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Extrabudgetary project
Modernizing Statistical Production Phase 3

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

Project title and project number: Modernizing Statistical Production Phase 3						
Expected timing/ duration: July 2019-December 2022						
<p>Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to strengthen capacities of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of Conference of European Statisticians (CES) countries to modernize their statistical production by pooling together resources and jointly develop models, tools, services, capabilities and frameworks that are needed to address the challenges NSOs face in producing the statistics needed to measure and monitor the SDGs and other internationally agreed development goals. NSOs are faced with number of challenges of the ever-changing data ecosystem and increasing demand for statistics National policy makers need timely and disaggregated statistics in a broad range of new and existing areas. The commitment to “leaving no one behind” means that statistics have to be compiled for people such as women, youth, persons with disabilities, older people, refugees, migrants, the poor, and other vulnerable groups. Availability of non-traditional data sources such as administrative data and various Big Data sources can potentially produce new statistics or serve as an alternative for traditional sources. Methods and techniques must be developed to produce reliable statistics for official use. The proposed project will support the activities and outcomes of the work program decided by the High-Level Group on Modernization of Statistics (HLG-MOS) for the project period. The focus is on supporting the development of new models, standards, frameworks and capabilities. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities:</p> <p>A1.1. Expert and project management support to the two annual HLG-MOS projects (6-8 in total); A1.2. Preparing and organising workshops in support of each project each year to advance the project deliverables (8-12 in total); A1.3. Present the project at relevant expert and coordination meetings such as Eurostat/ESSnet and OECD meetings related to the modernisation of statistics (12 in total).</p>						
<p>Expected results of the project: EA1. Increased capacity of national statistical offices to modernize the production of statistics and address the emerging issues identified by the High-Level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics.</p>						
<p>Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The target group is National Statistical Officers from the Conference of European Statisticians (CES) countries, however all UN member states can benefit from the outputs of the project.</p>						
<p>Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project contributes to the Expected accomplishment (b) “Updated and newly developed standards and recommendations to enhance the quality and international comparability of statistics and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals” and (c) “Improved national capacity to implement international standards and recommendations in official statistics, including on the Sustainable Development Goals and gender-sensitive indicators” of the Subprogramme 3 “Statistics” of the UNECE Programme Budget for the period 2018-2019 and the objective “to advance official statistics at the national and international levels” of the Subprogramme 3 “Statistics” of the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2020. The mandate of the High-Level Group on Modernization of Statistics (HLG-MOS) was renewed for the period 2018-2022.</p>						
<p>Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 2 months/ P4; 2 months/G6 for the duration of the project.</p>						
<p>Estimated extra budgetary resources:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;">Donor</th> <th style="text-align: center; border: none;">Amount (US\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Australia, Canada, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</td> <td style="text-align: center; border: none;">600,000 (estimate)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Donor	Amount (US\$)	Australia, Canada, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	600,000 (estimate)
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<p>Project Manager: Taeke Gjaltema 03.05.2019</p>	<p>Section/Division: Statistical Division</p>					
<p>Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Catherine Haswell Chief 03.05.2019</p>	<p>Approved by EXCOM¹</p>	<p>29.05.2019</p>				

¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Increased capacity of national statistical offices to modernize the production of statistics and address the emerging issues identified by the High-Level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics	A1.1. Expert and project management support to the two annual HLG-MOS projects (6-8 in total) 2 international consultants to provide the specific expertise needed and to lead the project x \$4,250 per month x 84 months Contractual services Other operating cost (including equipment etc.)	363,338 357,000 3,570 2,768
	A1.2. Preparing and organising workshops in support of each project each year to advance the project deliverables (10-14 in total) <u>Consultant travel:</u> 12 missions x \$3,600 <u>Travel of staff:</u> 12 missions x \$3,600 <u>Travel of meeting participants:</u> 12 missions of 2 participants x \$900	100,800 36,000 43,200 21,600
	A1.3. Present the project at relevant expert and coordination meetings such as Eurostat/ESSnet and OECD meetings related to the modernisation of statistics (12 in total) <u>Consultant travel:</u> 12 missions x \$3,600 <u>Travel of staff:</u> 16 missions x \$1,800	57,600 28,800 28,800
Budget summary		521,738
Project evaluation		10,435
13% of Programme Support Costs		67,826
Total		600,000