



**Building and maintaining partnerships between academia and official statistics –
Research Seminars: Mexican National Statistical Office's experience**

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Abstract

Among various forms of collaboration between the Mexican national statistical office and the academia, research seminars had been a way to get insights of the state of the art and best practices, as well as to inform the debate in new methodologies, in the many different fields in which we produce information. With the collaboration of 10 Mexican academic institutions, since 2009 we had organized 38 seminars.

Topics for each seminar are selected from a range of rising issues, specific technical necessities or new subjects that need to be covered. Taking these into consideration, we look for an academic institution with the strengths and knowledge we are needing and design with them the structure, sessions and content of a seminar, workshop, or series of conferences. Then, we look for experts from the academy, national statistical offices, private companies, or international agencies.

The audience commonly includes officials from INEGI, public institutions that conformed our national system of statistical and geographical information, members of the academic community, representatives of international organizations and other national statistical offices, as well as people from the civil society and the private sector, with specific interests in the topic. Presentations and video recordings resulting from the seminars, are published in INEGI's web site: <http://en.www.inegi.org.mx/eventos/seminarios/default.html>

Some of the information we produce, and research projects we are engaged, had been nourished by the experiences, recommendations and best practices presented in these seminars. In this talk I will be presenting our experiences and challenges.

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