

## HLG-MOS SPRINT SESSION

### Innovative organizations: Strategies to stay relevant

21 November 2017, Geneva, Switzerland, Room VIII

**Chair: Pádraig Dalton**

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09:00	<b>Welcome and introduction to the sprint</b> - Pádraig Dalton
	<b>Session 1: What do we want to innovate? (Innovative products and communications)</b> <b>Chair: Emanuele Baldacci, Eurostat</b>
	National Statistical Offices (NSOs) need to innovate to both prepare for change and to make change. The session will look at the most pressing challenges for NSOs at the moment and discuss what kind of innovations could help mitigate them.
09:15	<b>Presentations (2x10 minutes) Mexico and the United Kingdom</b>
09:35	<b>Group discussions</b>
10:10	<b>Reflection at plenary</b>
10:40	<b>Coffee break</b>
	<b>Session 2: How do we innovate? (Innovative partnerships)</b> <b>Chair: Giorgio Alleva, ISTAT (TBC)</b>
	Innovation requires an environment where people with different interests and backgrounds can come together and share their ideas. This session will look at how NSOs can stimulate innovation through partnerships, identify potential partners, and develop and nurture those connections.
11:00	<b>Presentations (2x10 minutes) the Netherlands and New Zealand</b>
11:20	<b>Group discussions</b>
12:00	<b>Reflection at plenary</b>
12:30	<b>Lunch break</b>
	<b>Session 3: The role of the Chief Statistician (Innovative leadership)</b> <b>Chair: Genovefa Ružić, Slovenia</b>
	Developing an environment open to innovation includes everything from recruiting the right people and building diverse teams to promoting a culture that cultivates creativity and isn't afraid of failure. This session will focus on how innovation can be encouraged within NSOs and what role the chief statistician plays in creating an innovative organization.
13:30	<b>Presentations (2x10 minutes) Poland and Finland</b>
13:50	<b>Group discussions</b>
14:30	<b>Reflection at plenary</b>
15:10	<b>Coffee break</b>
	<b>Session 4: Conclusions and Future work</b> <b>Chair: Pádraig Dalton, Ireland</b>
	This session will focus on creating an action plan and discussing how international co-operation can help organizations become more innovative.
15:30	<b>Soapbox presentations</b>
16:00	<b>Group discussions</b>
16:40	<b>Reflection at plenary</b>
17:30	<b>Sprint close</b>