

Business Case for task team for GSIM Revision (2022)

This business case was prepared by the Supporting Standards Group and is submitted to the HLG-MOS for their approval.

Type of Activity			
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Purpose			
<p>In the past few years, the Supporting Standards Group has focused its efforts to provide an “integrated view” of ModernStats models which had been historically developed in a rather isolated manner and used separately. The efforts aim to make the models more interoperable so that multiple models can be used together more easily. Two task teams under the Supporting Standards Group (namely, Linking GSBPM and GSIM task team and Core Ontology task team) that worked on this integrated view in 2020-2021 have provided valuable inputs and renewed perspectives on how GSIM, as a tool modelling the information needed to describe activities and their flows, could be used in conjunction with GSBPM and GAMSOS more effectively.</p> <p>In mid-2020, the Supporting Standards Group created a GSIM task team for the “soft updates” of the model to clarify ambiguous points and fix minor errors based on the findings of prior activities. However, as the work of the task team progressed, a number of issues were encountered. To adequately redress, require more than “soft updates”, which were originally intended, are required. The issues raised from the two above mentioned task teams, in particular, required the GSIM team to re-assess several key GSIM objects and relationships and modify them to make all ModernStats models work better together.</p> <p>Therefore, the GSIM task team considers that the work needed for GSIM at the moment is beyond the scope of “soft updates”, but rather, a full model revision.</p>			
Description of the activity			
<p>The current GSIM task team has already reviewed 2 out of 5 GSIM Groups. Given that the activity is a revision, rather than “soft update”, the task team plans to carry out activities as below:</p> <p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate a feedback round by collecting user experience and request from statistical organizations; invite new organizations to join the revision task team (to facilitate the onboarding of new members, UNECE Secretariat will organize introduction sessions so that they can be up-to-date on the key discussion topics) Continue review and update the rest of the GSIM groups based on user feedback as well as the results from feedback from previous Supporting Standards Group task teams such as Linking GSBPM-GSIM and GSIM task team (to expediate the work, the GSIM task team will be divided into sub-teams and work on different GSIM Groups in parallel with intermittent plenary meetings to have the overview) <p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share draft new version of GSIM and receive feedback <p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review feedback and update the model (to expediate the work, the GSIM task team will be divided into sub-teams and work on different GSIM Groups in parallel) 			

May (2023)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize the GSIM version 	
Alternatives considered	
The alternative would be non-action or limit the work as “soft updates”. This would mean (i) living with GSIM inconsistencies for the time being and (ii) poor alignment across GSIM, GSBPM and GAMSO.	
How does it relate to the HLG-MOS vision and other activities under the HLG-MOS?	
GSIM is one of four cornerstones for standards-based modernisation vision of the HLG-MOS. GSBPM has gained wide adoption in official statistical community and increasingly many countries are asking the question “What to do next after GSBPM?”. To fully benefit from these standardized processes, the information that flow within the processes also needs to be standardized. Given the technical nature of the model and increasing interest in implementing the model in statistical organizations, user community is strongly needed which will provide community-driven collaborative solution.	
Proposed start and end dates	
Start: January 2022	End: June 2023