Instruction Notes for the Small Group Discussion on Project Proposals

(15:00 CET on 22nd November)

Objective

The annual HLG-MOS work programme typically includes 2-3 projects on emerging technology and ideas. This small group discussion aims to collect feedback from the workshop participants about the **HLG-MOS project proposals for 2024 (i.e., open source, generative AI)** to align them better with needs of a broad statistics community. Innovation is often driven by technology, but challenges around its adoption are often about culture, communication, training, and more. The Workshop brings together experts from different organisations working on various modernisation areas, and this small group discussion provides a valuable opportunity to hear diverse perspectives to strengthen the projects.

Procedure

The discussion session is divided into two segments (30-minute discussion for open source, 20-minute break and 30-minute discussion for generative AI). After the discussion session, there will be a plenary discussion where each group reports back. Here is a proposed structure for each 30-minute segment:

1) 5 min: to choose rapporteur and reflect on the project proposal.
2) 20 min: to discuss*. Here are some starting questions:
   - Any ideas or perspectives you want to add to the proposal?
   - Anything you think is less important?
   - Any activity in the proposal you want to participate in?
   - Any concrete services you think would be useful to be developed together?
   - Any activity that should be coordinated with (or worked under) HLG-MOS Modernisation Groups or other international initiatives?
3) 5 min: to check if there is any last-minute addition and wrap up the discussion.

* Friendly reminder for the discussion on the open-source project proposal

- Please make sure which "open source" you mean during the discussion. Depending on person, "open-source" could mean different things, for example, using existing open-software (which could again mean different things such as statistical software, database, version control system) or developing a solution as an open-source community.
- Some existing works on open-source includes Awesomelist for official statistics open-source software, EssNet Open Source for Official Statistics – principles, bottlenecks and best practices, annual conference on the Use of R in Official Statistics