



הלשכה המרכזית לסטטיסטיקה  
Central Bureau of Statistics  
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# **Promoting Coordination and Quality in the NSS**

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***It's All in the Numbers***

# Background

- In late 2014 I was asked by Prof. Pfeffermann to aid him in the task of promoting and enhancing coordination and statistical quality within the NSS.
- Joined by Dr. Yuri Gubman, we decided to prepare an overall plan.

# Overview of the work done

Framework for the plan:

- A. The Statistics Ordinance
- B. Annual Report of State Comptroller  
2013
- C. International Precedents
- D. Existing activities in the ICBS

# Overview of the work done

## Actors in the Ordinance:

1. The Government Statistician
2. The ICBS
3. The Public Council on Statistics (PCS)

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## Comptroller General:

“Due to these deficiencies, the quality of some of the official statistical information of the country was not ensured nor was an adequate professional infrastructure of data laid down for the use of decision makers in government ministries, in research institutes and the general public.”

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Comptroller General recommended actions:

1. Multiyear plans, approved by PCS
2. Formalize relationships with State Institutions
3. CBS should exercise quality control
4. CBS should provide guidance to State Institutions regarding professional norms
5. Institutions must cooperate with the ICBS and consult it, as specified in the Ordinance.

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## C. International Precedents

## D. Existing activities and processes in the ICBS

<b>Mapping the NSS</b>	<b>Metadata Project</b>
<b>Extending Formal Agreements</b>	<b>Coordination of Statistical Reporting to OECD</b>
<b>Committee on Core Statistics</b>	<b>Adoption of COP by the ICBS</b>

# Overview of the work done

**Proposed Plan:**

**Presented for approval to the Board of the  
ICBS in May 2015**

**Presented to the Public Council on Statistics  
in June 2015.**

# Overview of the work done

## Objectives of Plan:

1. Develop a mandatory Quality Assurance System in the ICBS and the NSS
2. Develop a training system for statistical quality in the ICBS and the NSS
3. Develop a proposal for a “quality label” for official statistics products
4. Extend the formalization of relationships between the ICBS and other members of the NSS

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## Objectives of Plan:

5. Develop a formal administrative structure for provision by the ICBS of methodological-statistical advice to NSS members
6. Create and maintain a system for documenting planned and current NSS statistical activities
7. Together with PCS coordinate statistical planning in the NSS
8. Establish a funded formal administrative structure for coordination and quality assurance in the NSS

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## Activities since adoption of plan:

1. **Pilot project: Crime, Housing and Employment Statistics**
2. **Awareness of COP seminar**
3. **Internal Coordination – Steering Committee.**

# Main expected challenges

- **Internal:** creating formalized and routinized quality processes focused on process rather than output, with limited manpower resources.
- **External: creating an NSS.** Persuading actors that it is necessary and worthwhile for them to see themselves as members of a common system and committed to common quality standards, and to regard statistical data as belonging to the public

# Questions?

Thank you!