



Lunchtime Seminar

IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS

USING THE UN NQAF MANUAL AS A GUIDE

Agenda:

- Opening and introduction by the Co-Chairs of the EG-NQAF (Philippines and Canada)
- The new UN National Quality Assurance Frameworks Manual for Official Statistics
- Implementation of a national quality assurance framework in countries



Thursday, 7 March 2019

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm



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United Nations National Quality Assurance Frameworks

Manual for Official Statistics



UN NQAF Manual Contents

- **UN Recommendations** on quality assurance for official statistics
- **UN NQAF Principles and Elements to be assured** – a comprehensive framework for quality assurance
- **NQAF implementation guidance** (including tools and instruments, NQAF development and implementation at the NSO and throughout the NSS, quality assurance for different data sources and for SDG indicators)
- **Quality assurance in the global system**

UN Overarching Core Recommendations

- #1. Integrate Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in the legal and institutional frameworks
- #2. Include the requirement for quality assurance in the statistical legislation
- #3. Establish NQAF; all NSS members to commit to quality assurance
- #4. Base or align your NQAF with international or regional quality frameworks
- #5. Implement NQAF comprehensively

UN NQAF Principles

Managing the national statistical system (NSS)

- Coordinating the NSS
- Managing relationships w/ stakeholders
- Managing statistical standards

Managing the institutional environment

- Assuring professional independence
- Assuring impartiality and objectivity
- Assuring transparency
- Assuring statistical confidentiality and data security
- Assuring the quality commitment
- Assuring adequacy of resources

Managing statistical processes

- Assuring methodological soundness
- Assuring cost-effectiveness
- Assuring appropriate statistical procedures
- Managing the respondent burden

Managing statistical outputs

- Assuring relevance
- Assuring accuracy and reliability
- Assuring timeliness and punctuality
- Assuring accessibility and clarity
- Assuring coherence and comparability
- Managing metadata