**UNECE High-level Group for the  
Modernisation of Official Statistics**

**Business case for an Integrated view of modernisation models project**

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| This business case was prepared by Supporting Standards Group and is submitted to the HLG-MOS for their approval. |

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| **1 Purpose** | | | |
| At present, a number of models for the modernisation of official statistics have been developed (namely GSBPM, GSIM, GAMSO and CSPA) and are currently maintained with the endorsement of the HLG-MOS. In 2016, a [Modernisation Maturity Model and the Roadmap for Implementing Modernstats Standards](https://statswiki.unece.org/display/RMIMS/Modernisation+Maturity+Model+and+the+Roadmap+for+Implementing+Modernstats+Standards) were released. The level of knowledge and implementation of the models varies in different countries. Some of them, like GSBPM, are well known and widely implemented. Others, like GAMSO, are relatively new. Many countries have requested more communications material on the models. Even countries who are using the models need help to explain them to their colleagues and senior management.The Modernisation Maturity Models help countries to implement GAMSO, GSBPM, GSIM and CSPA on an individual basis. They do not explain how the models relate to each other and how to implement them in conjunction with each other.In recent years, supporting materials such as the Quality Indicators for the GSBPM have been created. However, these are not well known. There is a need to raise awareness on how countries can better benefit from all the work currently available for the modernization of official statistics.  The purpose of this project is to provide countries with:   * Better communication on what is available, purposes and uses * Better understanding of the relationships among the different frameworks and models for a more effective implementation of them * Better documentation and guidance for the coordinated implementation of the various standards | | | |
| **2 Description of the activity** | | | |
| The project should include work on the following activities:  **Activity 1: Relationships between GAMSO, GSBPM, GSIM and CSPA**  An analysis of needs and countries experiences in implementing the models will be undertaken to understand the ‘real’ relationships between them. This should investigate countries who have implemented more than one of the models. Preliminary findings from this analysis will be presented at the ModernStats World Workshop in April 2018. This workshop will provide further input.  **Activity 2: Communication materials**  Following the completion of Activity 1, a report and other communication materials will be developed to explain how the standards relate to each other. The materials will target different audiences (depending on knowledge level). The integrated view of the models will increase usefulness of each model (e.g. GSIM, CSPA, GAMSO and GSBPM) as it will help in better understanding why and how the implementation them, in which sequence and which benefits could be expected.  **Activity 3: Update Modernisation Maturity Model and the Roadmap**  The Modernisation Maturity Model and the Roadmap will also be updated to better reflect the interdependences among the various models. | | | |
| **3 Alternatives considered** | | | |
| The alternative is to set up a virtual task team under the Supporting Standards Modernisation Group. With fewer resources, the team would try to achieve the same outcomes. However, there would be less communication materials produced and the team would need a longer timeframe. | | | |
| **4 Expected Benefits** | | | |
|  | | | Reduced costs |
|  | | | Increased efficiency |
|  | | | Reduced risks |
|  | | | New capabilities to meet user needs |
| Justification: This work would help countries getting the best out of the implementation of models, avoiding the risk of discouraging people to implement the models because of lack of understanding of the whole picture. | | | |
| **5 Type of Activity** | | | |
|  | | New activity | |
|  | | Extension of existing activity | |
|  | | Other *(specify below)* | |
| This activity is new even though it can contribute to an enhancement of the Modernisation Maturity Model and the Roadmap | | | |
| **6 Which key priorities in the HLG-MOS Strategic Framework does the proposed project relate to?** | | | |
|  | Take cost out of our organisations to reinvest in more value added areas | | |
|  | Explore new areas collectively and leverage each other’s' research investments in specific areas | | |
|  | Provide whole of government data ecosystems based on international standards, for better estimates in key policy areas | | |
|  | Renew our governance and operating processes | | |
| Justification: This work aims at facilitating the implementation of the standards-based modernisation vision of the HLG-MOS. It responds to users’ needs for support in better understanding how the modernisation models relate to each other. | | | |
| **7 How does the proposed activity relate to other activities under the HLG-MOS?** | | | |
| The project is related to the GSBPM and GSIM reviews, as well as the release of the new version of CSPA in 2018.  The project will also indirectly support efficiency-related activities under the HLG-MOS as increasing number of organisations are using the standards as a basis for the modernisation of official statistics. | | | |
| **8 Proposed start and end dates** | | | |
| **Start:** January 2018  **End:** December 2018 | | | |
| **9 Expected costs** | | | |
| A project team composed by people from the Supporting Standards and the Sharing Tools Groups.  A project manager for 3 person months.  Travel for a sprint of 10 -15 participants in the margins of the ModernStats World Workshop in April 2018. | | | |