

Activity 3.5: Development of Quality Declarations - II

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Publishing the Quality Declarations

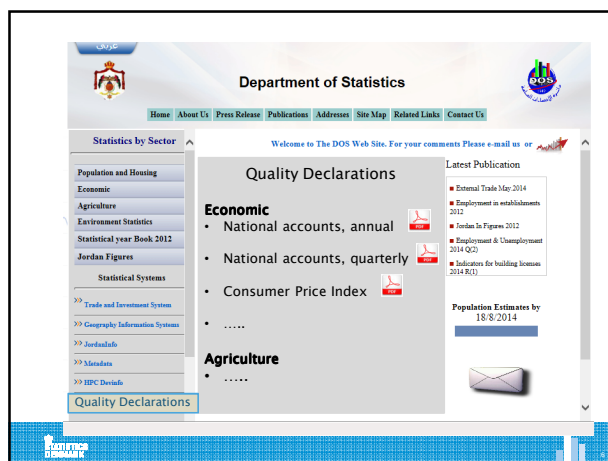
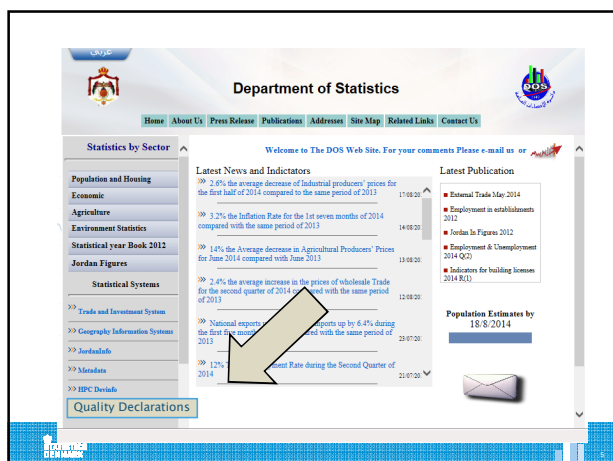
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- Link to QD in Press releases
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Why

- **0. Mandatory results and benchmarks for the component**
- Statistics published by DoS are quality assured and documentation is improved (Apr 2015)
- Assessment report on current situation (Jan 2014)
- The consequences of applying the European Statistics Code of Practice in DoS are discussed (Apr 2014)
- Develop a standard format for a quality declaration (Jul 2014)
- **A quality declaration for the national accounts is completed and published on the DoS website (Jan 2015)**
- Develop a metadata strategy (Jan 2015)
- Design and test a quality audit (Apr 2015)

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The quality of statistics - why your opinion is important

Workshop with users
Amman, 20 August 2014
Lars Thygesen



A lighthouse in the information sea?

- Official statistics have great potential to generate knowledge
- A common reference for society
- *Informed decision making*



Obstacles to realising importance

- Lack of knowledge
 - What information exists?
- Lack of trust
 - quality
 - independence
- Difficulty in understanding statistics



The quality concept

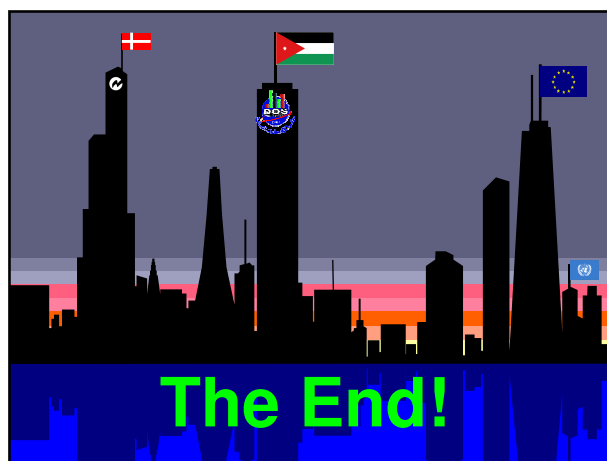
Quality = Fitness for use

- Quality of contents:
 - *Relevant*
 - *Accurate & reliable*
 - *Timely & punctual*
 - *Coherent & comparable*
 - *Accessible & clear*



How can DoS support your work?

- The right statistical services
 - The necessary statistics
 - An online database
- Quality assurance
 - Making sure best methods are used
- Quality declarations of all statistics
 - On the DoS web site
 - Linked to the statistics



Recommendations

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Key findings & recommendations

Quality Declarations

- Successful training course on Quality work and quality declarations completed
- QD Template implemented successfully for several statistics
- Amendments for 7 selected statistics proposed and discussed
- Some issues, like sampling and sources and indicators of errors, would benefit from further enhancement
- Recommendation: Quality team, develop comprehensive guidelines for content of each item
- Develop & promote standard sentences, for the producers of QD, for some items, such as sources and accuracy
- Link from QDs to statistics in all QDs (if there are any)

QD on Census

- Very good text on the web site form Aqaba 2007
- Also inspiration from Ireland
- -> QD format
- -> Publish progressively

Publishing the Quality Declarations

- IT & Dissemination developed and demonstrated a pilot of dedicated area for QD on DoS web site with QD in PDF -> very good

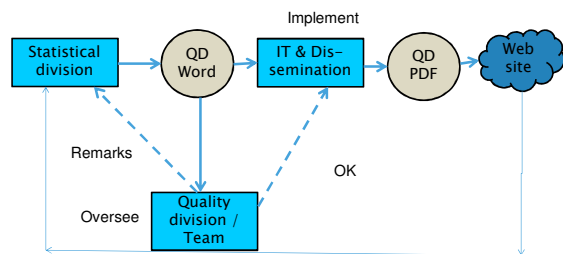
Further recommendations:

- Link to QD in Press releases
- Link to QD from tables and databases
- Release the pilot version of QD homepage, then editing the final drafts are finished
- Suggestion no later than 1.10.2014
- Add QD as soon as they are finished
- Long term: include QD in a comprehensive metadata system

Updating

- Each QD must be updated by the responsible statistician before publishing each new wave of the statistical product (e.g. Economic Surveys, Quarterly National Accounts...)
- Rules for this should be established
- Quality team must initiate this work
- Date of last update shown in the QD

Upload & updating



Role of the Quality Team

- Strategy
- Continuously develop templates & guidelines
- Follow ongoing work
- Link between management, statistical domains and Quality Division

General recommendations

- A Dissemination policy should be developed and implemented
- The Statistical database for all statistics (PC AXIS) is crucial and should be promoted
- Need for a Business Register
 - Administrative Central Business register
 - Statistical Business Register