

TRAINING WORKSHOP ON QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR COUNTRIES OF THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION

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CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

In March 2019, the United Nations Statistical Commission adopted the United Nations National Quality Assurance Frameworks Manual for Official Statistics (Manual¹), including the recommendations contained therein (Decision 50/106²). The Statistical Commission welcomed the Manual as an important contribution in guiding countries in the implementation of a national quality assurance framework, including for new data sources, new data providers, and for data and statistics of the Sustainable Development Goal indicators.

A country survey conducted in 2017 by the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks showed that many countries had yet to implement a national quality assurance framework (NQAF).³ A follow-up survey was conducted in 2022. The results of this follow-up survey were made available as background document to the 54th session of the Commission.⁴ The Commission took note of the results of the survey and the progress achieved, but also acknowledged the fact that many countries have yet to implement a national quality assurance framework.

The Expert Group released a self-assessment checklist in conjunction with the Manual.⁵ Also, an e-learning module has been made available⁶ in addition to a revamped website with electronic versions of the Manual and the Checklist.⁷ Furthermore, at its 54th session in March 2023 the Statistical Commission welcomed and endorsed the proposed road map for the development and implementation of a national quality assurance framework.⁸ The Commission, at its 56th session in March 2025, endorsed two new tools to support the implementation of quality assurance, the Module for Quality Assurance when using

¹ <https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/data-quality/user-manual>.

² <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/decisions-ref/?code=50/106>.

³ The results of the survey are available here: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/50th-session/documents/BG-Item3d-NQAF-E.pdf>.

⁴ https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/nqaf_survey_2022.

⁵ <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/tools/>.

⁶ Available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/e_learning/.

⁷ Available at <https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/data-quality>.

⁸ Available at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/roadmap>.

Administrative and Other Data Sources to produce Official Statistics⁹ and a Maturity Model on Quality Assurance.¹⁰

OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of the Training Workshop is to build the capacity of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in OIC countries by enhancing their understanding of quality assurance frameworks and supporting their implementation throughout the national statistical system. Specifically, the workshop aims to:

- Introduce participants to the United Nations National Quality Assurance Framework and its components;
- Provide practical training on quality assurance methodologies, especially for administrative and new data sources;
- Promote the joint implementation of quality assurance frameworks and the Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM);
- Facilitate experience-sharing among countries on the implementation of NQAFs;
- Enable discussion and peer learning on challenges and good practices;
- Strengthen cooperation between OIC member countries and international partners on quality assurance issues.

TARGET AUDIENCE AND PARTICIPANTS

The Training Workshop is designed for senior and technical-level representatives of National Statistical Offices and other relevant national agencies responsible for producing official statistics in OIC Member Countries.

Participants will include:

- Senior managers responsible for quality assurance
- Managers and experts of Quality Assurance Units and quality assurance focal points;
- Experts working on administrative data and new data sources;
- Methodologists involved in statistical process improvement;
- Representatives from regional and international organizations involved in statistical quality assurance

LANGUAGE

The working language of the Training Workshop will be **English**. Simultaneous interpretation may be provided depending on the needs of the participants and availability of resources.

⁹ Available at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/aos/>.

¹⁰ Available at <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/qc/>.

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, 1 July 2025	
8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:20	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SESRIC - ESCWA - GCC-Stat - AITRS - UNSD
9:20 - 9:30	Family photo
9:30 - 11:00	Session 1: UN National Quality Assurance Framework and Implementation Guidance
11:00 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - 12:30	Session 1: UN National Quality Assurance Framework and Implementation Guidance (Cont.)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Session 2: Quality Assurance in Practice
15:30 - 15:45	Break
15:45 - 17:00	Session 2: Quality Assurance in Practice (Cont.)
Day 2: Wednesday, 2 July 2025	
9:00 - 9:30	Recap of Day 1
9:30 - 10:45	Session 3: Quality Assurance of New and Administrative Data Sources
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:30	Session 3: Quality Assurance of New and Administrative Data Sources (Cont.)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Session 4: Joint implementation of Quality Assurance and GSBPM
15:30 - 15:45	Break
15:45 - 17:00	Session 4: Joint Implementation of Quality Assurance and GSBPM (Cont.)
Day 3: Thursday, 3 July 2025	
9:00 - 9:30	Recap of Day 2
9:30 - 11:00	Session 5: Additional Selected Topics
11:00 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - 12:45	Session 6: Round Table Discussion: Future directions and concrete steps for quality assurance efforts in the context of the new data ecosystem
12:45 - 13:30	Closing and Distribution of Certificates
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch (optional)

Note: Sessions 1 – 6 will include country case studies, group exercises and discussions.