

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS

HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR ON THE PROCESS-ORIENTED APPROACH TO STATISTICAL PRODUCTION

(Seoul, Republic of Korea, 19-21 April 2017)

INFORMATION NOTICE No.1

I. BACKGROUND

1. In 2014, the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians invited the statistical office of Turkey (Turkstat) to produce an in-depth review on the process-oriented approach to statistical production. The purpose of in-depth reviews is to improve coordination of statistical activities in the UNECE region, identify gaps or duplication of work, and address emerging issues. The review was discussed by the Bureau in February 2015 and by the Conference in June 2015.

2. The Bureau noted that moving to a process-based structure in a statistical office can generate efficiency savings, ensure greater coherence between outputs, and provide a more sustainable approach to information technology management. The Bureau also agreed that the Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM) provides a good framework for a process-based organizational structure. The main outcome of the review was that the CES Bureau asked the High-level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics (HLG-MOS) to organize a high-level seminar on the process-oriented approach to statistical production.

3. Responding to the request of the CES Bureau, Statistics Korea and UNECE are jointly organizing a High-level Seminar on the Process-oriented Approach to Statistical Production, which will be held in Seoul, Korea on 19-21 April 2017.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

4. Statistics Korea will host the seminar in Seoul, Republic of Korea, followed by a half-day cultural excursion in Seoul on 21 April 2017.

5. The seminar will be held (tentatively) at The Plaza Hotel. The hotel is located near Seoul city hall (<http://www.hoteltheplaza.com/>).

6. The seminar is targeted to chief statisticians and senior managers of national statistical organisations and international organisations. Attendance is by invitation only to ensure the seminar does not become too large to allow efficient and productive discussions.

7. The language of the seminar will be in English with simultaneous interpretation in Korean.

III. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE SEMINAR

8. The seminar will look at arguments for and against greater process-orientation, focusing on practical experiences, case studies and lessons learned. The results of the survey on the process-oriented approach to statistical production, conducted in the context of the in-depth review, will be used to identify the potentially most interesting experiences to be shared.

9. The seminar will also consider the tools necessary to support the management of a process-based organization. These currently include the Generic Activity Model for Statistical Organisations (GAMSO) and the Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM). The extent to which these and other tools are fit for purpose will be discussed, as well as the need for any other strategic management tools.

10. The seminar will focus on how best to organize a statistical office to ensure efficiency of processes as well as quality of outputs. It will consider the four dimensions of process orientation defined in the in-depth review:

- Organisational structure and culture
- Process identification and documentation
- Information technologies
- Leadership and process ownership

11. The main tangible outcome is expected to be a published collection of good practices and lessons learned. Intangible outcomes will include increased knowledge on which to base future organizational strategies, and increased bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation between organisations facing similar issues.

IV. PARTICIPATION AND ACCREDITATION

12. All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country or international organization.

13. All participants attending the seminar are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Embassy of The Republic of Korea in the country in which the participant resides, with reference to the High-level Seminar on the Process-oriented Approach to Statistical Production. A letter to facilitate obtaining a visa can be requested from the UNECE secretariat.

14. Participants should register online at <http://ow.ly/np3C304kDrT> by **31 January 2017**.

V. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

15. Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. The UNECE secretariat regrets not being able to offer any financial assistance regarding travel and accommodation arrangements.

VI. DOCUMENTATION, METHODS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

16. All papers and presentations will be made available on the website of the UNECE Secretariat at the following location: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=43844#/>

17. Participants are encouraged to download the papers from the website and, where feasible, to use electronic devices to read papers in order to minimise paper use. Documents posted on the website before the workshop will not be distributed in the conference room.

VII. VENUE (tbc)

18. The Plaza Hotel,
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