Presentation to the HLG

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(Statistical Network Chair)
• The Statistical Network (SN) has a membership of seven countries: Stats Canada, Stats Italy, Stats Sweden, Stats Norway, ONS, ABS and Stats NZ.

• The group was formed in 2010 in response to a paper presented to CSTAT by the Australian Statistician.

• Chief Statisticians from six countries agreed to sponsor a number of Statistical Network projects.

• Projects identified are seen as important opportunities to promote collaboration to achieve mutual benefits across all participating NSI’s.
• The SN Steering Committee teleconferences monthly and has an annual face to face meeting to develop the year’s work programme.

• Quarterly reports are provided to Chief Statisticians.
Statistical Network 2013 Projects

• **Metadata Project** – This project has been completed. Developed GSIM model now being implemented by HLG.

• **Innovation in Dissemination** (NZ led) – providing a standard for automated services and a place for sharing innovative approaches with a strong focus on visualisation tools.

• **Administrative Data** (Italy led) – mapping to GSBPM, developing a framework to assess data quality

• **Business Architecture** (ABS led) – web data capture, plug and play. The project links closely to CSPA.

• **Platforms for Collection** (ABS led) - identifying and prioritising opportunities and activities for collaboration on multi-modal statistical data acquisition.
New Projects for 2014

- **Information Architecture:** Canada to lead. Scope to include developing an Information Domain Model identifying governance domains, with links to capability models from the Business Architecture.

- **Data Linking:** Italy to lead. Scope to include sharing, assessing and reusing methodological tools for record linkage.

- **Business Architecture Phase 2:** ABS to lead. Scope to include a high level SN capability framework critical in the delivery of NSO activities.

- **SNID Phase 2:** NZ to lead. Scope to include adding a stream of confidentiality approaches and tools.

- **Under Development:** Methodological Environmental Scan, R&D Lab Opportunities
• The Network has now been running for three years and has matured and grown over this time.

• Projects teams are collaborating well and a considerable amount of work has been completed to date, with tangible benefits returned to the group as a whole. We have a strong workplan leading into 2014.

• A concerted effort is being made to ensure the SN workplan aligns closely with the work of the HLG.
  - HLG Secretariat is an observer in Steering Committee meetings
  - Many Steering Committee members are also on HLG committees.
SN Benefits

- Access to intellect
- Focused effort
- Shared understanding
- Direct savings – sharing specification documents
- Equal opportunities
- Leverage – NSOs & vendors