High-level group for strategic developments in business architecture in statistics (HLG-BAS)

Workshop on Strategic Developments in Business Architecture in Statistics

Information Notice No. 1

The UNECE will host the workshop in Room XI at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 31 October to 1 November 2011. The workshop will start at 14.00 on 31 October and finish by 17.00 on 1 November.

I. PURPOSE AND TARGET AUDIENCE OF THE WORKSHOP

1. The Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians created the High-Level Group for Strategic Directions in Business Architecture in Statistics (HLG-BAS) in 2010. The HLG-BAS is developing a vision paper for the future architecture of official statistics production. It has identified a number of expert groups whose work is related to this vision, and would like to invite two representatives of each of these groups to a workshop to discuss the development of a concrete strategy to implement this vision.

2. The purpose of the workshop is therefore to ensure all of the groups represented align their work towards the achievement of a common strategy. The expected outputs are an agreed strategy and concrete proposals for steps to implement it.

3. The target audience of the workshop is representatives of the expert groups identified in the HLG-BAS inventory of groups at http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/x/c4N8Aw. This will normally include the chair of that group and one other representative. Participants will be asked to complete a questionnaire prior to the workshop, giving a summary of the current and future priorities for their group.

II. AGENDA OF THE WORKSHOP

4. The programme of the workshop will consist of the following substantive topics:
   - Overview of the HLG-BAS vision
   - From vision to strategy, and mechanisms to implement it
   - Concrete actions to implement the vision
   - Summary and way forward

5. Detailed explanatory notes on the nature and expected outcomes of these topics are provided in Section VI of this Information Notice.
III. PARTICIPATION AND ACCREDITATION

6. Participation at this workshop is by invitation only. Each group identified in the inventory referred to in paragraph 3 is invited to send up to two representatives.

7. 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 Strategic Developments in Business Architecture in Statistics. A letter to facilitate obtaining a visa can be requested from the UNECE secretariat.

8. Invitees should inform the UNECE secretariat before 16 September if they intend to participate at the workshop or nominate another representative of their group.

9. Participants should complete the registration form, which can be found on the last page, and return it to the UNECE secretariat by 16 September 2011.

IV. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

10. Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. Information about the venue and a list of recommended hotels can be found at http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm.

11. The organizers regret not being able to assist participants in their travel arrangements (air tickets, trains, local transportation, etc.). Neither the HLG-BAS nor the UNECE secretariat can provide any financial support or take any responsibility for financial arrangements with respect to travel or accommodation.

V. DOCUMENTATION, METHODS OF WORK AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

12. 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://live.unece.org/stats/documents/2011.10.hlgbas.html.

13. 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.
VI. EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE AGENDA

(i) Overview of the HLG-BAS vision
Session Organizer: Gosse van der Veen, Director General of Statistics Netherlands, and Chairman of the HLG-BAS

14. This session will set the scene and provide the background for the workshop. The reasons for the creation of the HLG-BAS and the development of the vision paper will be discussed. The nature and content of the vision will be explained in detail. Links to key related initiatives such as the European Statistical System Vision on the Production Method of EU Statistics, and the Sponsorship on Standardisation, will be explained.

(ii) From vision to strategy, and the mechanisms to implement it
Session Organizer: Brian Pink, Australian Statistician

15. The HLG-BAS will present initial proposals on how to turn the vision into a strategy with clear outputs and goals. Participants are requested to comment on the proposed strategy. This session will also consider structures and mechanisms to implement this strategy, drawing on experiences of existing activities to find ways to facilitate international collaboration.

(iii) Concrete actions for different groups to implement the vision
Session Organizer: Eurostat

16. Participants will be divided into smaller groups by area of work, and asked to prepare proposals on how the work of their groups can contribute to the HLG-BAS vision and strategy. These groups will be facilitated by HLG-BAS members, and will be asked to identify potential gaps and overlaps in their work, and make proposals to fill the gaps and reduce the overlaps. The results of the group discussions will be presented and discussed in plenary session.

(iv) Summary and way forward
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17. The outcomes of the workshop will be summarised and a list of priority actions, deadlines and responsibilities will be agreed. This will form the basis for a paper and presentation for the 2012 session of the Conference of European Statisticians.

VII. FURTHER INFORMATION

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**Workshop on Strategic Developments in Business Architecture in Statistics, Geneva, 31 October – 1 November 2011**

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