

**ModernStats World Workshop 2022**27-29 June 2022, Belgrade, Serbia

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**Information Notice No. 1****I. PURPOSE AND TARGET AUDIENCE OF THE WORKSHOP**

1. The UNECE High-Level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics (HLG-MOS) oversees and coordinates international work relating to statistical modernisation and promotes standards-based modernisation of official statistics.
2. Under the auspices 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. In addition, various architectures and models have been developed to supplement or support the ModernStats models, such as the Common Statistical Data Architecture (CSDA), the Logical Information Model (LIM), and the Modernisation Maturity Models (MMM).
4. The ModernStats World Workshop aims to progress work on development and maintenance of these models, and to provide a platform for the users to exchange experience and lessons learned. In particular, the workshop will aim to:
  - Promote the new developments related to ModernStats models and related works;
  - Increase the understanding of these models and the interrelationships between them;
  - Facilitate the sharing of experiences, ideas, and plans for modernising statistical production by implementing these models;
  - Identify opportunities for international collaboration activities.
5. The target audience of the workshop includes those staff of statistical organisations who are responsible for developing, implementing and promoting standards-based modernisation, as well as those who are using, or thinking about using, these models for the modernisation of statistical production.
6. The workshop will be hosted by Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia in **Belgrade, Serbia from 27 to 29 June 2022.**

**II. AGENDA OF THE WORKSHOP**

7. The models in ModernStats World are constantly evolving, to reflect changes to the environment within which statistical organisations operate. New tools are continuously developed to supplement the models and/or support the implementation of the models.

8. These models are also getting closer to each other over the years. As the models become more widely used, at a more mature level of usage, it becomes important to understand how multiple models can be used together.

9. Reflecting these trends, the workshop will have following main themes:

**(i) ModernStats – Evolution.** This theme will share experiences from users about how ModernStats models have been used for new data sources, methods or technology, present recent developments related to the evolution of these models, and discuss the future direction of the models;

**(ii) ModernStats – Integration.** This theme will share the experiences of users in using multiple models together, present recent developments on this front, and discuss the way forward;

**(iii) ModernStats – Implementation.** This theme will share experiences from users in implementing ModernStats models, challenges and lessons learned, including:

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

10. Based on the abstracts received (see Section V for more details), the programme of the workshop will be determined and communicated closer to the date of the meeting.

11. The workshop will include various interactive elements, such as a hands-on exercise about linking GSBPM and GSIM, small group discussion, and live polling. To stimulate dialogue, learning from each other, and interacting with the members of the ModernStats community, a “Market Place” activity is foreseen, that will be determined based on informal contributions proposed (e.g., poster, A4 printouts, software demonstration, pitch talk), such as:

- A description of an existing or proposed future service;
- Identifying the need for a common service, or an idea for shared project;
- Presentation of how your organisation is dealing with standardisation challenges, or an introduction to a best practice in implementation of the standards discussed in the workshop;
- A question or an idea about how to engage with ModernStats models or to participate in the community.

12. The workshop will also include a presentation for the global overview of the models, providing an introduction to the ModernStats models.

### III. PARTICIPATION AND ACCREDITATION

13. This workshop is planned as an in-person meeting. However, the presentations given during the workshop will be recorded, and these recordings will be made available online (subject to the approval of the presenters).

14. Representatives of Member States of the United Nations and of interested international organisations are welcome to participate in the workshop. All participants must be accredited by the competent authorities of their country or international organisation.

15. 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 themes described in Section II. For details about the deadlines, please see Section V below.

16. All workshop participants should register by **10 June 2022** by completing the indico on-line registration form at: <https://indico.un.org/e/MWW2022>.

17. Please note that if you do not already have a user account on the indico system, then before you can register you will first need to create an account, and then activate it by clicking on the account activation link that is sent to you by email. Once you have a user account, and have logged in, you can submit your registration for this meeting. You will receive a notification confirming this, and then a further notification email when your registration is approved.

18. Your timely registration will ensure that you receive any email broadcasts of information that we may send out to those who have registered.

19. 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 Serbian Embassy in the country in which the participant resides, with a reference to the UNECE ModernStats World Workshop 2022. A letter to facilitate obtaining a visa should be requested by 27 May 2022 from the local contacts in Belgrade (see Section VII). Further information on visa requirements can be found here: <https://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-serbia/visa-regime>.

#### **IV. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION**

20. Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. The UNECE secretariat cannot provide any financial support for travel or accommodation. More details about logistics (transport from the airport, etc.) will be provided in Information Notice No.2. General tourist information is available here: <https://tob.rs/en>

21. Although we anticipate an improved COVID situation by the time of this meeting, participants must ensure they have insurance to cover all associated eventualities, including cancellation of flight and hotels if the public health situation seriously deteriorates. Participants attend at their own risk, and should stay up-to-date with any requirements that may be needed for those who travel to Serbia, including for example any documentation that might be required to demonstrate vaccination against COVID. Further information on COVID-related entry requirements can be found here: <https://mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-serbia/covid-19-entry-requirements>.

#### **V. CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS, METHODS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

22. Those wish to contribute may do so in the form of a presentation, or as a poster, A4 printout, software demonstration, or a short “pitch talk” on the topics mentioned above in section II. If desired, presentations may be accompanied by a short paper (2-4 pages or longer depending on the content), although papers are not mandatory. Please note that the official language of the meeting will be English, and therefore all contributions should be submitted in English only. No translation or interpretation during the meeting will be provided.

23. You are invited to submit the abstract for your contribution via the following online form: <https://forms.gle/U4VbRVR3uQ47Uy9A8>

24. Those whose abstracts are accepted will be contacted by the UNECE Secretariat by mid-March, and will be informed about further instructions how to upload any materials associated with it.

25. The following **deadlines** and requirements apply to those who present at this meeting:

- (i) A short description (abstract) of the proposed contribution (100-200 words) should be submitted online, as described above (see paragraph 22), by **4 March 2022**.
- (ii) Once your abstract is accepted, you can submit a paper to accompany a presentation by **30 May 2022**. Note that providing a paper to accompany a presentation is optional, and you can choose to give a presentation without a paper. The recommended length of the paper is 2-4 pages or longer, depending on the content, and in a pdf format. A link will be sent to the authors where documents can be uploaded.
- (iii) Presentation slides, or any materials for a “Market Place” or a proposed activity should be supplied by **13 June 2022** at the latest, via the upload link that will be sent to them (see paragraph 24). Any equipment required for practical demonstrations must be provided by the participants.

26. Prior to the meeting, abstracts, papers and presentations will be made available online via the following wiki page: <https://statswiki.unece.org/x/sYAqF>. After the meeting, they will be released via the following official webpage: <https://unece.org/info/events/event/362761>.

27. To minimise paper use, participants are encouraged to download these papers and, where feasible, to use electronic devices to read them. These documents will not be distributed in the conference room.

## **VI. FURTHER INFORMATION**

28. A second information notice with practical information will be shared with registered participants, and loaded onto the meeting website in due time before the meeting.

29. For further information, please contact the following organisers:

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### **DEADLINES**

4 March 2022	<b>Submission of abstract</b>
30 May 2022	<b>Submission of paper</b> (optional)
10 June 2022	<b>Registration for the workshop</b>
13 June 2022	<b>Submission of presentation material</b>