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# Recommendations to establish an Environmental Information System

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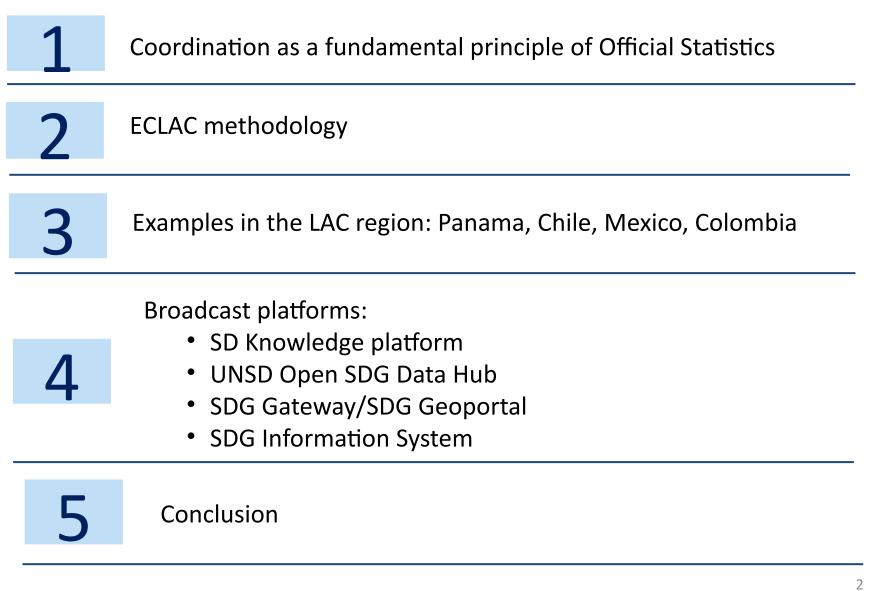
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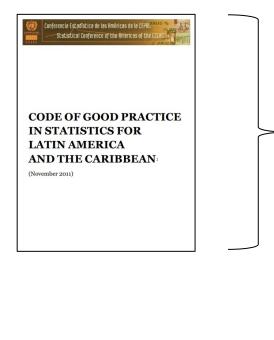


# **Coordination as a fundamental principle of Official Statistics**



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Principle 2: Coordination of the national statistical system

This will enable the statistics producing entities to plan and implement national statistical activity in a participatory manner, maintain close contact and work jointly to improve the quality, comparability and consistency of official statistics.

Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics\*

For more information: unstats.un.org

#### **Principle 8: National Coordination**

Coordination among statistical agencies within countries is essential to achieve consistency and efficiency in the statistical system.

Sources: <u>https://unstats.un.org/unsd/dnss/hb/E-fundamental%20principles\_A4-WEB.pdf</u> <u>https://repositorio.cepal.org/bitstream/handle/11362/16423/FILE\_148024\_en.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y</u>

# Evolution of Environment Statistics : From ad hoc efforts → Multipurpose National Environmental Statistics Systems



#### Ad hoc (for a specific purpose)

- Sustained production of EAs and products that require them are not guaranteed
- Duplication of effort
- It is not possible to create logs that record statistical decisions in the construction of the series
- Comparability and temporal and spatial consistency are at risk (metadata are not continuously available)
- Loss of expertise in technicians (high turnover)
- Loss of historical memory

National Environment Statistics System

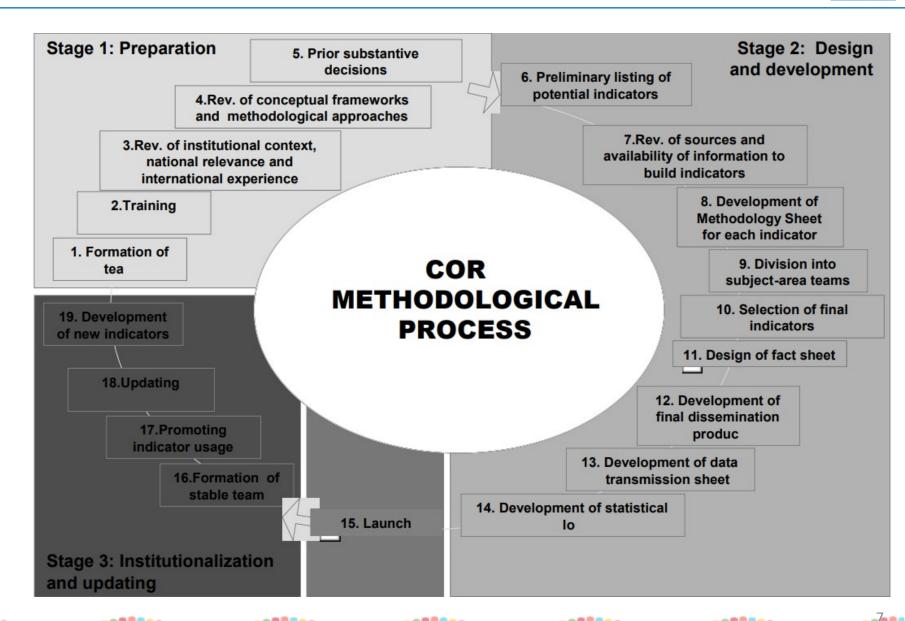
- Build and sustain EA assets for all purposes and users
- Build historical memory
- Avoid duplication of operations
- Improves quality of statistical results
- Reduce gaps and discrepancias
- Improves the quality, consistency and comparability of statistics (over time and across space)
- Saving of human and financial resources
- Reduces informant fatigue
- Shorten production times



# **ECLAC methodology**











- 1. Trained team ... Environmental Indicators Unit
- 2. First **set of indicators** with methodological sheet



- **3. System** of Environmental Indicators and multidomain
- **4. Inter-institutional network**.... Formal committee or roundtable



# Examples in the LAC region: Panama, Chile, Mexico, Colombia



### **Examples from the region: Panama**

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- Interinstitutional Technical Committee for Environmental Statistics
- Presidential Decree 2018
- Co-presidency: INEC and Ministry of Environment
- 18 members: Ministries, companies (electricity), universities
- Thematic subgroups
- Meetings every 3 months

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REPÚBLICA DE PANAMÁ MINISTERIO DE AMBIENTE

DECRETO EJECUTIVO No. 112 De 25 de Julio de 2018



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Que crea el Comité Técnico Interinstitucional de Estadísticas Ambientales

EL PRESIDENTE DE LA REPÚBLICA en uso de sus facultades constitucionales y legales,

#### **CONSIDERANDO:**

Que el artículo 30 del Texto Único de la Ley 41 de 1 de julio de 1998, establece el Sistema Nacional de Información Ambiental que tiene por objeto recopilar, sistematizar, almacenar y distribuir información ambiental de los recursos naturales y de sostenibilidad ambiental del territorio nacional, entre los organismos y dependencias, públicos y privados, de forma idónea, veraz y oportuna, sobre las materias que conforman el ámbito del Sistema Interinstitucional de Ambiente y que son necesarias para la conservación ambiental y uso sostenible de los recursos naturales;

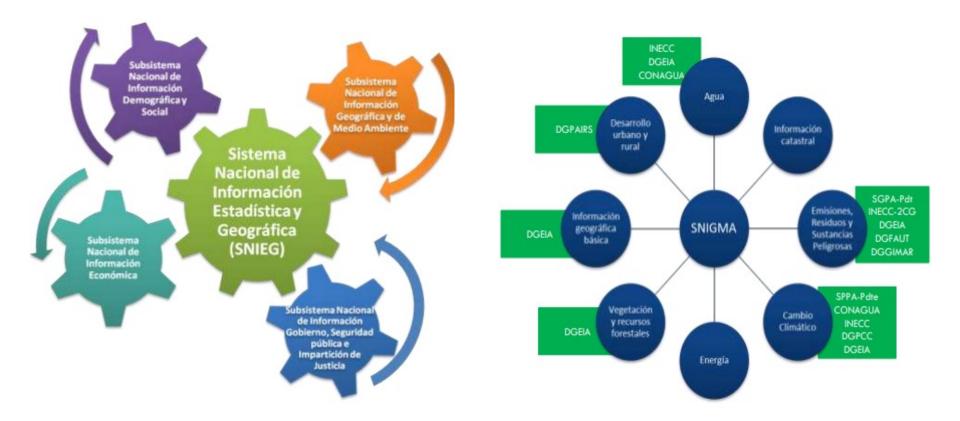
Que el artículo 30, señala que la información que se obtenga a través del Sistema Nacional de Información es de libre acceso y los particulares que la soliciten asumirán el costo del servicio;

Que el artículo 31 del Texto Único de la Ley 41 de 1 de julio de 1998, señala que el Sistema Interinstitucional de Ambiente estará obligado a suministrar al Ministerio de Ambiente, en tiempo oportuno, la información que éste requiera;



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#### Ley del Sistema Nacional de Información Estadística y Geográfica



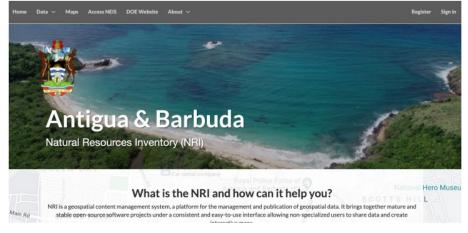
### **Examples from the region: Antigua and Barbuda**





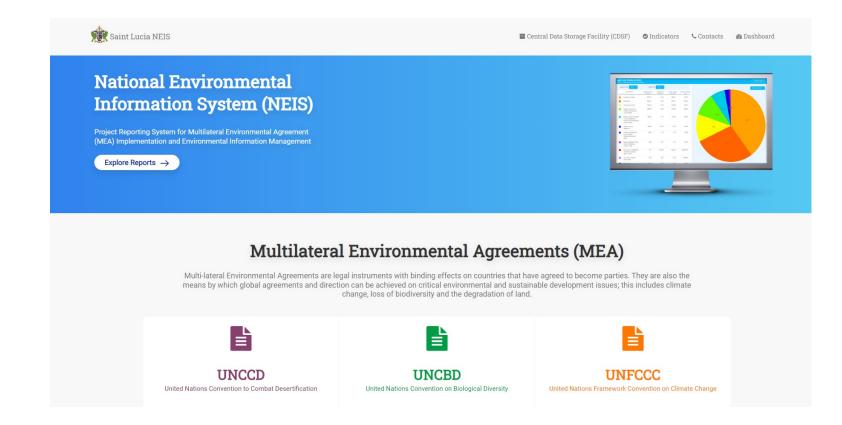
### National Environmental Data & Information System (NEIS) (https://neis.environment.gov.ag/)

### Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) (https://nri.environment.gov.ag/)



### **Examples from the region: Saint Lucia**





https://www.neis.govt.lc/



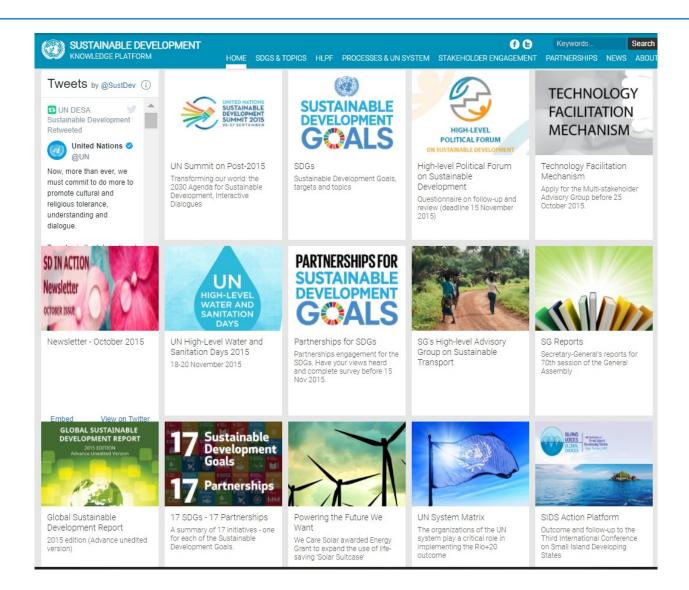




### **SDG Knowledge platform**







Source: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.html

### **Open SDG Datahub**



https://unstats-undesa.opendata.arcgis.com/







SDG Gateway is a contribution of the United Nations system for monitoring and information on the implementation of the 2030 agenda in the region



2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean Regional knowledge management platform



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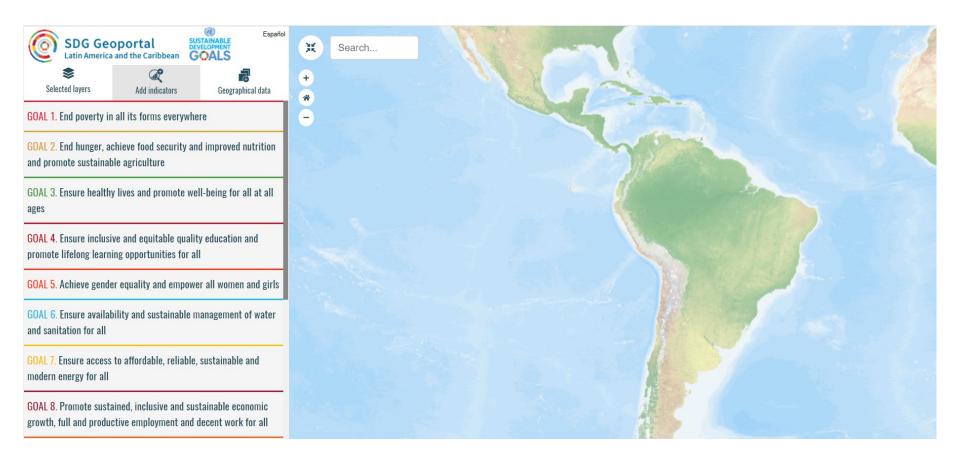
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### **SDG Information System (Mexico)**



#### https://agenda2030.mx/#/home



# 5 Conclusions





Institutional collaboration and technological development can influence the 2030 Agenda in the following ways:

- **1. Promoting access to information**: internet, web platforms, apps.
- 2. Facilitating data collection and analysis.
- 3. New business models.
- 4. Increasing funding.
- 5. Developing new models of reality (virtual and augmented).



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https://www.cepal.org/en/topics/environmental-statistics



