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Extrabudgetary project
Modernizing Statistical Production (Phase 4)
(for approval)

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Modernizing Statistical Production (Phase 4)		
Expected timing/ duration: January 2024 – December 2026		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to strengthen the capacities of statistical organisations to modernise their statistical production. The modernisation and innovation have become critically important as the pace of change in the data environment accelerating every year. The need to monitor and respond to increasingly complex issues that current society face has led to an increase in the demand for timelier and disaggregated official statistics, as well as new data products. As many statistical organisations adopt new data sources such as administrative data and various forms of big data to meet evolving user needs, this subsequently gives rise to additional challenges pertaining to analysis methods, data access, data integration, ethical use and privacy protection. At the same time, the growing competition with other data providers requires statistical organizations to improve communication of statistical products while advocating the value of official statistics and promoting their brand as a trusted data provider. The project aims to pool together resources and jointly develop models, tools, and frameworks that are needed to address these challenges for the modernisation of official statistics. This project supports the work programme of the High-Level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistic (HLG-MOS), which brings together experts from statistical organisations willing and able to jointly allocate resources for developing products aimed at modernising their statistical production. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Organise the 2-3 annual HLG-MOS projects (6-9 in total); A1.2. Organize sprints, workshops or expert meetings in support of HLG-MOS Projects and HLG-MOS Modernisation Groups each year to advance the overall project deliverables (12-18 in total); A1.3. Represent and present the project at relevant expert and coordination meetings such as UN, Eurostat/ESSNet and OECD meetings related to the modernisation of statistics (9-15 in total).		
Link to the SDG targets: All SDGs and in particular SDGs 17.18, 17.19		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Increased capacity of statistical organisations to modernise the production of statistics and data services, and address the emerging issues identified by the High-Level Group for the Modernization of Official Statistic (HLG-MOS).		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Beneficiary countries: member countries of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES). Target groups: technical experts from national statistics offices and other producers of official statistics from the national statistical system.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project directly contributes to the objectives of the Subprogramme 3 “Statistics” “to advance official statistics at the national and international levels for evidence-based policymaking and assessing progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and to ensure the coordination of statistical activities in the ECE region under the Conference of European Statisticians” of the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2024.		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 2 months/ P4; 2 months/G6		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donor	Amount (US\$)	
Canada, Mexico, Ireland, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, New Zealand	470,000 (including transfer of balance from E331)	
Project Manager: InKyung Choi 06.11.2023	Section/Division: Statistical Management and Modernisation Unit/Statistics Division	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron 06.11.2023	Approved by EXCOM¹	04.12.2023

¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex
Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Increased capacity of statistical organisations to modernise the production of statistics and data services, and address the emerging issues identified by the HLG-MOS	A1.1. Organise the 2-3 annual HLG-MOS Projects (6-9 in total)	289,470
	2 international consultants as project managers per year to lead annual HLG-MOS Projects x \$43,245 x 3 years	259,470
	Contractual services (license, online training platform etc) per year x \$10,000 x 3 years	30,000
	A1.2. Organise sprints, workshops or expert meetings in support of HLG-MOS Projects and HLG-MOS Modernisation Groups each year to advance the overall project deliverables (12-18 in total)	100,266
	3 missions of staff for the HLG-MOS Work Programme (sprint) per year x \$2,660 x 3 years	23,940
	5 missions of experts for the HLG-MOS Work Programme (sprint) per year x \$2,660 x 3 years	39,900
	2 missions of staff for the HLG-MOS Work Programme per year x \$2,535 x 3 years	15,210
	2 missions of experts for the HLG-MOS Work Programme per year x \$2,536 x 3 years	15,216
	2 Meeting Webex costs per year x \$1,000 x 3 years	6,000
	A1.3. Represent and present the project at relevant expert and coordination meetings such as UN, Eurostat/ESSNet and OECD meetings related to the modernisation of statistics (9-15 in total).	18,960
2 missions of staff for the representation of the HLG-MOS Work per year x \$3,160 x 3 years	18,960	
Budget summary		408,696
Project evaluation		8,174
13% of Programme Support Costs		53,130
Total (rounded)		470,000