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Statistical regulatory framework: International principles and good practices

*Sound institutional environment, cooperation, dialogue and partnerships
for the production and utilization of SDG indicators*

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Objective

- Enhance public trust and promote the use of official statistics
- Secure efficiency, effectiveness and quality
- Ensure flexibility and resilience of the NSS and its deliverables
- Improve coordination of the NSS and consistency of its deliverables
- Promote dialogue and communication with and among users, data communities and other stakeholders



Principles

- Professional independence
- Impartiality and objectivity
- Accuracy and reliability
- Coherence and comparability
- Clarity and transparency
- Statistical confidentiality and exclusive use for statistical purposes
- Relevance



Regulatory framework and sound principle

- UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (FPOS)
- African Charter on Statistics and other Code of Practices
- Draft resolution on SDG Indicator Framework
- National Statistical Law/Act and related regulations
- Other national legislations affecting statistics
- International methodology, guidelines and recommendations
- Governance and coordination mechanisms and tools
- Best practices

All apply across the National Statistical System (NSS) including for the development, production and dissemination of SDG Indicators



Delineation of the NSS

- All producers of statistics that comply with the statistical regulatory frameworks and principles:
 - National Statistical Office (main producer)
 - Other producers of official statistics

- But the regulatory framework may also apply to the users, producers of administrative data, respondents...



National Statistical Office (NSO)

- NSO to be a professionally independent body ideally under the Prime Minister or the President*
- NSO to be the main producer of Official Statistics*
- NSO to coordinate activities for the development, production and dissemination within the NSS*
- NSO not to be assigned responsibilities conflicting with principles of official statistics



Chief Statistician

- Chief Statistician to embody and foster the professional independence of producers of official statistics
- Chief Statistician to decide ultimately on the content of the draft multi-year and annual programmes
- Chief Statistician to issue, when appropriate, standards and guidelines for the entire NSS on the development, production and dissemination of official statistics
- Chief Statistician to promote the use of official statistics standards and classifications beyond the NSS



Other Producers of Official Statistics (OPOS)

- OPOS to be professionally independent entities within their respective organizations
- OPOS to be exclusively or primary engaged in activities related to official statistics
- OPOS to operate in compliance with statistical legislation and adopted standards
- OPOS to be responsible for their assigned activities in the statistical programmes