The Modernisation Group on Developing Organisational Resilience

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• We are part of the High-Level Group for the Modernization of Official Statistics (HLG-MOS) or ModernStats.

• We advance the work of the Modernization Group on Capabilities and Communication.

• Our main focus is on the following activities:
  ✓ Organisational resilience
  ✓ Risk Management
  ✓ Building Training Frameworks
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Organisational Resilience - Overview

According to the British Standards Institution (BSI) and Cranfield University, Organisational Resilience is the “ability of an organisation to anticipate, prepare for, respond and adapt to incremental change and sudden disruptions in order to survive and prosper”.

In an increasingly dynamic, global and interconnected world it is not sufficient for organisations in either the public or private sectors to remain static and stable year-on-year, organisations must change if they are to thrive.

The work of the HLG-MOS has found that Statistical organisations across the world face many similar challenges but have varying levels of maturity in their approaches to addressing such challenges.

The Organisational Resilience Group explored some specific challenges in order to support organisations to develop their understanding and take action.
Organisational Resilience – Green Paper

• The Modernisation Group developed a Green Paper on Organisational Resilience which was discussed by the High Level Group.

• This paper explored:
  ✓ The concept of organisational resilience and what it means for NSIs,
  ✓ The importance of being both robust and adaptive, and to balance these two potentially competing factors,
  ✓ The development of strategies for the future across NSIs in order to encourage transformation and innovation – supporting change and adaptability in the face of external challenges.
Organisational Resilience – Strategies, Visions and Target Operating Models

• As a result of the Green Paper, NSIs were invited to provide case studies of their work around strategy, visions/missions, and target operating model (TOM) design.

• These examples were drawn together into a paper which:
  ✓ Presents examples of vision and mission statements, and highlights commonality – for example varying focus on data, analysis, decision making, and core values
  ✓ Highlights examples of how NSIs translate these visions into reality through the use of strategic frameworks and target operating model design – with practical examples
Task Team on Risk Management - Overview

Statistical organisations across the world are facing similar challenges and are working together to build capability and to modernise in the face of significant opportunities and threats.

One area of recent collaboration is in the management of risk, the standards and frameworks for effective risk management and the substance of the risks we face.
The Risk Management Task Team’s aim for 2018 was to deliver a continued focus on practical application and capability building in order to release the value of the UNECE Risk Management Guidelines. On this basis specific achievements were:

- **Delivery of modular risk management training:** Risk Management training material was developed and published in four modules. This material can be used by NSIs as a basis for learning risk management, from basic to practitioner level. It also serves as a summary of the UNECE Guidelines on Risk Management.

- **Paper on Risk Appetite:** The Task Team developed a paper outlining the importance of Risk Appetite and approaches for developing, and using, risk appetite statements as part of the risk management approach.

- **Publication of material via a public wiki site:** An external knowledgebase was developed which holds the training material and risk appetite paper as well as the UNECE guidelines, an overview of the common and cross-cutting risks facing NSIs, and short video presentations making the case for risk management. This is available for everyone to use as required.
Task Team on Risk Management - Next Steps

- The Risk Management Task Team has run for a number of years. This collaboration has been useful and has delivered products which are of value to NSIs.

- The Task Team has reached a conclusion with the publication of materials and can therefore close its formal work-programme.

- One outstanding role may be in support of countries looking to use the material or introduce/mature a risk management approach. Requests for specific support may be passed to former members of the Task Team on an ad hoc basis.
Statistical Training Framework

• The Statistical Training Framework was designed in house by Learning and Development in conjunction with an internal working group of experts, Methodology and also input from UNHLG-MOS Group.

• The framework has been designed to support the end user either an individual or manager in identifying their statistical skills level based on three levels, Basic, Intermediate and Advanced.

• The framework contains 13 high level headings which have been aligned with the GSBPM model. These headings have been selected as they represent key skills set for working in any National Statistical Institution.
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The Statistical Training Framework can be used for a number of purposes

• Align training across all statistical processes with GSBPM
• Identify gaps in statistical levels in organisations but also across the wider NSI
• Allow the Management Board to identify
  • Where training is taking place
  • Where over training is happening
  • Where undertraining is happening
• Aid NSIs to develop clear learning paths for staff through effective delivery of statistical training interventions
• Provide staff with greater understanding of the range of statistical skills, knowledge and expertise linked to GSBPM
Training framework

• Our next goal for 2018 was to create the Capability Development Framework in line with GAMSO

• This will extend to the current framework and include the skills that need to evolve within organisations that are modernising, such as how to innovate, solve problems, and interact with partners/stakeholders. Often these skills are referred to as “soft” skills.

• We have planned the following activities:
  • Identify the skills/capability requirements using GAMSO as a framework.
  • Design descriptions of these skills at the basic, intermediate and advanced levels. This will provide common vocabulary and framework to support international collaboration activities
  • Review how this Framework could be used to measure costs of producing official statistics that could be compared across NSIs.

BUT ...
Training framework

... we have realised that the GAMSO model is difficult to use in aligning soft skills.

Thus, during session 3, we will hold a work group with participants to help us to prepare a training framework for soft skills within NSIs.
Summary

- The best way to summarise our activity is to show you our achievements:
  - guidelines for managers,
  - guidelines for risk management,
  - training materials for risk management,
  - competence profile for data scientist,
  - Statistical Training Framework (using GSBPM)
  - ...
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If you find our activities and achievements interesting
If your competences are in line with our tasks and goals
  If you are ready for new challenges
    If you are ready to work
      for international modernisation community

Please join us!
We are waiting for you!
Thank you for your attention!