

WORKSHOP ON THE MODERNISATION OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

Information Notice No. 1

The 2016 workshop will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. It will take place on 22-23 November 2016, starting at 09.30 on 22 November, and ending by 16.00 on 23 November.

I. PURPOSE AND TARGET AUDIENCE OF THE WORKSHOP

1. The High-Level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics (HLG-MOS) was created by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) in 2010. It developed a vision and strategy for the modernisation of official statistics, both of which were endorsed by the CES. The HLG-MOS would like to invite those people and organisations engaged in statistical modernisation activities to a workshop to discuss progress during 2016, and to determine the key priorities for international collaboration in 2017.

2. The purpose of the workshop is to ensure that activities and initiatives are aligned with the implementation of a common strategy, avoiding duplication and maximising efficiency. The expected outputs are a set of agreed and prioritised implementation actions.

3. The target audience of the workshop includes chief statisticians and representatives of expert groups, projects and initiatives on statistical modernisation. Members of the following groups are invited: The Statistical Modernisation Community, the CES Bureau, the HLG-MOS, the Executive Board, modernisation committees and other groups under the authority of the HLG-MOS, and other groups working in areas related to statistical modernisation.

II. AGENDA OF THE WORKSHOP

Day 1: Overview of the HLG-MOS projects and activities during 2016

4. This session will review progress on the key priorities and activities agreed at the 2015 workshop. The activities of the modernisation committees, the Common Statistical Production Architecture (CSPA) Implementation Group, and the Task Team on Communicating Modernisation will be presented during the morning session. The results of the projects on data integration and implementing Modernstats standards, will be presented during the afternoon session. Participants will discuss the extent to which these projects have met expectations, and delivered useful outputs.

Day 2: Identifying key priorities for the implementation of the strategy during 2017

5. The meeting will consider proposals for international collaboration projects and other activities. Discussions in small groups and in plenary will identify the key priorities on which the HLG should focus its activities during 2017.

Side Events

6. Meetings of the modernisation committees are planned for 21 November, the Executive Board for 23 November, immediately after the workshop, and the HLG-MOS for 24 November. Please note that these meetings are **restricted just to the members of the respective groups**.

III. ORGANISATIONAL ASPECTS

A. Participation and Accreditation

7. To limit numbers and help focus discussions, **participation to the workshop is strictly by invitation only**.

8. All 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 Workshop on the Modernisation of Official Statistics. A letter to facilitate obtaining a visa can be requested from the UNECE secretariat.

9. Participants should register by **30 September** by completing the on-line registration form at <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=Xcnoj>

B. Travel and Accommodation

10. Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. Neither the HLG-MOS nor the UNECE secretariat can provide any financial support for travel or accommodation.

C. Documentation, Methods of Work and Official Languages

11. The **working language of the workshop is English**. All documents will be provided in English only, and will be made available on the website of the UNECE secretariat at the following location: <http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/hlgbas/Workshops>.

12. 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.

IV. FURTHER INFORMATION

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