The 2018 Statistical Data Collection Workshop 'Resourceful Data Acquisition' took place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva from 10 to 12 October 2018.

The objective of this workshop was to identify innovative ways and best practices in statistical data collection, and to provide a platform for practitioners to exchange experiences and foster collaboration in this area. In addition to the more traditional presentations, the agenda of the workshop included target-driven small group discussions to identify best practices and new opportunities. The target audience for the workshop includes senior and middle-level managers responsible for data collection activities and new data sources, across all statistical domains from Statistical Offices and other agencies from national and international statistical systems.

The programme of the workshop consisted of the following substantive topics:

- Innovating survey design;
- Optimize the use of existing sources;
- Modernise data collection infrastructures;
- Capabilities and management; and
- Partnerships in data acquisition and collective projects.

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The key items identified for future work:

- Integration of Data sources / integration by design
- Increase use of alternative or new data sources (such as Big Data, satellite and sensor data)
- Experiences with communication with respondents and data providers
- Mobile first approach and tools
- Build good collaboration with 'owners' of administrative data sources
- Create data collection handbook or wiki site
- Modernisation of data collection processes: standards based/metadata driven (Eliminating stove pipe and silo infrastructures)
- Use of modern technology/Technological innovation
- Measure the efficiency of surveys and procedures/interventions to increase response
- Study and compare behaviour of enterprises in responsiveness.

Key Links:
- Meeting Report
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