
  - **E.g. discussions on overlapping statistical products and data collection with a view to minimizing the response burden**

# Secretariat for NSCC

Secretariat work lies with the Zambia Statistics Agency within the coordination unit, with the following tasks:

- Supporting the role of the Chairperson
- Putting together reports to the ZamStats Board (input to SG's report)
- Organising NSCC meetings and taking minutes
- Maintaining the contacts with the statistical agencies

# Secretariat for NSCC

- Reporting to the NSCC on the follow-up on the annual workplan
- Coordinating and compiling the annual report, including follow-up on the annual workplan
- Develop and maintain webpage on ZamStats' website with information on NSCC (including terms of reference, membership, annual workplan, annual report, minutes from meetings, information on activities and trainings, information on the technical working groups and minutes from meetings)



**Progress made towards  
development and coordination  
of the NSS**

# Criteria for official statistics

- The Statistics Act No.13 of 2018, designates, Zambia Statistics Agency (ZamStats) as the sole entity responsible for the publication of official statistics in Part II, section 7 (1). The Act further prescribes in Part II, section 21;
- (1) that the Agency may designate, as official statistics or class of statistics produced from collections of statistics by the National Statistical System.

# Criteria For Official Statistics

- The Agency has also adopted the following additional criteria:
- All Statistics produced by ZamStats or in collaboration with ZamStats;
- Statistics produced by statistical agencies following statistical standards and guidelines.
- The Statistics Act defines statistical agencies as a body that has the power to collect, compile or disseminate statistics under a written law

# Criteria For Official Statistics

- Statistics registered in the National Statistics Release Calendar;
- Statistics complying with the National Statistics Code of Practice, as endorsed by ZamStats; and
- Endorsed by the Official Statistics stamp from ZamStats.



# Benefits

- Wide coverage
- Reliable measure of progress
- Provides the right information to inform decision making
- Avoids costly wrong decisions

# Challenges

- Trust (professional competence; Statistical System protected from political interference:?)
- May not respond to all users' needs

# Capacity Building

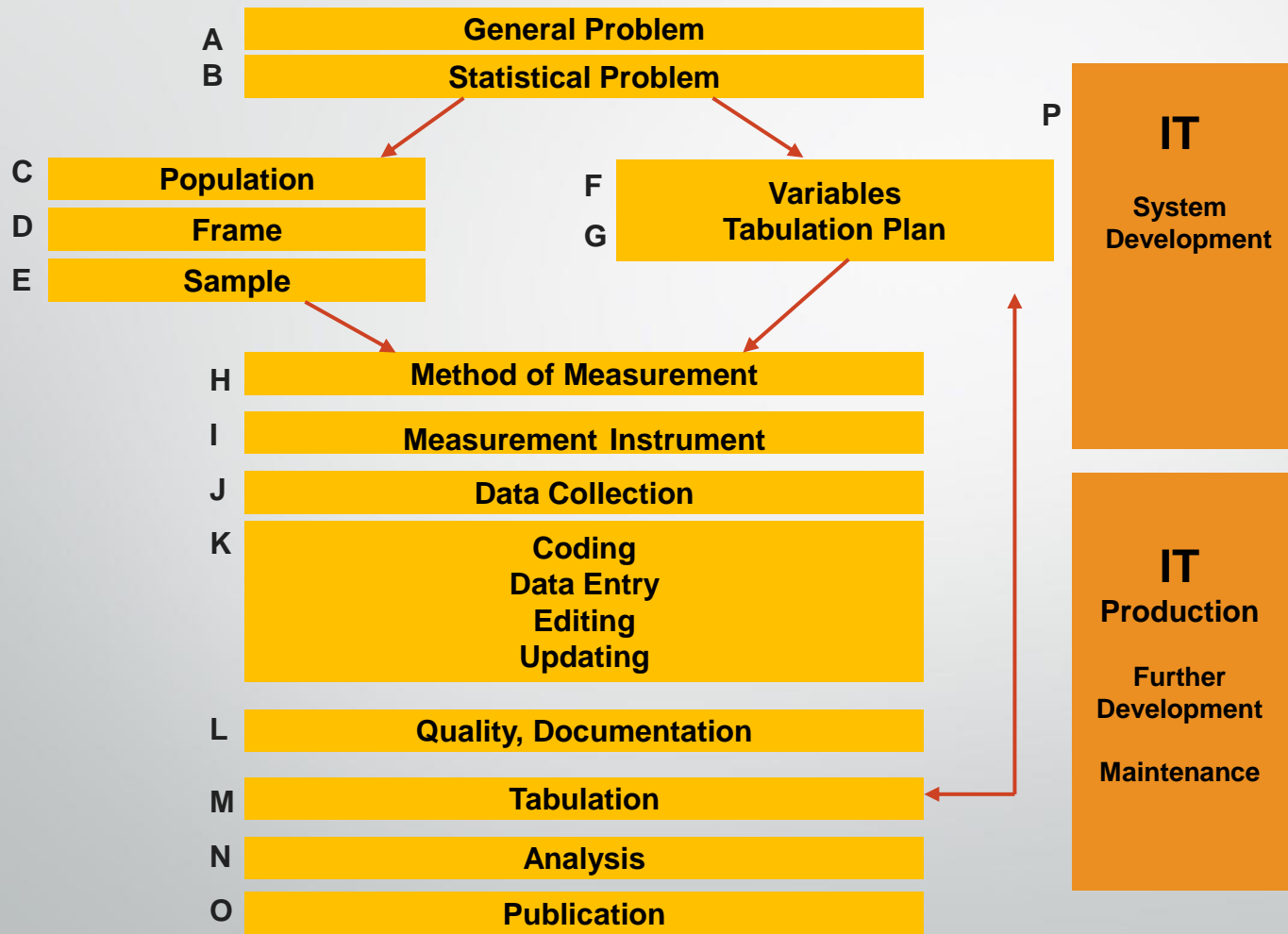
- STAC
- ✓ **Statistics in Action is a basic course on how to conduct an individual/ household survey**



# What is STAC

- **The STAC-course covers all the phases of a sample survey.**
- **The fundamental pedagogic idea is learning-by-doing**
- **Presentations from the trainers are mixed with practical work**
- **During the course the participants conduct an actual survey.**
- **The course takes place during two full weeks (ten working days)**

# Phases of a Survey



# **Progress made towards development and coordination of the NSSs**

- **Coordination Tools**
  - ✓ **Criteria for Official Statistics**
  - ✓ **Code of Practice**
  - ✓ **Compendium of Official Statistics**
  - ✓ **National Statistics Release Calendar**
  - ✓ **Annual Report for the National Statistical System**
  - ✓ **The NSCC and supporting Technical Working Groups**

# Annual Report for the NSS, 2022

- Based on data collected from Producers of statistics at the time of collecting publication dates for the National Statistics Calendar
- The information collected include:
  - ✓ Number of full time staff working on Statistics
  - ✓ Number of Temporary Staff
  - ✓ Estimated total budget
  - ✓ Number of statistical products for the year 2022
  - ✓ Release Dates

# National Statistics Release Calendar

- The National Statistical Release Calendar (NSRC) highlights published and upcoming releases of official statistics by the National Statistical System (NSS).
- It provides information for release on specific dates on a daily, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly and annual basis.



# Role of ZamStats and Sectors in the Publication

- Release Calendar
- ✓ ZamStats collects data from Sectors for publication of NSRC and provide data for the NSCR as well.
- ✓ By 1<sup>st</sup> December ZamStats to publish calendar for following year
- ✓ Zamstats monitors the implementation

# Role of ZamStats and Sectors in the Publication

- ZamStats to prepare Annual Report for previous year in the first quarter
- Sectors including ZamStats to provide data for publication of the NSRC
- Sectors to inform ZamStats incase of changes in the release dates
- Sectors to provide information on statistics workplans



**End of Presentation**

*Thank You!*