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4-5 July 2023, Yerevan, Armenia

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Provisional programme

The EFTA/UNECE Workshop on the Generic Law of Official Statistics will take place on 4-5 July 2023 in Yerevan, Armenia in Ani Grand Hotel. All documents are posted on <https://unece.org/statistics/events/GLOSWorkshop2023>

Time (UTC +4)	Topic
Tuesday 4 July 2023	
Opening of the workshop	
09:00 - 09:20	Welcome and opening remarks: Mr. Stepan Mnatsakanyan (President of Armstat); Mr. Marius Andersen (Deputy Head of the EFTA Statistical Office); and Mr. Taeke Gjaltema (Regional Advisor, UNECE Statistical Division)
09:20 - 09:30	Background, purpose and content of the workshop
09:30 - 09:40	Emerging issues and recent developments relevant for statistical legislation (UNECE)
Session 1: Drafting national statistical legislation	
09:40 - 09:45	Introduction
09:45 - 10:05	Presentation of the experience of Georgia followed by Q&A
10:05 - 10:25	Presentation of the experience of Uzbekistan followed by Q&A
10:25 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:05	Presentation of the experience of Kazakhstan followed by Q&A
11:05 - 11:25	Presentation of the experience of Serbia followed by Q&A
11:25 - 11:45	The Norwegian Statistics Act - from review to implementation (Richard Ragnarsøn, International Secretariat, Statistics Norway) followed by Q&A
11:45 - 12:25	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the most important changes introduced recently in your national legislation (compared to the previous acts)? • What was most and least useful from the GLOS and Guidance? • What are the main deviations from the GLOS or Guidance? • What was difficult to introduce in the national circumstances? How to get support for the changes? • What can be blocking the countries from using the GLOS?
12:25 - 12:30	Conclusion
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break
Breakout groups: How can we improve the GLOS and the Guidance based on the experiences so far	
14:00 - 14:05	Introduction and split into groups
14:05 - 15:30	Discussion in the groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to improve the GLOS and the Guidance? • What provisions should be changed, added, deleted?
15:30 - 15:50	Break

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15:50 - 16:35	Report back by the groups
16:35 - 17:20	Discussion
17:20 - 17:30	Conclusion of session 1
Social dinner	
Wednesday, 5 July 2023	
Session 2: Implementing and enforcing statistical legislation	
09:00 - 09:10	Introduction
09:10 - 09:30	Presentation of the experience of Armenia followed by Q&A
09:30 - 09:50	Presentation of the experience of Republic of Moldova followed by Q&A
09:50 - 10:10	Presentation of the experience of Kyrgyzstan followed by Q&A
10:10 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 10:50	The Norwegian Statistics Act - a framework for the national statistical system (Richard Ragnarsøn, International Secretariat, Statistics Norway) followed by Q&A
10:50 - 11:20	Unveiling an Updated Model Law - A Revised GLOS Shaped by Practical Experience and the Global Context (Gabriel Gamez, Inter-regional Adviser, United Nations Statistics Division)
11:20 - 12:15	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What have been the successful approaches and good practices in implementing the new legislation? E.g. in advocacy, engaging with stakeholders etc. • What has been the engagement of other data providers and stakeholders, and do they comply? • What were the most important successes that were enabled by the new law? • What has been most difficult to implement? • What else is needed to support the implementation?
12:15 - 12:30	Introduction to the breakout groups after lunch
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break
Breakout groups: Making GLOS and the Guidance futureproof	
	<p>Discussion in the groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any outstanding issues from group discussion in session 1 • What information should we collect from countries who used GLOS to revise their legislation for the review process? • What new developments should we anticipate revising the GLOS? How suitable are the current documents in the context of expected developments? • What advice could be given to the countries using the GLOS in the future?
15:30 - 15:50	Break
15:50 - 16:35	Report back by groups
16:35 - 17:05	Discussion
17:05 - 17:15	Conclusion of session 2
Closing	
17:15 - 17:30	Closing remarks by Mr. Stepan Mnatsakanyan (President of Armstat); Mr. Marius Andersen (Deputy Head of the EFTA Statistical Office); and Mr. Taeke Gjaltema (Regional Advisor, UNECE Statistical Division)

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