

## **ArgIQ – Information Quality in Argentina**

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**Madam Chair, Director-General, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen:**

ArgIQ is a non-profit organization with the objective of spreading, through academic activities, the Information Quality methodology to Argentina and other Spanish-speaking countries.

The Information Quality methodology provides us with new tools for managing information, creating a new concept that goes from data collection to its transformation into information, intelligence and knowledge.

This work methodology is always advancing in all fields of knowledge, which can be used for business decision-making and applied in different types of scientific research.

The accessibility and availability of this tool for the academic and business worlds makes it a very interesting option, specially these days where information is overloaded.

The plasticity that provides for the selection of quality criteria makes it suitable for different disciplines, in business and social and natural sciences.

Since data are the bricks and pillars with which we construct knowledge and if they are not good, our building falls, like a house of cards.

The wide availability of current information generates a lot of complications when selecting, based on the objectives, the material used. This is where a discipline, emerged in the IT field, comes to our aid.

Considering that information is a valuable asset, it is the key for the decision-making process and scientific research. In all organizations, the planning process is directed to make decisions in different areas, that's why information involved on them, demands a standardized methodology to manage it.

While performing a research effort, to have quality standards and control of the information input from the beginning to the end of it will allow the development of a better study and evidence-sustained conclusions. This is particularly important when we deal with a lot of information from different sources.

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Applying the Information Quality method, and considering the different professional backgrounds of ArgIQ's members, we do research and other academic activities in several areas, such as defense, bioethics, biosecurity, chemical and biological weapons, dual-use materials, and strategy.

The OPCW is constantly dealing with heavy loads of massive amounts of information, whether we consider annual reports from States Parties, data from on-site verification, or simply developing databases for initial declarations.

Our members are also trained to advise organizations on the implementation of this method. And we would be happy to work with the OPCW to improve its quality of information, and methodologies for productive use.

Thank you for your attention, and I request that this statement be made part of the final CSP record.