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VSS is a collaborative project among a number of agencies with the World Bank supporting its implementation and coordination.

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Contribute > Discussion Groups or
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VIRTUALSTATISTICALSYSTEM

A Knowledge Portal To Support
Statistical Capacity Building





The Virtual Statistical System (VSS) is an online resource for national statistical offices, other data producing agencies, data users, including policy makers, academics, students, or anyone who wants to know more about official statistics. As a knowledge portal, users can

access the information directly, and through links to materials on the websites of international and national organizations engaged in official statistics. The VSS provides in-depth information on how effective statistical systems/organizations operate and the essential knowledge prerequisites of official statisticians working in these organizations. The VSS also provides a knowledge exchange for users of statistics as well as access to multiple eLearning training modules.

Explore the VSS Knowledge Base

The site's information is organized under **Activities** and **Themes**. Activities encompass both general and specific aspects of statistical production processes, and are organized into ten groups according to a "value chain". The general description of the statistical production processes in statistical organizations can be presented by using the following categories or groupings of activities:

1. Institutional issues
2. Internal and management issues
3. ICT
4. Registers, Frames, Censuses
5. Surveys
6. Methods
7. Integration frameworks
8. Dissemination
9. Use of statistics
10. Data quality

Themes are subject matter topics organized according to a standard classification of official statistical activities developed by the UN Economic Commission for Europe, OECD, and Eurostat.

They are grouped into five areas:

1. Social and demographic statistics
2. Economic statistics
3. Environment and multi-domain statistics
4. Methodology
5. Strategy and managerial issues of official statistics

When a specific activity is selected, corresponding themes are displayed. This function helps to identify the relationships between general, specific and detailed levels of information.

Many concepts fit equally under Activities or Themes. For example, Methods are important from both general and specific perspectives. However the content presented in each case is different.

For each topic of both Activities and Themes, information is presented in tabbed pages: Introduction, Methods, Tools, and Country Experiences. For the Themes, there are additional tabs for Indicators and Documents. Users can comment on any of the site content.

Engage with Fellow Statistical Practitioners

This site provides access to VSS Wiki and Discussion groups through the "Contribute" function. VSS Wiki enables users to upload information they want to share with others. Discussion groups foster knowledge exchange on a variety of statistical topics.

VSS-eLearning training courses Strengthening Statistics

VSS provides about 200 eLearning training lessons for the following topics:

1. Management of Statistical Systems
2. Project Management
3. Quality assurance for the census
4. Agriculture Statistics
5. Justice and Security Statistics
6. Labor Statistics and Survey Design
7. Business Statistics and Business Register
8. Government Finance Statistics
9. System of National Accounts
10. Geographical Information Systems