



United Nations Development Account 10th tranche Statistics and Data

**Coordination of NSS:
International principles and good practices**

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

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Sound institutional environment - Reminder

- Objective: Enhance public trust and promote the use of official statistics
- UN Fundamental principle – African Charter – Statistical law/act
- Clear delineation of the NSS
- NSO professional independent body, main producer of official statistics
- Chief Statistician represents and leads the NSS in the country and abroad
- OPOS to operate in compliance with statistical legislation and adopted standards



Coordination instruments of the NSS /1

- National statistical programmes are the main coordination instruments of the NSS
- National statistical programmes to be used for the budget appropriation
- The programmes cover the entire NSS, including development, production and dissemination of SDG indicators
- The programmes to be submitted by the Chief Statistician to the relevant government body for approval



Coordination instruments of the NSS ¹²

- Multiannual statistical programme (Master plan, NSDS):
 - strategic development of NSS
 - Vision and priorities
- Annual statistical programme:
 - Programme of work
 - Annual operational translation of multiannual programme
 - List of producers of official statistics and their respective deliveries
 - List of major surveys, and other data sources (administrative), registers



Statistical Council

- Main user advisory body (no controlling functions)
- Advises NSS and government - opinions and reports are public
- Allows users to provide input regarding their needs and on implementation of the statistical work programme
- Broadly represents user communities (not producers) within and outside the government
- Provides opinion on:
 - Draft (multi-)annual statistical programmes from a user perspective
 - Reports on implementation of the statistical programs



Other coordination mechanisms and tools

- NSS Coordination Committee
 - Advisory committee to the Chief Statistician (producers)
 - Preparation of the statistical programmes before submission to the Statistical Council
 - Discuss data collection and sharing, methodology, guidelines, development of common tools, training programmes...
 - Preparation of international high-level statistical meetings and reports
- Meeting with producers of administrative data and registers
- Meetings with the data community, academia, researchers and other advanced users
- Meeting with the media
- ...