Benefits of Modernizing Statistical Production and Services

- Reducing time, cost and risk related barriers to innovation in statistical organizations, harnessing new data sources and meeting demands for new products in a sustainable way.

- Realising increased value from existing statistical assets through new uses - being able to more readily reuse and connect statistical data and metadata to deliver additional products and services.

- Greater automation of statistical production processes. Reducing production costs and redirecting resources to innovation activities.

- Improved communication about data and metadata, business processes, methodology and technological solutions leads to more efficient staff training, greater staff mobility and reduced risks of miscommunication.

For more information on:

- Standards-based modernization
- The work of the High-Level Group
- GSBPM
- GSIM
- CSPA

See:

www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/hlgbas

Standards-based Modernization

Working together to remain relevant in a changing world

The High-Level Group for the Modernization of Statistical Production and Services
The Common Statistical Production Architecture (CSPA)

Many statistical organizations face the challenges of rigid processes and methods, and inflexible, ageing technology environments. Process and methodology changes are time consuming and expensive resulting in an inflexible, unresponsive organization.

Statistical organizations have often tried to share processes, methods and solutions. However, in most cases this has required significant work as these tools were not designed in a way that facilitates sharing.

CSPA addresses these issues. It builds on existing standards such as the GSBPM and the GSIM to create an agreed set of common principles and standards designed to promote greater interoperability within and between statistical organizations. It provides the “industry architecture” for official statistics.

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