

# **Conceptualization of a Regional Quality Assurance Framework**

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The Regional Statistics Sub Programme of the CARICOM Secretariat has been mandated to facilitate the harmonization of statistical processes in National Statistical Offices across the region. The production of high quality data is critical to the harmonization process. In facilitating this process and in accordance with global trends in data production the statistics sub programme has embarked on research in the area of Quality Assurance Framework development. This framework will harmonize quality checks and reporting procedures throughout the region. This paper provides a conceptualization of a core quality framework based on a critical review of similar frameworks developed by internationally renowned data producing agencies such as the International Monetary Fund, Statistics Canada, United Nations industrial Development Organization and the Office of National Statistics in London. This is a road map to monitoring and reporting on the quality of data collection, production and dissemination processes.