



## Challenges for the IAOS in the Changing Environment

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The International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS) was founded in 1985 to promote the understanding and advancement of official statistics and related subjects. In the three decades since then, the environment surrounding the IAOS as well as official statistics changed significantly, and the trend is expected to continue. For the IAOS to fulfil its missions more effectively, it has to adapt itself to the changing environment. In this talk, I will at first give an overview of the changes and their effects to the IAOS functions. Then, I will describe future directions that the IAOS is planning to take in the coming years. As the statistical offices of international organizations came to play more active roles than three decades ago, the relative visibility of the IAOS gradually diminished in spite of the efforts of its core members. Under such circumstances, the IAOS should reposition itself so that it can serve its membership and the international statistical community more effectively. For this purpose, it is particularly important for the IAOS to reach out for communities of users of official statistics, and to partner with other statistical institutions, such as ISI sister associations, international statistical organizations, academic associations, etc. It is also necessary to improve the visibility of the IAOS by coordinating its activities more effectively to create synergies among them. To make sustained and concerted efforts, the IAOS Executive Committee developed a new strategic plan to be implemented under the new Presidency.

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