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Dear Colleagues,

Global Consultation on draft guidance on quality assurance when using administrative and other data sources and on a Maturity Model on Quality Culture

At its fifty-fourth session (28 February-3 March 2023) the United Nations Statistical Commission tasked the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks (EG-NQAF) to support countries in the implementation of a national quality assurance framework throughout their national statistical system.¹ In this regard, the EG-NQAF² established two subgroups:

1. A Subgroup on Administrative and Other Data Sources focused on providing practical and concise guidance and best practices for statistical agencies in assuring the quality of official statistics when administrative data sources, ‘other’ data sources or multiple data sources are used for the production of official statistics;
2. A Subgroup on Quality Culture focused on developing practical and concise guidance, suggesting a maturity model, and providing best practices, as applicable and feasible, on how a quality culture in official statistics can support the implementation of the national quality assurance framework at the national statistical office and throughout the national statistical system.

I am pleased to share with you for your review two draft guidance documents developed by the two Subgroups:

- A draft Module for Quality Assurance when using Administrative and Other Data Sources to produce Official Statistics. Please provide your views and any suggestions on this draft by **4 June 2024** in the following Google form <https://forms.gle/G1y1s4GLbFytK5v16>.
- A draft Maturity Model on Quality Culture in Official Statistics. Please provide your views and any suggestions on this draft by **4 June 2024** in the following Google form: <https://forms.gle/pnZC2uupZsCf9KFG9>.

Both draft guidance documents are available on our website, including as unofficial translations in French and Spanish.³ There, you can also register for a webinar in which the draft guidance documents will be introduced. If you cannot or do not wish to use the Google forms, please respond to the questions at the end of the file versions and submit the file to Mr. Yuxi Zhang (yuxi.zhang@un.org).

¹ See Decision 54/115, E/2023/24-E/CN.3/2023/37, available at https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/statcom/session_54/documents/2023-37-FinalReport-E.pdf.

² See <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/about/>.

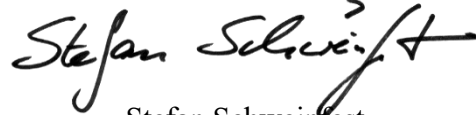
³ See https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/dataquality/nqaf_gc_2024/.

The results of this consultation will help the Expert Group to further improve and finalize the draft Module for Quality Assurance when using Administrative and Other Data Sources and a draft Maturity Model on Quality Culture in Official Statistics before submitting it to the fifty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission in March 2025 for endorsement.

For any questions regarding this consultation, please contact Mr. Yuxi Zhang (yuxi.zhang@un.org).

I am grateful for your support and cooperation in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,



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