

Best practices in user participation: the example of the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics

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To improve efficiency in meeting the demand for more and better official statistics, in consonance with global best practices, users consultation is current practice at the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE). The strategy has been implemented at different levels for planning and monitoring censuses and surveys. Forums, meetings, workshops, video-conferences and online consultation are some of the instruments used to promote the participation of different categories of users such as students, individual researchers, academics, administrators, policymakers, government and so forth. The paper presents the most recent practices at the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics in the 2010 Census as well as in ongoing projects such as the Integrated System of Household Surveys (SIPD) and the National System of Sample Surveys for Agricultural Establishments (SNPA).

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