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# IAOS Statutes as of 1 July 2025

## Article 1 -Name

The name is the International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS), hereinafter called the Association. The Association shall be an Association of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) in accordance with the ISI Statutes and By-laws.

## Article 2 - Objectives

2.1 The objectives of the Association are to promote the understanding, advancement and good practice of official statistics and related subjects and to foster the development of effective and efficient official statistical services through international contacts among individuals and organizations, including users of official statistics as well as research institutes.

2.2 In order to realize its objectives, and in accordance with the ISI statutes and ISI formulated strategy, the Association may:

1. organize meetings, seminars, conferences, and related activities independently or in collaboration with other organizations;
2. collaborate with international, national, regional and other organizations and institutions having objectives consistent with those of the Association, including other ISI Associations, official statistical offices, national and regional statistical associations and similar institutions;
3. Conduct regular competitions (e.g. annual Young Statistician Prize (YSP)) and other events, either independently or in conjunction with other organisations, to encourage young statisticians to take an active interest in official statistics;
4. publish regular publications ( e.g. Statistical Journal of the International Association of Official Statistics (SJIAOS)), periodicals, pamphlets, books, information circulars, etc. independently or in cooperation with other organizations; whether in hard copy or electronic format;
5. provide electronic forums for the exchange of information and views on topical issues related to official statistics, and/or the work of the Association;
6. establish and operate specific working groups and special interest groups on issues related to specific areas of official statistics, as set out in Article 9;
7. undertake or participate in cooperative activities, make business transactions and take all other necessary action for the advancement of the objectives of the Association.

## Article 3. Membership

### 3.1 Types of Membership

There shall be two types of members, without any restriction on number:

a) individual members; and

b) organisational members.

### 3.2 Individual Membership

#### 3.1.1 Admission

1. Any regular or elected member of the ISI may become an individual member of the Association by applying to the ISI Director and paying any prescribed fees.
2. Any other individual or shares the objectives of the Association, may become a member by registering for membership.
3. Information on membership application procedures and fees shall be published on the IAOS website.
4. Pro-bono individual membership of the Association for one year can be granted by the Association in the following circumstances:
* winners of the annual Young Statistician Prize competition
* other situations as determined by the IAOS EXCO.

#### 3.1.2 Entitlements and Responsibilities

1. All individual members have voting rights.
2. All individual members are eligible for IAOS officer positions.
3. Individual members of the IAOS may be entitled to discounted rates for IAOS or ISI conference attendance, as agreed by the relevant Executive Committee.
4. Apart from the circumstance described in Article 3.1.1 (d), individual members are only entitled to exercise the rights of membership (including any discount for conference attendance) if all relevant fees have been paid.
5. Every individual member is responsible for keeping their individual information up to date in the ISI membership system.

#### 3.1.3 Termination of Individual Membership

1. Individual Membership ends by:
2. Death of the member,
3. Resignation by member,
4. Ending of the membership by the ISI (where relevant), as set out in the ISI Statutes
5. Termination of membership by the IAOS Executive Committee.
6. Termination of membership by the IAOS Executive Committee can be executed in the following circumstances:
7. A member has been acting in a way that contravenes the Statutes or is detrimental to the objectives of the IAOS
8. Non-payment of the fees by the member during the preceding year
9. Other reasons as may be prescribed by the IAOS Executive Committee in the Statutes

### 3.2 Organisational Membership

1. There are five categories of organisational membership
2. Institutional members ( including but not limited to National, regional, and international statistical institutes/agencies)
3. Affiliates (including but not limited to National and Regional statistical societies and associations)
4. Educational and Scientific Institutes (including but not limited to universities or university departments, scientific institutions)
5. Corporate (including but not limited to Private Corporations who shares the values and objectives of the IAOS and the ISI)
6. Other (other organisations such as NGOs).

#### 3.2.1 Admission

1. Organisational members of the International Statistical Institute may become organisational members of the IAOS by applying to the ISI Director.
2. Any other organisation that shares the objectives of the IAOS may also become an organisational member by applying to the ISI Director
3. Information on the membership application procedures and fees shall be published on the IAOS website.

#### 3.2.2 Entitlements and Responsibilities

1. Organisational members are entitled to :
* Designate a representative who may attend meetings of the Association and participate in the Association’s scientific programme of meetings, with the same privileges as individual members, except eligibility to hold IAOS officer positions.
* Receive one set of the publications of the IAOS on the same conditions as individual members
* send one (1) nominated representative to conferences at individual member rat:es
1. Organisational members are only entitled to exercise the rights of membership if all relevant fees have been paid by the due date.
2. Every organisational member is responsible for keeping the organisation’s information up to date in the ISI membership system. Changes that cannot be accommodated by the membership system should be promptly advised to the Permanent Office.

#### 3.2.3 Termination of Organisational Membership

a) Organisational membership shall be terminated in case of

1. Withdrawal of the organisation itself,
2. Ending of the membership by the ISI (where relevant),
3. Ending of the membership by the IAOS
4. Termination of membership by the IAOS Executive Committee can be executed in the following circumstances:
5. A member has been acting in a way that contravenes the Statutes or is detrimental to the objectives of the IAOS
6. Non-payment of the fees by the member during the preceding year
7. Other reasons as may be prescribed by the IAOS Executive Committee in the Statutes.
8. In the case where the member is a legal entity, the membership ends when the entity no longer exists, also when this is the result of a merger or splitting up, unless the EXCO decides otherwise.

### 3.3 Membership Fees

1. Membership fees for all types of members shall be determined by the IAOS Executive Committee prior to the start of the Calendar year
2. Payment of fees shall be in accordance with the By-laws of the ISI
3. Members who have not paid their fees for the preceding year, may have their membership terminated
4. Discounts for conference attendance is dependent on the payment of the relevant fees for the preceding year.

### 3.4 Dispute Procedure

1. If the IAOS Executive Committee determines that an individual, or organisational member has acted in a way that contravenes the Statutes or is detrimental to the objectives of the IAOS, the EXCO may terminate the IAOS membership.
2. The member may appeal the decision to terminate their membership within four weeks of receipt of the decision, by writing to the ISI Executive Committee . The ISI Executive Committee shall make the final decision laws.

## Article 4 - Organisational Bodies

The organisational bodies of the Association are:

a) General Assembly

b) Executive Committee composed of the Officers of the Association

c) Standing and Ad hoc Committees and

d) The Permanent Office/

## Article 5 - Relationship between IAOS and ISI

5.1 As the IAOS was founded in 1985, as a specialized section of the International Statistical Institute (ISI), it is subject to the ISI Statutes. This means that (not limited to):

1. The IAOS shall not undertake any action that contravenes the objectives and interests of the ISI.
2. The IAOS’ mission and objectives must be in harmony with those of the ISI.
3. The IAOS statement of objectives, rules of admission to and termination from membership, statutes and amendments to the foregoing must be endorsed by the ISI executive Committee, after consultation with the ISI Council.
4. The President of the IAOS is an ex-officio member of the ISI Council
5. The ISI Director is an ex-officio member of the IAOS Executive Committee
6. The ISI Director is authorized to represent the IAOS Executive Committee and to perform all formal and legal acts, where the IAOS Executive Committee is authorized according to ISI statutes and bylaws, and the IAOS statutes.

5.2 As per ISI Bylaws, the following applies to the IAOS.

1. The IAOS shall timely provide all necessary input for the annual report of IAOS' activities and finances to the Permanent Office.
2. In addition to having its own programmes and conferences, the IAOS shall participate in the scientific work of the ISI. In particular, the IAOS shall assign one representative to the Scientific Programme Committee of the World Statistics Congress.
3. The IAOS shall be supported as much as practically possible by the Permanent Office.

5.3 In case the activities of the IAOS should seriously contravene the objectives or statutes of the ISI:

1. the ISI Executive Committee, at the instigation of the ISI President as chair of the ISI Executive Committee, will discuss the matter with the IAOS Executive Committee;
2. If the matter has not been resolved, the ISI Executive Committee, after consultation with the ISI Council, will propose a resolution process to the ISI General Assembly. If the resolution process is not successful, the Executive Committee, after consultation with the Council, may decide to recommend to the General Assembly to terminate the Association with the ISI. The IAOS shall be given an opportunity to appeal to the ISI General Assembly by providing information;
3. The ISI General Assembly shall make the final decision on the resolution of the problem.

5.4 In case of an internal dispute within the IAOS Executive or Association, unable to be resolved by the IAOS Executive Committee, then

1. Three or more members of the IAOS Executive Committee can together escalate the matter to the ISI Executive Committee for resolution and/or making binding final decision in coherence with the ISI and the IAOS Statutes.
2. The ISI Executive Committee will discuss the matter with the IAOS Executive Committee, and the relevant Association officer(s).
3. The ISI Executive Committee will determine the most appropriate action for the benefit of the IAOS and the ISI and can make decisions that the IAOS Executive Committee will be bound to adhere to.

## Article 6 - General Assembly

### 6.1 Responsibilities and authority

1. The General Assembly is the highest authority of the Association. It has the following responsibilities and authority:
2. Decisions for any changes to the Statutes
3. Appointment and discharge, or when necessary, dismissal of members of the Executive Committee, including President and President Elect.
4. Establishment, restructuring, suspension or abolition of Standing Committees or Ad hoc committee, set up to promote the mission and objectives of the IAOS.
5. Approval of the IAOS annual report.
6. Decisions relating to the dissolution of the IAOS.
7. The General Assembly shall be composed of the individual members and one designated representative from each organisational member.
8. The General Assembly shall be convened by the Executive Committee every year; if possible, conjointly with the ISI biennial World Statistics Congress or the biennial IAOS conference.

### 6.2 Special Meetings

1. The Executive Committee may convene special meetings of the General Assembly whenever it is deemed necessary.
2. A special meeting may also be convened by a request of at least one tenth of the individual members.
3. If a special meeting is requested by members, it shall be announced within two months of receiving the request.

### 6.3 Meeting Procedures

1. Subject to Article 6.1 (c), the meetings of the General Assembly shall be held at such times and places as the Executive Committee may decide.
2. The General assembly meeting may be held virtually or in mixed format (in person and virtual attendees). In the case of a virtual or mixed meeting format, members are given the opportunity to participate online and vote*.*
3. Members shall be informed of the place and date of a General Assembly at least four months before the date of the meeting.
4. Members wishing to propose any agenda items must submit them to the President at least three months in advance of the General Assembly meeting.
5. The information for the General Assembly, including agenda and meeting documents shall be made available one month prior to the meeting on the secured member website and link advised to members.
6. The President shall chair the meetings of the General Assembly.
7. If the President is unable to chair the meeting, the President-elect shall chair the meeting of the General Assembly. If the President-elect is unable to chair the meeting as well, the Executive Committee shall appoint the meeting chair.
8. The members of the Executive Committee will be present at the General Assembly meetings and will provide advice in the meetings.

### 6.4 Decision Making other than Amendments to the Statutes

1. Except for amendments to the Statutes, decisions by the General Assembly shall be made at the meeting itself.
2. In all cases, where a member has positions, functions and/or personal or financial interests regarding to a topic for decision, which position, function and/or personal or financial interest can influence the decision in such a way that the independence, objectivity or integrity with regard to a weighing of interests are compromised to such an extent that the IAOS can be disadvantaged and lose trust or legitimacy, the member must make a Conflict of Interest statement. The member may give a presentation at the General Assembly meeting or electronically but will refrain from decision making, including voting. The conflict-of-interest statement(s) will be recorded in the minutes. The minutes will also record the names of any members not eligible to participate in the discussion and voting.
3. The process for voting through a proposal at the meeting , shall be organised as follows:
4. Members can initiate a proposal for consideration by the General Assembly. The proposal should be submitted to the President at least three months before the General Assembly
5. The Executive Committee may also initiate proposals for consideration
6. All proposals will be sent to all IAOS members by email/upload to a secured webpage
7. There will be a period of at least one month between the distribution of the proposals and the General Assembly
8. Each individual member and one designated representative from each organisational member, shall have one vote
9. Voting by proxy is not allowed, unless the provisions in article 13 of these Statutes apply
10. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority of votes cast at a meeting . Votes expressed by those attending virtually, shall be considered as valid as votes in person.

## Article 7- Executive Committee

### 7.1 Composition

1. The IAOS Executive Committee shall be composed of Elected, Coopted and Invited Officers. The ISI Director will also serve as an ex-officio Officer, acting as the Executive Director and Treasurer
2. All Officers of the Executive Committee (whether elected, co-opted or invited) must be individual members of the IAOS.

#### 7.1.1 Elected Officers

1. The Elected Officers shall be
* a President,
* a President-Elect,
* four elected Executive Committee Members.
1. The elected Officers shall be elected following the procedures set out in Article 8.

#### 7.1.2 Coopted Officers

The Executive Committee may co-opt up to three further members of the IAOS to serve on the Committee until the next election. (These will be known as co-opted officers).

#### 7.1.3 Invited Officers

1. A representative of each IAOS Standing and Ad hoc Committee, will also be invited to serve on the Executive Committee until the next election.
2. In addition, other IAOS members with specific responsibilities (including SJIAOS Editor in Chief, Special Advisor to President), etc) will also be invited to serve on the Executive Committee.

#### 7.1.4 Term of office

1. The term of office of all elected Officers shall be two years. After one term, officers shall be eligible for re-election to the same office, but only two terms may be served consecutively.
2. The term of office of each Officer (elected, co-opted and invited) shall run from the end of the World Statistics Congress at which they are declared elected to the end of the following World Statistics Congress. All Officers are required to review and sign the IAOS Code of Conduct at the start of their term of office.

### 7.2 Responsibilities

1. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the proper management of the affairs of the Association in accordance with the Dutch law, ISI statutes and by-laws, IAOS statutes, decisions of the IAOS General Assembly and the IAOS Executive Code of Conduct.
2. The President has general responsibility for the execution of the policies and decisions of the IAOS General Assembly and the Executive Committee, and for communicating key decisions to IAOS members.
3. The President shall preside over the meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Committee.
4. The IAOS Executive Committee shall have the following responsibilities and authority
	* Develop and implement the work programme of the IAOS
	* Provide strategic support to the SJIAOS Editor in Chief
	* Recommend the establishment, restructure, suspension or abolition of standing and ad hoc committees to the General Assembly
	* Appoint the Nominating Committee
	* Determine IAOS membership fees
	* Award YSP prizes on the recommendation of the YSP coordinator
	* Convene the General Assembly meetings
	* Confirm the IAOS Annual Report before submission to the General Assembly in accordance with Dutch Guidelines for Annual Reporting.
	* Appoint event committees, including the IAOS Conference Programme Committee

Discharging these responsibilities will include participation in regular meetings of the Executive Committee, as well as input into relevant matters outside of the formal meetings.

### 7.3 Procedures

#### 7.3.1 Meeting Procedures

1. The IAOS Executive Committee shall meet on the call of the President or at least three of its elected or coopted officers.
2. The quorum for any meeting of the IAOS Executive Committee is a minimum of six (6) officers, of which at least three (3) must be elected officers**,** in addition to the President or President-Elect.
3. The IAOS Executive Committee may reach its decisions by a simple majority.

#### 7*.3.2* Responsibilities of individual Officers

1. All Officers will follow the principles for decision making responsibilities as set out in the IAOS Executive Code of Conduct (https://iaos-isi.org/iaos-exco-code-of-conduct/*).*
2. In order to ensure the continuity of management of the Association, the President shall keep the President-Elect closely informed with respect to all relevant activities.
3. The President-Elect shall utilize his/her term to get acquainted with the business of the Association. As part of this, the President-Elect will be responsible for the IAOS conference that will take place during his/her term.
4. Upon the expiry of his/her term of office, the President – Elect will assume the duty of President for the next two -year term.
5. The ISI Director, acting as the Treasurer, shall administer the funds, maintain the accounts and provide the financial records of the Association as specified by the IAOS Executive Committee.

#### 7.3.3 Vacancies

1. In the event that the President cannot perform their duties(inability to act) or resigns, the President-Elect shall serve for the remaining term of the President or until the President shall again be able to serve, as the case may be. If the President-Elect is for any reason unable to fulfil this responsibility, one of the Members shall be elected by the IAOS Executive Committee in his/her place
2. If, for any reason, an office becomes vacant, a substitute officer shall be appointed, on the nomination of the President and with the approval of a majority of the IAOS Executive Committee
3. Should all members of the IAOS Executive Committee resign or are unable to act, a special meeting of the General Assembly will be called to elect new members of the IAOS Executive Committee. The ISI Director will act as chair of this special General Assembly

## Article 8 - Election of Officers

### 8.1 Nominating Committee

1. Every two years the IAOS Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of five members who shall be selected from among the individual members of the Association and shall all be citizens of different countries (or federations of countries).
2. The task of the Nominating Committee shall be to make nominations for the posts of President-elect and the four elected Executive Committee members.
3. The IAOS Executive Committee shall designate one member of the Nominating Committee as its chair. The Chair of the previous Nominating Committee shall serve as an ex officio member without voting rights.
4. The President shall inform the members of the Association of the setting up of the Nominating Committee and invite them to submit names of possible candidates to the chair of the Nominating Committee.

### 8.2 Candidate Slate

1. The Nominating Committee shall develop a slate of candidates, all of whom MUST be individual members of the IAOS.
2. In nominating candidates, the Nominating Committee shall give careful attention to the importance of achieving proper geographical distribution and gender balance and ai to ensure representation of producers and users of official statistics. The Nominating Committee shall also consider succession planning – i.e., ensuring that wherever possible, there is a mixture of new and existing elected officers on the EXCO
3. Accordingly, the slate of candidates for elected positions shall all be citizens of different countries (or federations of countries).
4. The slate may include a single candidate or more than one candidate for each post. The Nominating Committee shall submit this slate along with a report to the President at least six months before the General Assembly at the World Statistical Congress (WSC).
5. At least five months before the General Assembly at the WSC the final slate of candidates shall be presented by the ISI Director to the members. If the number of candidates for an office does not exceed the number of vacancies, the candidates in question shall be declared elected without vote.

### 8.3 Voting Procedures

1. Where there is more than one candidate for a post, voting shall be organised by the ISI Director.
2. The voting shall be done by electronic means.
3. The voting period shall be at least 6 weeks.
4. The results of the voting shall be laid down in a report drawn up by the ISI Director and presented to the IAOS Executive Committee at least one month before the General Assembly at the WSC.
5. The President shall deliver a report on the outcome of the voting to the General Assembly.
6. For each office, the candidate or candidates having received the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the candidate who has been an individual member of the IAOS the longest shall be declared elected.
7. Candidates for each office receiving the largest number of votes shall be considered elected and the membership of the Association shall be notified of the results of the elections. This notification shall include the information about any ties that may have occurred.

## Article 9 -Standing and Ad hoc Committees

### 9.1 Establishment

1. Standing and Ad hoc committees may be established to focus on specific matters of official statistics. Membership of these committees is expected to take into consideration geographical and gender considerations as well as specific subject matter expertise.
2. A proposal to establish, restructure, suspend or abolish a Standing committee or Ad hoc committee, may be made by the IAOS Executive Committee
3. A proposal for the establishment of a standing committee should be endorsed by the IAOS General Assembly and include a clear statement of the objectives, the operational structure and a list of potential members.
4. Standing committees may have their own organisation structure and statutes, which will comply to the ISI and IAOS Statutes
5. The Executive may also appoint ad hoc committees to support the effective operation of the IAOS.

### 9.2 Obligations of Committees

1. Each Standing or Ad hoc Committee is required to provide a written report to each EXCO meeting, and to the IAOS General Assembly
2. Each Standing or Ad-hoc committee is required to have a nominated representative attend every EXCO meeting.

### 9.3 Restructuring, Suspension or Abolition

1. In case a Committee is inactive, the IAOS Executive Committee may decide to replace the chair and/or members, or recommend the restructuring, suspension or abolition of the Committee. The final decision to abolish a Standing Committee will be made by the IAOS General Assembly.

## Article 10- Representation

The Association shall be formally represented in law by the ISI Director, on behalf of the IAOS Executive Committee.

## Article 11- Finances

1. Financial resources of the Association shall consist of membership fees, donations, contributions and income, if any, from other sources.
2. No donation may be accepted unless approved by the IAOS Executive Committee.
3. The membership fees to be paid by members, which may be different for individual and organisational members and for different countries/regions, shall be prescribed by the IAOS Executive Committee.
4. In exceptional cases of recognized hardship, the IAOS Executive Committee may temporarily waive, reduce or postpone the payment of fees for which an individual member is liable.
5. The Officers of the IAOS Executive Committee, (elected, co-opted and invited) except the ISI Director, shall serve without compensation.
6. An external auditor shall be appointed by the ISI to examine the annual financial report and issue a statement.

## Article 12 Reporting

1. The IAOS Executive Committee shall submit an annual report to the members within six months of the end of each fiscal year, unless the General Assembly extends this period.
2. The annual report shall include the activities of the Association, a financial statement covering all income and expenditure over the preceding fiscal year and a statement of the assets and liabilities as of the last day of the three preceding years.
3. The financial statement must be based on the audited accounts as set out in Article 11
4. The report will be approved by the members of the IAOS Executive Committee and the ISI Director

## Article13 - Amendments to the statutes

1. Amendments to the IAOS Statutes can only be decided at a General Assembly Meeting
2. Proposals for amending the Statutes can be submitted by the IAOS Executive Committee.
3. Proposals can also be submitted by individual members and must be signed by at least 10 members. The delivery of the proposal must respect the time schedule in Article 6.3
4. The President shall ask the ISI Director to transmit the proposals and, in case of a proposal submitted under Article 13 (c), the views of the IAOS Executive Committee, to all members at least two months before the General Assembly.
5. The proposals for amendments shall be brought forward to the members, who shall be asked to express their opinions. The members may express their opinions electronically before the General Assembly They may nominate a proxy, who may be the ISI Director, and direct that proxy how to vote.
6. Opinions shall be provided, and proxies nominated at least 30 days before the General Assembly. The ISI Director shall be notified of all nominations for proxies within this period.
7. A majority of two thirds of the votes cast, (in person or virtual) including by proxy, is required for any amendment to be successful
8. The dissolution of the Association or the alteration of its name shall be treated as an amendment of its Statutes
9. Successful amendments to the IAOS Statutes will be submitted to the ISI Executive Committee for endorsement, as per Article 5.1.

## Article 14 Dissolution

1. The IAOS can only be dissolved in the following circumstance
2. If the General Assembly of the ISI decides to dissolve the ISI, or
3. If the General Assembly of the IAOS decides to dissolve the IAOS, consistent with Statute 13, except that a two-thirds majority of all individual IAOS members voting in favour is required for the dissolution to be successful
4. Where the General Assembly of the ISI decides to dissolve the ISI, then the IAOS will be bound by the decisions and processes of the ISI.
5. Where the General Assembly of the IAOS decides to dissolve the IAOS, then based on Article 12 in the Statutes, the General Assembly will appoint a Liquidator
6. The Liquidator will dissolve the IAOS in accordance with the decision made by the General Assembly, andperform all the necessary actions as stated in article 2:23-24 of the Dutch civil code
7. The balance after liquidation will be disposed in accordance with the objectives of the IAOS.

## Article 15 - Language

1. The working language of the Association shall be English.
2. The conference languages of the IAOS shall be the working language - any other languages for which adequate interpretation facilities for conferences etc, can be made available at the expense of the host country outside the budget agrees with the IAOS.
3. The Local Organising Committee of any IAOS conference shall be entitled to designate its national language(s) as additional conference language(s).
4. The working language shall be translated into the conference languages at the General Assembly meeting at the expense of the host country.

## Definitions

The definitions are an integral part of the Statutes. Consistent with the approach adopted by the ISI, any changes to the Definitions shall not be in contravention with the Law and/or these Statutes.

Any changes to the Definitions must follow the same procedures as amendments to the Statutes.

## Final Provisions

The statutes and definitions of the IAOS are subject to Dutch law.

If a situation is not covered by the IAOS statutes, then the current version of the ISI Statutes and Bylaws will apply.

## Definitions of terms

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| **Term** | **Definition** |
| Code of Conduct | The guidelines which set out how members of the IAOS Executive Committee should behave as an IAOS Officer. (https://iaos-isi.org/iaos-exco-code-of-conduct/) |
| Co-opted EXCO officers | The individual IAOS members co-opted to serve as officers of the IAOS Executive Committee |
| Conflict of Interest  | Where a member has positions, functions and/or personal or financial interests regarding to a topic for decision, which position, function and/or personal or financial interest can influence the decision in such a way that the independence, objectivity or integrity with regard to a weighing of interests are compromised to such an extent that the IAOS can be disadvantaged and lose trust or legitimacy |
| Conflict of Interest Statement  | Statement made by an officer of the IAOS or member, where they have a personal or financial interest in a topic under discussion.  |
| Elected EXCO officers | The officers of the IAOS Executive Committee elected by the IAOS members |
| Ex-Officio Member  | Designated representative of an Organisational member. The ex-officio member has the same benefits as an individual member except eligibility to stand for ISI officer positions.  |
| General Assembly | The regular annual meeting of the members of the IAOS which is the highest authority of the IAOS: and among other things, receives and consider reports on the activities and finances, appoints elected officers of the IAOS Executive Committee, establishes Standing Committees and decides on changes to the Statutes. |
| IAOS Executive Committee (EXCO) | The committee of appointed officers of the IAOS, responsible for the management of the affairs and execution of the policies, of the IAOS, together with the ISI Director, in accordance with Dutch Law, IAOS Statutes and IAOS Executive Code of Conduct, ISI Statutes and Bylaws and decisions made by the IAOS General Assembly. The IAOS Executive committee consists of the President, President-Elect and elected, co-opted and invited officers.  |
| IAOS President | The Officer of the IAOS jointly responsible (together with the other IAOS Executive Committee officers) for the execution of policies and decisions of the IAOS General Assembly and IAOS EXCO. The IAOS President is also responsible for chairing the IAOS General Assembly, IAOS Executive Committee and providing leadership for the IAOS. |
| IAOS Statutes | The statutes state what rules and procedures apply to IAOS and state why the IAOS is set up, how it operates and who is responsible for what.  |
| Individual Member | Person who has joined the IAOS in an individual capacity and not acting as a representative of an Organisational Member or any other legal entity or organization |
| Invited EXCO officers | IAOS members with specific responsibilities, invited to serve as officers of the IAOS Executive Committee.  |
| ISI  | The International Statistical Institute (hereafter referred to as the ISI). The international society registered under Dutch Law, with the objectives of promoting and supporting the understanding, advancement and good practice of Statistics, its profession and the statistical and data sciences worldwide.  |
| ISI Association | An ISI Association is an informal section of the ISI, being the legal entity registered under Dutch law, and is established by the ISI General Assembly to promote the mission and objectives of the ISI in particular areas of the statistical and data sciences. An Association shall have its own: * members
* organizational bodies
* membership fees
* Association Statutes
* By-laws if desired

As only the ISI is registered under Dutch law, and so is the only legal body; for legal purposes, the Associations of the ISI (as set out in the ISI Statutes ) are referred to as **Sections** of the ISI.  |
| ISI Council | The committee of appointed officers of the ISI, together with the ISI Executive Committee officers, ISI Past President, Association Presidents, ISI Director and Director General of Statistics Netherlands which provides advice to the ISI Executive Committee on ISI policies and programmes. . |
| ISI Director | The head of the ISI Permanent Office, responsible to the ISI Executive Committee for the management of the Permanent Office and who works with the ISI Executive Committee to implement the strategic vision, priorities and policies of the ISI. The ISI Director is an ex-officio member of the EXCO and acts as the Executive Director and Treasurer of the IAOS |
| ISI Executive Committee (EC) | The committee of appointed officers of the ISI, , responsible for the management of the affairs and execution of the policies, of the ISI, together with the ISI Director, in accordance with Dutch Law, the ISI Statutes and Bylaws and decisions made by the ISI General Assembly. The ISI Executive committee consists of the President, President-Elect and four Vice-Presidents.  |
| ISI President | The Officer of the ISI jointly responsible (together with the other Executive Committee members for the execution of policies and decisions of the ISI General Assembly and ISI Executive Committee, and for chairing the ISI General Assembly, ISI Executive Committee, and ISI Council and who provides leadership for the ISI. |
| ISI Statutes and Bylaws | The ISI Statutes and Bylaws state what rules and procedures apply to ISI and state why the ISI is set up, how it operates and who is responsible for what.  |
| Member  | Individual or organisation who shares the values and objectives of the IAOS who has registered as a member and pays the relevant membership fees.  |
| MSLE | Act on Management and Supervision of Legal Entities (“Wet Bestuur en Toezicht Rechtspersonen”, which entered into force in the Netherlands, where the International Statistical Institute (ISI) is registered, on 1 July 2021. The MSLE act entered into force to ensure transparency in decision making for societies. |
| Nominating Committee  | Committee responsible for selecting a slate of candidates for the Officers of the ISI election.  |
| Officer of the IAOS | Any appointed (including elected, coopted or invited) member of the IAOS Executive Committee |
| Organisational Members | Any organisation (including but not limited to national, regional or international statistical organisations, central banks, national or regional statistical societies, educational and scientific institutions, private sector entities or non-profit organisations) who shares the values and objectives of the IAOS and ISI) |
| Permanent Office | The team of employees, who together with the Director, support the operation of the ISI family, including the IAOS. |
| President-elect  | The person who has been appointed to be President in the term following the current President.  |
| Special General Assembly  | Meeting of the Members of the IAOS, other than an annual General Assembly, called for a specific purpose or purposes.  |
| Standing Committee  | Permanent formally constituted IAOS committee with specified responsibilities operating indefinitely.  |