



**The State Statistical Committee
of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

RESULTS OF THE GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM IN AZERBAIJAN

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I. LEGISLATION

On 15.11.2011 the Law "On the official statistics" was amended

From GA recommendations:

- ✓ Rules on the statistical confidentiality should more correspond to the principles of confidentiality;
- ✓ Instead of "access to administrative statistics" the phrase should be "access to administrative data sources";
- ✓ Instead of "administrative statistics" (art. 14) or "administrative statistical information" (art. 13) it is better to use the term of "administrative data";
- ✓ In Article 14 there should be no exceptions for the statistical data collection and dissemination, related to the environmental protection, labour protection and trade secrets;

After the assessment work:

- From Art. 15, the phrase "... Data exclusion, provided by the court decision" was excluded;
- Appropriate amendments to the title and text of Art. 13 of the Law were made;
- Appropriate amendments to the title and text of Art. 13 and 14 of the Law were made;
- From Art. 14 of the Law, this phrase was excluded

II. THE COORDINATION ROLE OF THE STATE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

The main coordination mechanism - legally binding obligation for all state institutions to agree the questionnaire and the methodology with the SSC before conducting a survey. Only the State Statistical Committee has the right to approve these questionnaires.

The benefits of this a centralization:

- ❑ Extensive information about the ongoing statistical surveys is concentrated in one place – the State Statistical Committee
- ❑ Prevention of the duplication of work in the information collection from respondents and reduction of associated costs are greatly facilitated. If any duplication detected, the SSC has the right to reject the survey and give its recommendations
- ❑ There is an opportunity of optimization and reduction of information burden on respondents systematically
- ❑ Addressing of synchronization issues on the introduction of new classifications and other standards by all organizations of official statistics in the country is greatly facilitated

II. THE COORDINATION ROLE OF THE STATE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

Other coordination mechanisms

1. Data exchange between the State Statistical Committee and other government agencies, which collect statistics in Azerbaijan, is regulated by official bilateral agreements.

From GA recommendations: "In future, the use of administrative data from the State Social Protection Fund can significantly improve the efficiency and quality of labor statistics".

In the framework with the Twinning project (2009-2012) based on the Czech Republic CSO experience, the agreements on the data exchange among the State Social Protection Fund (20.07.2011), the Central Bank (26.09.2011) and the Ministry of Taxes (01.02.2013) were signed and the data exchange has already started.

2. Coordination of activities of the statistical information producers in the country according to the Law "On the Official Statistics" is assigned to the State Statistical Committee.
3. Existence of the Statistical Council as the nationwide coordination mechanism, and existence of the Scientific and Methodological Council and the SSC Board, which are the main links of coordination. The activity of all 3 entities are legally fixed.

III. CREATING A QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Quote from the GA report "... more systematic and comprehensive management, monitoring and evaluation of the quality are planning"

What has been done?

2010

- ❑ Quality policy and objectives were approved;
- ❑ Coordination Council on Quality issues was established;
- ❑ Management representative on quality was appointed;
- ❑ Compilation of documents on quality (first edition) was prepared;
- ❑ Survey on the degree of the user satisfaction with statistical data was conducted;

2011

- ❑ The Code of Practice of the statistical agencies of the Republic of Azerbaijan was prepared;
- ❑ Independent structural subdivision - "The Department on Quality and Information Technology Management" - was established;

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2012

- ❑ Implementation of an action plan on the quality management and metadata systems establishment in 2012-2013;
- ❑ Implementation of the State program on the official statistics development in Azerbaijan in 2013-2017, where one of the chapters is dedicated to quality;
- ❑ With the purpose to modernize the statistical production, the standards and models recommended by international organizations are used - GSBPM, SDMX; a national version of the Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM) was created;
- ❑ In accordance with the Code of Practice principles, the standards and guidelines for the reporting of the statistical product quality evaluation (Quality Reports) were approved;

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What should be done?

2013

- ❑ State Statistical Committee Departments should prepare quality reports (to show the indicators such as relevance, accuracy, timeliness, punctuality, consistency, accessibility, etc.);
- ❑ National basic principles of the quality assurance, which are recommended by the UN Statistical Commission, will be addressed;
- ❑ Internal audits of all State Statistical Committee Departments will be conducted;
- ❑ Revision and re-issuance of the set of documents on quality (2nd edition) will be made;
- ❑ Organizational work on the external audits to be conducted in order to obtain a certificate of conformity of our Quality Management System to the requirements of ISO 9001:2008;

IV. E-SERVICES, PROVIDED BY THE STATE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

From the GA recommendations "... there is a need for continuous development and upgrading of IT equipment and infrastructure, enabling to have more efficient production and dissemination of statistical data";

"... It is necessary to develop further the wider use policies of electronic forms of the statistical information dissemination"

On the SSC web-site (www.stat.gov.az) the following e-Services are offered:

1. Statistical questionnaires submission;
2. Provision of the statistical releases and press release distribution calendar;
3. Provision of the statistics (indicators);
4. On-line sale of the statistical publications (books);
5. On-line payment of the administrative fines for violations of the rules of statistics.

These services are also available on the e-government portal (www.e-gov.az)

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2012 - The transition to a new domain (www.stat.gov.az) and the new website creation

New web pages:

Legislation

E-services

*Statistical
Publication*

Metadata

E-Library

*Statistical
dictionary*

Database

*Interactive
tables*

*as well as time series
are increased,
distribution format is
expanded
(excel, PDF, HTML
and charts) **

The screenshot shows the website interface for the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The browser address bar displays <http://www.stat.gov.az/indexen.php>. The main navigation menu includes: Home, About, Legislation, E - services, Classifications, Publications, Metadata, and Contact. The 'E - services' menu item is circled in red. Below the navigation menu, there is a news ticker: 'Producers' prices index of industrial goods during March decreased by 5.4 % compared to previous month. Tariffs on conveyance of passen'. The 'Statistics' section on the left lists: Monthly macroeconomic indicators, SDDS of the IMF, Demography and Social Statistics (Population, Labour Market, Education, Science and Culture, Health, Social Protection, Sport, Crimes and Offence), and Economic Statistics. The main content area features a search bar with 'Google Custom Search', a 'Statistical database' icon circled in blue, and a 'Glossary' link circled in blue. The 'Press-releases' section lists: 16.04.2013 Production of GDP in January-March, 2013; 15.04.2013 Change in producers' prices of sold agriculture crops in March, 2013; and 15.04.2013 Changing producers' prices in consumer market in March, 2013. A portrait of Heydar Aliyev is shown with the text 'Heydar Aliyev 90'. Colored arrows from the text on the right point to these specific elements on the website.