

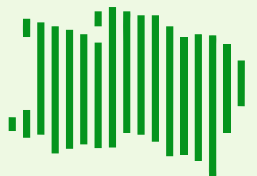
An Assessment of Ethics and Proactive Communication Practices in The Nigerian Statistical System

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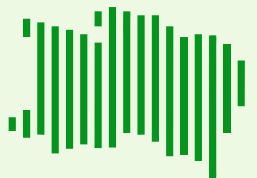
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Introduction and Context



Background

- Nigeria's National Statistical System (NSS) is designed to provide reliable data for all stakeholders.
- However, the technical proficiency of statisticians is not sufficient to guarantee the integrity of statistical data...
- Ethical conduct and proactive communication practices must be imbibed.
- We shall assess ethical standards and proactive communication practices within the NSS and make recommendations.

Ethics and Proactive Communication in NSS

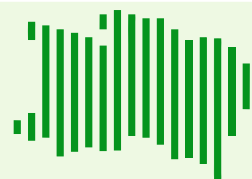
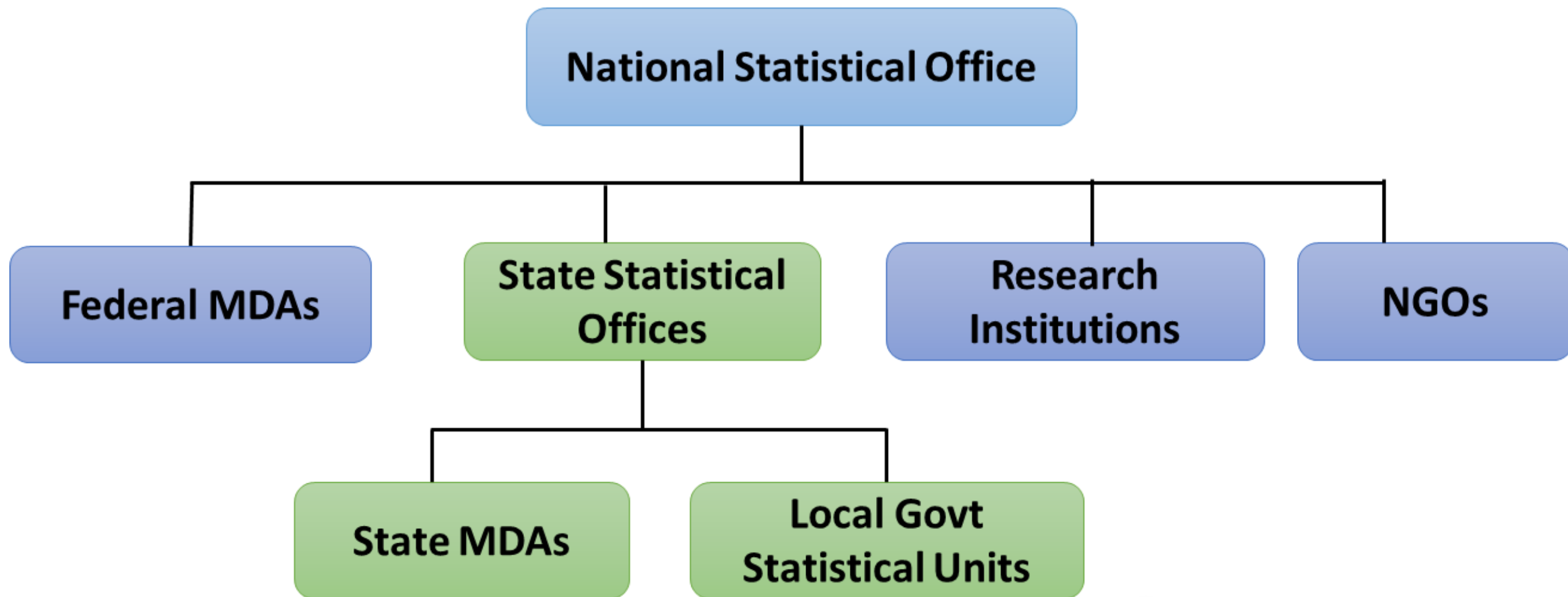
The Code of Practice for Official Statistics in Nigeria:

“The official statistics generated by the National Bureau of Statistics and the other statistics-producing members of the National Statistical System must be presented clearly and comprehensively and disseminated appropriately, thereby enabling equitable access by all users”

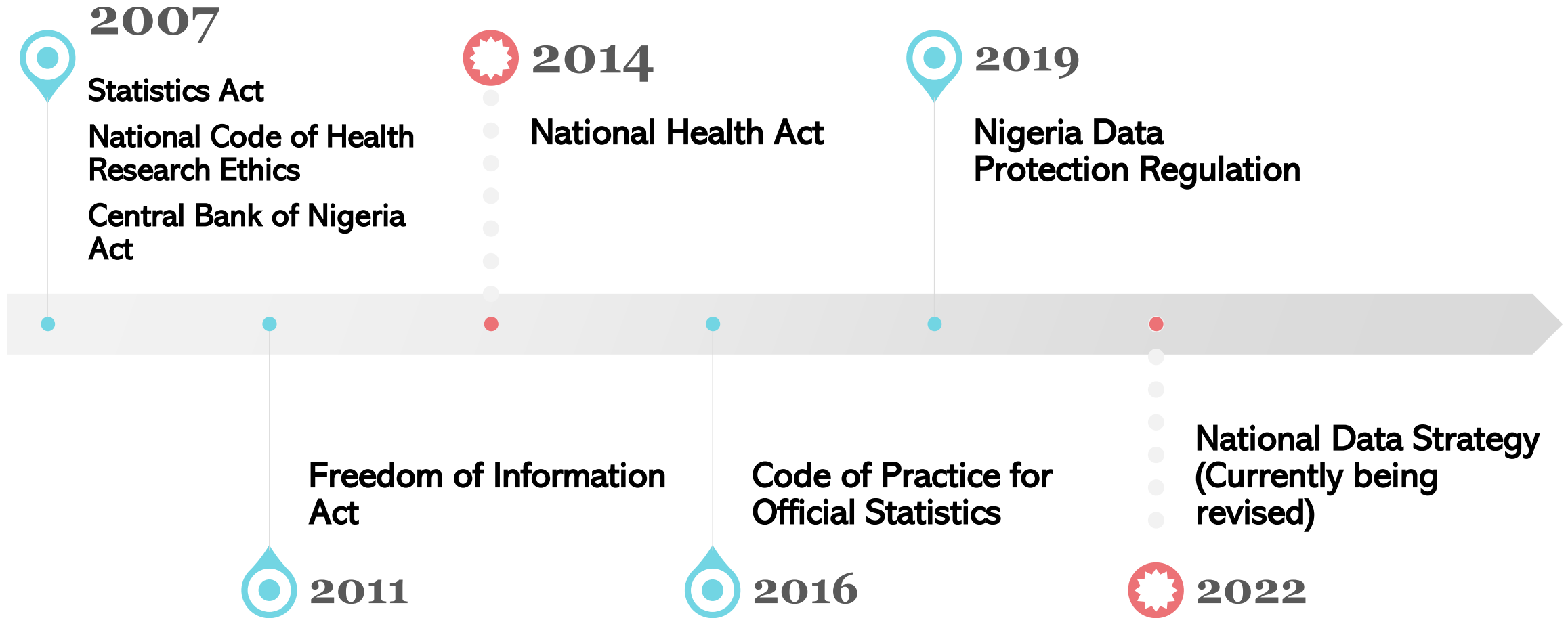
and

“The National Bureau of Statistics and other producers of statistics in the National Statistical System engage actively with the users of statistics to promote trust and maximize public values”

Structure of Nigeria's Statistical System

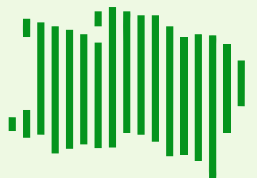


Legal and Regulatory Frameworks



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Challenges and Opportunities in NSS



Challenges

A

Capacity

Data Quality and Reliability are affected by insufficient human and institutional capacity in Statistics Offices (esp. sub-national)

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Bottlenecks

Suboptimal dissemination channels and bureaucratic bottlenecks affect data accessibility and timeliness

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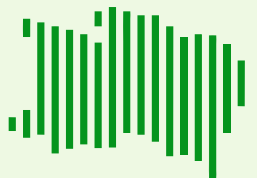
Coordination

Inefficiencies and inconsistencies due to duplication of efforts among different agencies and departments

D

Modernization

Outdated technological infrastructure and IT systems due to insufficient investment in modernization



Opportunities

Technology

Leveraging technological advancements to modernize data activities and harmonize data collection

Capacity

Capacity-building programs for data practitioners

Collaboration

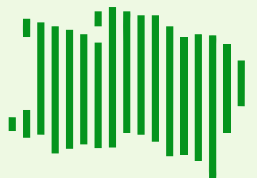
Collaboration with private sector, CSOs, and academia to harness resources

Awareness

Awareness of the importance of data is increasing

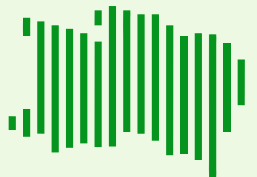
Cooperation

Regional and international cooperation initiatives can enhance capacity building and best practices



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Recommendations and Conclusion



Policy Recommendations

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Establish robust *Ethics Offices* for enforcement of ethical standards

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Strengthen *collaboration* to share best practices and address ethical challenges collectively

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Establish *Data Literacy Units* for education on ethical standards

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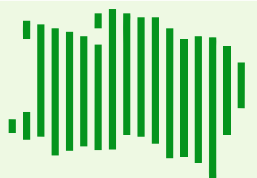
Conduct *regular system-wide evaluations* and reviews of ethical practices in the NSS

3

Develop comprehensive *ethical guidelines* to guide all aspects of statistical activities

6

Provide statistical reports to journalists, let spokespersons grant interviews for *proper context*



Further Recommendations

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Policymakers

Recognize the importance of ethical conduct and proactive communication, *allocate* adequate resources to strengthen ethical standards, *safeguard* the independence of statistical agencies

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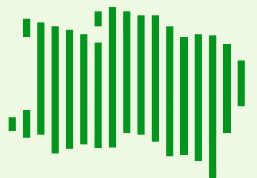
Statisticians

Embrace a culture of ethics and professionalism, *invest* in continuous capacity development, *champion* transparency to promoting public trust and confidence

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Stakeholders

Advocate for the prioritization of ethics and proactive communication as core principles of the NSS, continually *promote dialogue* and mutual understanding on ethical issues, hold statistical agencies and policymakers *accountable* for upholding ethical standards



Conclusion

- Nigeria's Statistical System has the *potential* and *opportunities* to abide by the highest standards of ethical practices and proactive communication.
- It is time for Nigeria to harness these opportunities to upgrade its statistical system to a commendable status in Africa and the world.
- Collective commitment by policy makers, statisticians and all stakeholders is required to achieve this in the fastest possible time.

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