

INSTITUTIONAL ENVIRONMENT

1. Professional independence: production and dissemination of public statistics without political influence and other external interference is fundamental to guarantee the credibility and reliability of statistics.

2. Coordination of the National Statistical System: to allow planning and development of the statistical activity of the country in a participatory manner to improve quality, comparability and coherence in official statistics.

3. Legal mandate for data collection: the national statistical activity is based on a legal mandate for collecting information for the purposes of producing official statistics.

4. Statistical confidentiality: Statistical Secrecy guarantees the protection and confidentiality of individual data, which are only used for statistical purposes and published as compilations.

5. Adequacy of resources: the resources necessary to produce official statistics must be adequate both in magnitude and in quality.

6. Commitment to quality: public statistics are produced according to international quality policy, principles and standards.

7. Impartiality and objectivity: production and dissemination of official statistics must respect scientific independence, objectivity, professionalism and transparency, so that all respondents and users are treated equitably.

8. International cooperation and participation: involves sharing experiences and information and participating in the joint development of international standards and statistical activities.

STATISTICAL PROCESSES

9. Sound methodology: production of public statistics must be based on adequate tools, procedures and expertise.

10. Appropriate statistical procedures: in all stages of the statistical process, adequate procedures and tools must be used to guarantee the quality of official statistics.

11. Non-excessive burden on respondents: the reporting burden must be proportionate to the needs of the users and must not be excessive for respondents.

12. Cost effectiveness: resources must be efficient and effective.

STATISTICAL OUTPUT

13. Relevance: public statistics must meet the data needs of users.

14. Accuracy and reliability: official statistics must accurately and reliably portray reality.

15. Timeliness and punctuality: the production and dissemination of official statistics must be done in a timely, punctual and transparent manner.

16. Coherence and comparability: public statistics must be consistent internally, over time and comparable between regions and countries.

17. Accessibility and clarity: it is an essential objective that statistical information be presented in a clear and understandable form and released in an adequate manner, thus guaranteeing equal access for all users.

* Based on recommendations from United Nations, OECD, ECLAC.