

ModernStats World Workshop on Sharing and Supporting Standards

Information Notice No. 1

The workshop will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland from 11 to 13 April 2018, starting at 09.30 on 11 April, and ending by 16.00 on 13 April 2018.

I. PURPOSE AND TARGET AUDIENCE OF THE WORKSHOP

1. The High-Level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics (HLG-MOS)¹ oversees and coordinates international work relating to statistical modernisation and promotes standard-based modernisation of official statistics.
2. Under the auspice of the HLG-MOS, several models have been developed to support modernising the production of official statistics. The Generic Activity Model for Statistical Organizations (GAMSO), Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM), Generic Statistical Information Model (GSIM), and Common Statistical Production Architecture (CSPA) are the cornerstones of the standards-based modernisation vision of the HLG-MOS. Collectively these are called the “ModernStats” models.
3. The ModernStats models are used by many organisations across the world. Some organisations use one of the models, some use more than one and others are just beginning to implement the ModernStats models in their organisations.
4. The purpose of the workshop is to create a better understanding of the use and benefits of ModernStats models individually and collectively and the relationships between them. The workshop aims to:
 - Promote the use of ModernStats models;
 - Increase the understanding of the interrelationships between the ModernStats models;
 - Facilitate the sharing of experiences, ideas and plans for modernising statistical production by implementing these models;
 - Identify opportunities for international collaboration activities.
5. The workshop is primarily intended for staff of statistical organisations who are responsible for developing, implementing and promoting standards-based modernisation of producing statistics. It includes those using or thinking about using models for the modernisation of statistical production.

II. AGENDA OF THE WORKSHOP

6. The programme of the workshop will consist of the following themes:

(i) ModernStats World - Where to begin with standards based modernisation?

This theme will provide an overview of ModernStats models (i.e. GAMSO, GSBPM, GSIM and CSPA), implementation tools such as the Modernisation Maturity Models (MMM) and the MMM Roadmap, and other relevant tools such as Quality Indicators for the GSBPM. Contributions under this theme could include the following topics:

- How did the organisation begin to use ModernStats models;
- How were the models explained to senior managers and other staff;

¹ See <http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/hlgbas>

- What convinced the organisation to use the models.

(ii) ModernStats World – Implementing the models

Many organisations start by implementing one model and expand to other models over time. This theme is for organisations to share their experiences in implementing one of the ModernStats models. Contributions under this theme can include the following topics:

- How was the model implemented, what barriers were encountered during the implementation and how were they overcome (e.g. internal resistance, technical problem, lack of specification, etc.);
- How was the importance of the model communicated to different audience or user groups (e.g. senior management, IT, substantive specialists, etc.);
- Experiences using the MMM and the MMM Roadmap;
- What benefits were experienced in using the model (e.g. better communication in your organisation, etc.).

(iii) ModernStats World - How the models fit together

ModernStats models are interrelated and complement each other. Under this theme organisations that have implemented more than one model can share their experience. Contributions include the following topics:

- How can the models be implemented and used together;
- What challenges and opportunities were experienced when implementing the models together;
- How to revise the MMM and the MMM Roadmap to better guide implementation of multiple models.

(iv) ModernStats World – Using a common language to collaborate

Combining forces and sharing expertise to reduce cost and find better solutions are the core of HLG-MOS strategy. This theme aims to share experiences on collaborations that have used ModernStats models (within organisation and/or between organisations). Contributions under this theme can include the following topics:

- Examples of collaboration projects (e.g. joint development of products and services using ModernStats model(s), etc.);
- Advantages of using common models between organisations (better communication/common language between organisations).

7. The workshop can also include small group discussions and other practical hands-on activities where specific problems are addressed. This can include training and/or sprints-style activities. Activities to share plans and stimulate collaborative work are also foreseen.

III. PARTICIPATION AND ACCREDITATION

8. Representatives of all Member States of the United Nations and of interested intergovernmental organisations are welcome to participate in the workshop. Participants representing non-governmental organisations in a consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council may also attend. All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country or international organisation.

9. National statistical organisations and international organisations can make contribution in any format (e.g. giving presentation, conducting training or sprint, running small discussion, etc.) as long as they are in line with the four themes described in Section II. For details about the deadlines, please see Section V below.

10. The presentations are targeted for an audience who has basic knowledge about the ModernStats models. There are learning materials for each model. To make sure that all participants have the minimum understanding

of the ModernStats models, information about the models will be available (see Paragraph 15 below for the link) ahead of the workshop date so that participants can prepare.

11. All workshop participants should register by **16 March, 2018** by completing the on-line registration form at <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=FxPA1g>.

12. Participants attending the workshop are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible to the Swiss Embassy in the country in which the participant resides, with a reference to the UNECE ModernStats World Workshop 2018. A letter to facilitate obtaining a visa can be requested from the UNECE secretariat.

IV. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

13. Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. The UNECE secretariat cannot provide any financial support for travel or accommodation.

V. DOCUMENTATION, METHODS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

14. The working language of the workshop is English. All contribution should, therefore, be submitted in English only. If the contribution is in presentation format, it should normally accompany a paper (2-4 pages or longer depending on the subject). Full guidelines for contribution will be given following the acceptance of abstracts/proposals.

15. If you want to make a contribution to the workshop, following deadlines and requirements apply (submission to UNECE secretariat inkyung.choi@unece.org):

- (i) A short abstract/proposals of the proposed contribution should be submitted by **31 January, 2018**
- (ii) For presentation, written paper (2-4 pages or longer depending on the content) should be submitted by **16 March, 2018**.
- (iii) Presentation slides, videos or training/sprint materials should be submitted by **6 April, 2018**.

16. All documents will be made available on the website of the UNECE secretariat at the following wiki page: <https://statswiki.unece.org/x/JAE3CQ>.

17. Participants are encouraged to download the papers from the website and bring their own copies to the workshop. Documents posted on the website before the workshop will not be distributed in the conference room.

VI. FURTHER INFORMATION

18. For further information, please contact:

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