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PROVIDING A GLOBAL PICTURE

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ABSTRACT

The UNESCO Institute for Statistics has the mandate to collect data on education, science and technology, culture and communications in order to provide a global picture and to monitor international progress towards agreed goals. In general such data are by-products of administrative processes but increasingly surveys are being used as a complementary source of information. The current quality of both administrative and survey data available for many countries of the world is extremely poor, with resources to make significant improvements to the statistical infrastructure and staffing being very limited. Denise Lievesley will discuss how UNESCO's Institute for Statistics is addressing these difficult issues. She will consider the value of bringing together data from different sources in order to obtain a more complete picture and how this approach can also enable judgements to be made about the data quality, alerting users to possible inadequacies in the data.

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