

# **Possibilities and advantages of improving of the coordination of statistics activities**

**Direction of methodology  
and organisation of  
statistics**



The state legislative and institutional structure is a necessary condition for building confidence for official statistics. This structure aims at ensuring and supporting respect of international and European standards, as well as best practices in the area of official statistics, including the UN Fundamental Principles UN and the EU Code of Practice.



An instrument has been developed to evaluate the level of correspondence of national statistical systems to the requirements of international and European standards, including Fundamental Principles. This instrument is called Global Assessment.

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- **On 25-26 March 2014, a round table on “the methodology of conducting self assessments of statistical institutions” has been organised in Turkmenistan**
  - The methodology of “Adapted Global Assessments” is the most suitable way of self assessment of the national statistical system of Turkmenistan because it is very flexible and adaptable.

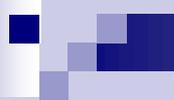


Furthermore, this methodology covers a wide range of aspects of the country's statistical system starting from “legal and organisational aspects of national statistical system” to the “technical and organisational potential of production and dissemination of official statistics in all relevant areas”. Another advantage of this methodology is the fact that it adequately reflects principles, which are common to the other methodologies and goals of self assessment



Taking into account the direction given by the Dear President of Turkmenistan for the development of state statistics, and in particular, the need to ensure the full coherence with the best international statistical practices and standards, the participants of the round table and international consultants have pointed out that this methodology has been widely recognised and accepted in the world.

- **The role of Turkmenistan in coordination of Turkmenistan's statistical system.**
- According to the “Statistics Law” (art 2), the statistical system as fundamental part of information system of Turkmenistan is a system ensuring the collection of primary statistical data, data processing, generalisation, analysis, dissemination and archiving by state statistical organisations and organisations specifically empowered on the basis of a unique methodology, created in line with international standards and meant to satisfy the needs of the users’ of statistical information. The Turkmenistan’s statistical system is composed of state and departmental statistic.



The international practice has established three mechanisms of an efficient coordination of the NSS :

- Statistical council or any other similar consultative organism, which directs and coordinates the NSS. The statistical council lays down general principles of national statistics activities and corresponding priorities in yearly and multiannual working programs;
- Multiannual statistical program: collection of programs foreseen for the whole statistical system during a certain period of time;
- Yearly statistical working program: comprehensive list of all statistical activities, which should be performed by the producers of official statistics in the course of the given year, including the collection of primary data, coordination of activities and other activities.



The major coordination instrument is the intergovernmental council on statistics of Turkmenistan, which is created for coordination of statistical activity, regulation of interdepartmental methodological issues and organisation of state statistics, discussing and coordinating of plans of departmental statistics production. It is composed of representatives of the state statistical system, ministries, scientific and other organisations. It is an advisory body.



The coordination also includes an assessment of the correspondence of proposed concepts and classifications with recognised international statistical standards such as UN (including IMF) and EU. Other producers of official statistics should use the same standards, methodology and classification as Turkmenstat. This guarantees a correct classification and provides a possibility of comparison of departmental data.



The preparation of the program of improvement of state statistics for long and medium term perspective and the program of departmental statistical activities for the next year are the major instruments for Turkmenstat. It allows Turkmenstat to fulfil its coordination functions. It also includes planning and priority setting, taking into account information needs of different user groups, methodological issues allowing a better way of data collection and establishment of goals of official statistics (including competencies for carrying out of new surveys). Meetings of intergovernmental council are used to discuss projects of abovementioned programs.