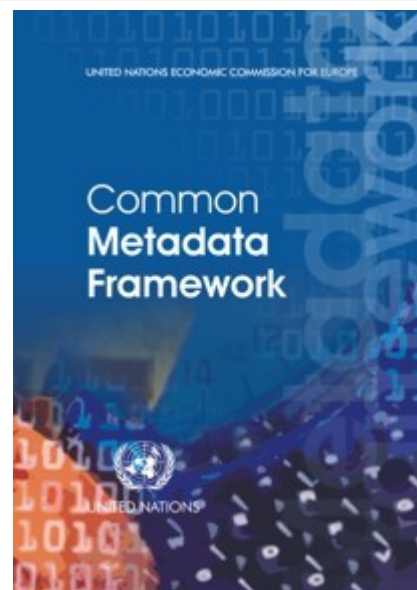


The Common Metadata Framework

The **Common Metadata Framework** is published online, and is divided into four parts, each of which concentrates on different practical and theoretical aspects of statistical metadata systems, and provides vital knowledge for anyone working with statistical metadata:

- **Part A - Statistical Metadata in a Corporate Context**
Describes the issues surrounding management and governance of statistical metadata system projects.
- **Part B - Metadata Concepts, Standards, Models and Registries**
Clarifies the importance of well-defined, standard terminology. Provides information about relevant concepts, international standards and models.
- **Part C - Metadata and the Statistical Business Process**
Information, best practices and other material, to assist metadata developers in statistical organizations to design and develop a statistical information system that is relevant to business requirements.
- **Part D - Implementation**
Focuses on the experiences of national and international statistical organizations that have recently implemented or re-engineered their statistical metadata systems.



**Common Metadata Framework Brochure
(500KB PDF)**

Background

The development of a framework for statistical metadata was initiated by national delegates to the February 2004 meeting of the Joint UNECE-Eurostat-OECD Work Session on Statistical Metadata (METIS). Participants concluded that various models, definitions and concepts of statistical metadata had been proposed over the years, and that statistical organizations were missing a common framework to help them build their metadata systems.

This valuable resource has been developed through the collective input on national and international statistical organizations, coordinated by the METIS Steering Group and the UNECE secretariat. As an online publication, it is evolved in line with developments in the field of statistical metadata.

The maintenance strategy for the Common Metadata Framework is set out in [this strategy paper](#), approved by the METIS Steering Group in February 2011. The Steering Group also approved [a strategy for promoting the Common Metadata Framework](#) in April 2011.

Feedback and suggestions for improvement are encouraged, and can be sent to the UNECE secretariat (support.stat@un.org).

For further information about METIS work sessions and workshops please see http://www.unece.org/statistics/meetings-and-events.html#.

Please note that UNECE work related to Metadata Frameworks is currently undertaken by the HLG-MOS and mainly as part of the activities of the Supporting Standards Group.