
Biennial program of activities 2020-2021
Background

- The countries in the region need to have guidelines for the quality assurance of their official statistics.
- To have reference points in order to implement and apply self-assessment instruments for the compliance with the quality assurance principles for the production of official statistics.
- Other reference points on quality:
  - European Statistics Code of Practice
  - IMF Data Quality Assessment Framework (DQAF)
  - Statistics Canada’s Quality Assurance Framework
  - Code of good practice in statistics for Latin America and the Caribbean
- It is appropriate to generate a verification scheme relevant to Latin America and the Caribbean that correlates with the progress made by ECLAC and the United Nations in this matter.
- **Coordinating countries:** Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico
Objectives

**General Objective**
To adopt and adapt, for Latin America and the Caribbean, the international recommendations of the United Nations for the construction of general guidelines so that the region has a Quality Assurance Framework for official statistics (the "Framework"), which would allow assuring statistical production under quality standards and guidelines.

**Specific objectives**
- **To generate** a regional documentary guide for the implementation of the Framework based on the UN-NQAF.
- **To present the results**, opportunities and challenges in the implementation of the Framework, in order to support its implementation in the region.
- **To share experiences** and good practices in the implementation of the quality frameworks of the countries in the region.
Planned content and expected results

Medium term


Products required:

- **Self-assessment questionnaire** on the implementation of the regional quality assurance framework.
- **Results, opportunities and challenges** in the implementation of the Quality Assurance Framework in the countries of the region.
- **Experiences and good practices** in the implementation of statistical quality assurance methods.
Planned content and expected results

Expected impact

The products generated will promote the adoption, adaptation and implementation of quality assurance frameworks applicable to each country in the region, in a harmonized and coherent manner.
**Activities schedule**

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*The pilot test of the questionnaire can be performed in three countries according to the level of progress achieved.*
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