

What can my organization do?



We invite you to review your plans for redeveloping and modernizing your business, and to consider how you might benefit from and participate in this global initiative.

Activities that may help you to make this assessment:

- Have discussions, both at management and operational levels, on what the drivers and options for modernising statistical production are for your organization. These discussions should take into account both international directions and local circumstances.
- Ask business planning, strategy and architecture experts could review the HLG Implementation Strategy to assess the synergies with your organization's business strategies and directions.
- Review initial HLG project outputs such as the Generic Statistical Information Model to assess in more detail the relevance to your organization.

For more information on modernizing statistical production and services:

<http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/hlgbas>



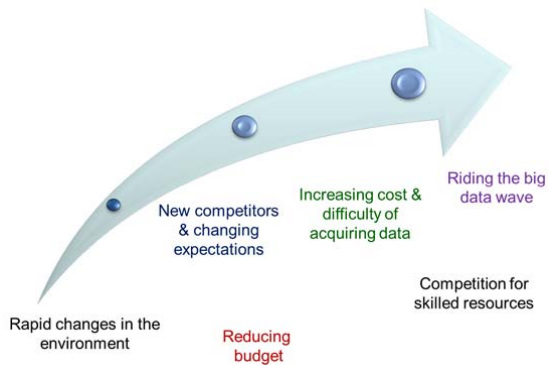
Modernizing Statistical Production and Services

*Working together to remain relevant in a
changing world*

The Challenges and Opportunities

There are a number of common challenges and opportunities facing producers of official statistics in today's changing world.

The challenge is particularly profound because information is our core business.



We have to act

Failing to address the challenges and opportunities will reduce our relevance, as producers of official statistics, to the world of the future - where data are available in abundance from many sources, sometimes on a close to "real time" basis. This is already starting to happen.

We have to re-invent our products and processes and adapt to a changed world. The challenges are too big for statistical organisations to tackle on their own.



What can the statistical industry do?

When we choose to work together to address these shared and profound challenges and opportunities, we have the important advantage that - at least in most cases and most senses - we do not compete against each other for business.

The High Level Group (HLG) for the Modernization of Statistical Products and Services consisting of 10 heads of national and international statistical organizations was created in 2010.

The HLG Vision identifies this strategic direction

"Developing and implementing new and better production processes and methods which are capable of delivering statistical outputs with reduced cost and greater flexibility."

We can eliminate unnecessary diversity in statistical business processes and to manage more strategically the necessary diversity. Reuse and sharing should be encouraged across different lines of business within one agency and/or between agencies.

The HLG sponsors a small number of projects each year to achieve this vision.

We need to collaborate

We need to **think globally** and collaborate accordingly.

We should maximise the ability of agencies around the world to work together in practice when addressing the challenges.

Progress occurs, and benefits are realised when individual statistical organizations make the decision to **act locally**.

This is achieved by engaging with the initiative and its outputs in the context of their own operating environment and strategic planning.

This initiative also reflects the reality that organizations will continue to have business priorities and constraints which are specific to their own institutional and national contexts.

