

Summary on the current status of strategic statistical planning in China

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For some reasons, the work of strategic statistical planning (SSP) in China is relatively weaker.

- I) There is no special part of SSP in the national plan, only one paragraph (Part 4, Ch. 15, Paragraph 2) to talk about the notional basic statistical data base building and no special planning to discuss the whole country's strategic statistical planning (SSP) regularly or required by law. NSB has its own strategic statistical planning some times and some statistical branches in different Ministries may have their own SSP. But all these SSP are hardly proved by national legal institutes, more likely to be a ministry's working planning. Normally these plans are demand-focused and user-oriented in some senses. Statistics are well accepted as a public good.
- II) The SSP Process is partly and irregularly:
 - 1) Commitment, partnership, consultation, consensus
 - 2) Nationally owned; inclusive participation by all stakeholder groups
 - 3) Incorporating result-based management principles -- design of performance indicators; consideration of value for money, user satisfaction, confidentiality of individual data, etc.; deciding on the approach for monitoring and evaluation of plan implementation

But the SSP Process is

- 4) Making close reference to the values and principles portrayed by the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
 - 5) Drawing on international standards, recommendations and experiences
- III) The scope of SSP is not
 - 1) Comprehensive and coherent, across the entire National Statistical System, but NBS has its own 3 year rolling reform plan for the improvement of statistical programme and methodology.
 - 2) Completely providing a resource for evidence-based decision making, with quality "fit" for the purpose
- But it is
- 3) Providing a platform for long-term sustainable statistical development while addressing immediate data needs
- IV) The success case is subscribing to GDDS.