

Country Statement – Nauru

I. National and International Development agendas

1. Nauru's development programmes and strategies are articulated and highlighted in our National Sustainable Development Strategies (NSDS), which were first adopted and implemented in 2004 and subsequently reviewed in 2009. The next review will be held in 2012 next year. Statistics has been an integral part of the first review and will remain so for the next review in 2012. In coordination with the Planning and Aid Division the first stage of collecting relevant data for monitoring the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) will begin within this current month up to March 2012.
2. The Planning and Aid Division coordinates the collection of statistical data used for the reviewing of the NSDS in collaboration with the Nauru Bureau of Statistics. The bureau collaborates with relevant agencies in producing and collecting the relevant data required to produce the KPI's and provides it to the planning office.

II. International Standards

1. The bureau has found international standards useful to producing good quality data and statistics. It has enabled the bureau to readily communicate and share information with other agencies using applicable and comparable international standards.
2. Currently the bureau has no effective way of coordinating and imposing standards without the cooperation of the relevant agencies or data providers.

3. Particular areas

4. It is viewed that generally developing countries have little say in affecting the development initiatives and agreements for international standards. Partly this can be due to the lack of subject matter experts and to a greater extent the circumstances and issues experienced within small economies or nations are not as variable as those of larger economies and developed countries. However, this does not mean that small nations cannot participate and their views ignored. The mechanism for participation of small developing nations in the reviewing process should be further strengthened. Existing standards currently developed for the pacific region should be taken in context when prescribing the international standards.

III. Microdata dissemination

- 1) Micro data sets
 - a) Population censuses micro data sets are provided to a certain extent to safeguard anonymity. All documents including questionnaires are provided on request.

- b) Household surveys same as above.
 - c) Establishment/Enterprise surveys not are undertaken, but business registers are provided upon request.
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- 2) The bureau does not have disclosure controls currently in place.
 - 3) The bureau does not have microdata dissemination policy currently in place.