

Implementation of quality assurance for official statistics - using the UN NQAF Manual as a guide

Side event at the 50th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

Lunchtime Seminar, 7 March 2019

13:15 – 14:30, Conference Room 4

The side event will introduce the new United Nations National Quality Assurance Frameworks Manual for Official Statistics (UN NQAF Manual). The Manual was developed by the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks (EG-NQAF) to support countries in the development and implementation of a national quality assurance framework for official statistics. The event will discuss possible activities by countries and regional and international organizations to achieve and support implementation. Hereby, the side event will inform the work program and further activities of the Expert Group. The meeting will be chaired by the co-Chairs of EG-NQAF, Dr. Lisa Grace Bersales of the Philippine Statistics Authority and Mr. Ryan Chepita of Statistics Canada. Paul Austin of the IMF Statistics Department will be joining the panel discussion on implementation.

Tentative agenda

1. Opening and introduction by the Co-Chairs of the EG-NQAF (5 min)
2. The new UN National Quality Assurance Frameworks Manual for Official Statistics (25 min)
 - Introduction by UNSD (10 min)
 - Comments and Q&A (15 min)
3. Implementation of a national quality assurance framework in countries (35 min)
 - Panel (15 min)**
 - Introduction of the work plan of the EG-NQAF (Co-Chairs and UNSD) (8 min)
 - Efforts and approach of IMF, and its link with the overall efforts (7 min)
 - Open floor (20 min)**
 - Statement of Support from countries and regional and international organizations
 - Open discussion and exchange of experiences
4. Closing remarks by panel members (10 min)