

# Editorial policy

The African Statistical Journal was established to promote the understanding of statistical development in the African region. It focuses on issues related to official statistics as well as application of statistical methodologies to solve practical problems of general interest to applied statisticians. Of particular interest will be exposition of: how statistics can help to illuminate development and public policy issues like poverty, gender, environment, energy, HIV/AIDS, etc; development of statistical literacy; tracking national and regional development agenda; development of statistical capacities and effective national statistical systems; and the development of sectoral statistics e.g. educational statistics, health statistics, agricultural statistics, etc.

In addition to individual academic and practicing statisticians, the Journal should be of great interest to a number of institutions in the region including National Statistical Offices, Central Banks, research and training institutions and sub-regional economic groupings, and international development agencies.

The Journal serves as a research outlet and information sharing publication among statisticians and users of statistical information mainly in the African region. It publishes, 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 in statistical development in the region,
- opinions on issues of general interest to the statistical community and users of statistical information in the African region,
- notices and announcements on upcoming events, conferences, calls for papers, and
- recent statistical developments and anything that may be of interest to the statistical community in the region.

The papers which need not contain original material, should be of general interest to a wide section of professional statisticians in the region.

All manuscripts will be reviewed and evaluated on content, language and presentation.