



# STATISTICS QUALITY DECLARATION

In a world of growing crises and uncertainty, UNCTAD is committed to ensuring statistical excellence and providing high-quality, independent official statistics to inform research, debates, and decision-making. The importance of UNCTAD's statistical program has been reaffirmed and mandated by member states in the Bridgetown Covenant, given the increasing complexity of our surroundings.

In light of these developments, Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan has established a standalone, cross-organizational Statistics Service within UNCTAD. The mission of the Statistics Service is to maintain independent quality assurance for all of UNCTAD's statistics by supporting coordination, standardization, and coherence of data-based activities throughout the organization. However, this process does not involve centralizing the statistical activities of the divisions.

UNCTAD statistics are professionally independent, impartial, objective, and reliable. Our statistics are compiled in line with the best international standards, definitions, and concepts, including our own Statistics Quality Assurance Framework (SQAF). We are also committed to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the Principles Governing International Statistical Activities.

High-quality and reliable statistics lie at the core of UNCTAD's work as an authoritative source of policy and research data. Official statistics on trade, investment, finance, and technology play a vital role in informing truly global and collective efforts towards inclusive and sustainable development. Development requires direction, and direction requires goals, which in turn necessitate statistics.

The new version of the SQAF has been updated to reflect the latest organizational changes in statistical work within UNCTAD. The publication now consistently refers to the Statistics Service and the Statistics Coordination Committee instead of the previously used terms, "Statistics Branch" or "Statistics Coordination Task Force." The scope section of the publication has been updated to reflect the new mandates by member states in the Bridgetown Covenant.



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