

Editorial Policy

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The Journal will serve as a research outlet and information sharing publication among statisticians and users of statistical information mainly in the African region. It will publish, among other things:

- articles of an expository or review nature that demonstrate the vital role of statistics to society rather than present technical materials,
- articles on statistical methodologies with special emphasis on applications,
- articles about good practices and lessons learned from the region,
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- notices and announcements on upcoming events, conferences, calls for papers, and
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