

Kiribati

Table C. Data Integrity and Access by the Public

This table should be prepared, as appropriate, for each agency disseminating data covered by the GDDS.

AGENCY: National Statistical Office
(Select from drop down list)
Agency Name:
Sequence Number:
(For internal IMF use only)

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I. Data Produced and Disseminated

a. Comprehensive Frameworks:

The agency is responsible for production and dissemination of comprehensive frameworks in the following areas (check boxes as appropriate):

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| 1. National Accounts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 3. Depository Corporations Survey | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Central Government Operations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4. Balance of Payments | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

b. Data Categories:

The agency is responsible for production and dissemination of the following data categories (check boxes as appropriate):

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| Real sector | | Financial sector | |
| National accounts aggregates | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Broad money and credit aggregates | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Production index/indices | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Central bank aggregates | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price indices | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Interest rates | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Labor market indicators | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Stock market | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Fiscal sector

External sector

Central government aggregates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Balance of payments aggregates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Central government debt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	External debt and debt service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Socio-Demographic Data		International reserves	<input type="checkbox"/>
Population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Merchandise trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exchange rates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Poverty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

II. Data Integrity

a. Terms and Conditions Under Which Data are Produced and Disseminated:

Identify any applicable statistical laws, charters, or codes of conduct; procedures and processes related to the confidentiality of individual responses; and whether the laws, charters, codes, etc. are available to the public.

Statistics Act Cap 96, and all staff are governed by the National Conditions of Service

b. Identification of Internal Government Access to Data Before Release:

List persons or officials holding designated positions within the government, but outside the agency producing the data, who have pre-release access to the data and the schedule according to which they receive access.

Data are collected and published under the provisions of the Statistics Act. There is no institutionalised process by which data are provided to any persons outside the Statistics Office prior to release. Responsibility for approving data for public release rests solely with the Republic Statistician.

c. Identification of Ministerial Commentary on the Occasion of Statistical Releases:

Describe the general procedures applicable and note any different practices that may apply to individual data categories.

No ministerial commentary is attached to any published data

d. Provision of Information about Revisions and Advance Notice of Major Changes in Methodology:

Describe existing policy about revisions and procedures for providing advance notice of major changes in methodology. Describe any plans for changing these policies and procedures.

No formal policy exists at present, but major methodological changes are always discussed with key users eg, National Economic Planning Office before being introduced.

III. Access to Data by the Public

a. Simultaneous Release to the Public

Please describe the procedures that ensure simultaneous release; variations among data categories should be noted.

As soon as data are available in the form of publications the public is informed of major results and data availability through press releases.

b. Advance Release Calendars

Identify whether advance release calendars are publicly available. If so, describe where they are disseminated, for what period (e.g., one quarter, one year); how often they are updated; and how well the actual release dates match the calendar.

There are advance release calendars in place but sometimes publications are not ready by the scheduled time. The Statistics Office remains committed to the principle of meeting timetables, and notes that there has been no adverse public reaction to any previous slippages.

IV. Plans for Improvement

Describe short-term (in the next year) and medium-term (2-5 years) plans for making improvements in practices with respect to the integrity and access dimensions of the GDSS and any planned improvements

of an institutional or legislative nature by the agency. Note any improvements that have been implemented in the past two years. Technical or other assistance needs that may be required for implementing these plans should also be noted, if applicable. If it has been determined that there are no shortcomings that need to be addressed, this determination should be explicitly stated.

Recent Improvements:

To inform the public of the intention to publish statistical information to a scheduled time.

Short-Term Plans:

To revise the Statistics Act to allow more power to collect data from administrative records. This will enable the office to produce and publish more estimates and in a more timely fashion.

Setting up a website for national statistical information as resources permit.

Medium-Term Plans:

Development of the national statistical website to include key information from other agencies

Technical Assistance/Financing Needs/Other Prerequisites:

Short-Term:

TA to assist in the setup of webpages, including links to the SPC/PRISM project developing websites for NSOs in the region.

Financial assistance to have the webpage maintained on the internet for a trial period of at least 2 years.

Medium-Term:

Training to develop in-house ability to manage and develop the national statistical website.