Results evaluation Data Collection Workshop: Riding the Wave of the Data Deluge

The Workshop on Statistical Data Collection (29 April – 1 May) was held back-to-back with the Workshop on Communication of Statistics (27-29 April), with one overlapping day. On the overlapping day, there were about 100 participants, 50 of which continued until Friday 1 May. In total, 32 persons filled the evaluation form for the Statistical Data Collection Workshop (64% response rate).

Overall, the evaluation was positive. Although there were some comments on the Content and Organizations, 94 and 97 per cent evaluated it as either “Very Good” or “Good”.

1 How do you evaluate the workshop in general?

![Evaluation chart](chart1.png)

There were in total 20 minutes allocated for each presentation and the question and answers. Additionally, each session had 30 to 40 minutes discussions in small groups (8-12 persons). The far majority marked that there was a good balance between the discussion and presentations. Three persons wanted more time for the presentations, more or less balanced by four persons who wanted more time for discussion.

There was an overall agreement among the participants that the topics discussed in each of the session, was useful for their future work. The share of those who responded ‘partly useful’ was with about a third, highest for Session 4: “Collaborating for the Modernisation of Statistical Data”.

2 Do you consider the topics discussed useful for your future work?

![Usefulness chart](chart2.png)
The small discussion groups, as well as in the Round Table discussion at the end of the workshop, concentrated on lessons learned and suggestions for future work at the international level. Nearly everybody (94%) was satisfied with the suggestions for future work that came out of this. Over 90 per cent indicated that the duration of the workshop was “About right”.

Some made suggestions for improvements and others gave positive comments on elements of the workshop. Having a joint workshop with Communication of Statistics was found valuable, although it was also commented that the combination was a bit long. One commented that the venue at BLS was very nice. Another participant found the American experience useful, however, added mentioned that the location made it difficult for some countries to attend. Regarding the duration, one respondent commented that 2 days would have been sufficient and another found the second day with only one break for discussion a bit long. The voting round at the end of the workshop was considered a very good idea. The variety of speakers was also valued. Further comments: “Structured workgroup discussion would help to learn more of each other (address topics and share)”, “The way forward is a good way to have more focus in presentations: topics could also originate from questions of which a specific NSO has a lot of experiences.”, “Very informative sessions - taking a lot back with me to benefit my work + also the work of my colleagues” and “Give a bit more time to the presenters. It would allow to get a bit more details and precision about projects/initiatives (20 min. For presentation and 5 min for discussion)”. 