2020 Workshop on the Dissemination and Communication of Statistics

2020 Covid-19 response in Statistical Data Dissemination and Communication

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and staff shortage at UNECE, the face-to-face workshop in Lisbon, Portugal, was cancelled. It is replaced by a virtual conference on the HRMT and Communication response to the Covid-19 pandemic in the week of 7-11 September.

The aim of the virtual meeting is to share examples of the COVID-19 response on Communication within the office and with stakeholders and users of our Statistical products during the crisis and in the area of Human Resources Management and Training.

The following topics will be addressed during the virtual meeting:

**Communication**
- Communicating the impact of the crisis on existing products.
- Communicating about new products developed in response to the crisis, including providing services that are not traditionally delivered by National Statistical Offices.
- Communication with data providers and respondents.

**Overlapping topics**
- Internal communication in times of Covid-19 with respect to working remotely, safeguarding the health of staff, and measures to ensure their well-being during this period.
- Remote recruitment, induction/onboarding and training and how to engage new staff during the confinement and in the ‘new’ normal and more permanent changes to our organisations in these activities.

**Human Resources Management and Training**
- How we quickly reacted to COVID-19 in terms of shifting our statistical works.
- How we change from traditional fixed office working hours to remote working and flexible hours.
- Remote training strategies and technical solutions.
- Managing staff performance and balancing work-life in times of the crisis.
- How to find work balance with private life during the confinements.
- Impact and new arrangements in the ‘new’ normal way of working and accommodate and manage a wider variety of working arrangements and expectations.

We welcome the submission of contributions and examples of lessons learned and innovative solutions to our work during the peak of the crisis and confinement period. But we are also interested in sharing how we expect to manage when getting back to (new) normal and what we see as long-term or permanent impacts induced or accelerated by the pandemic on the way we work and communicate in our offices. We not only encourage sharing successes but also what we learned from failures.

The programme will include virtual discussion in smaller groups to share personal and office specific experiences among colleagues.

Please submit a short description of your proposed contributions (presentations and/or papers) to the secretariat of the meeting as soon as possible and by Monday 3 August at the latest. Information about the selection of contributions for the meeting, and a reminder of deadlines will be sent to authors by email.

The detailed timetable of the virtual meetings and other relevant documents, will be circulated in August 2020 and made available on the following website: https://statswiki.unece.org/x/1YE8E

All meetings will be held in English only. Participants will have the opportunity to submit questions for the presentations prior to the meeting.

Participants should register by 15 August 2020 by completing the registration available here: https://bit.ly/3I5lm1

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