

**Background: Generic Law on Official Statistics and  
the Guidance on Modernizing Statistical Legislation  
and  
Content and objectives of the Workshop**

EFTA/UNECE Workshop on the Generic Law on Official Statistics  
4-5 July 2023



# Genesis of GLOS <sup>/1</sup>

## Series of Global Assessment of National Statistical Systems

Seminar on Global Assessments of NSS  
01 - 03/10/2014 – Ulaanbaatar Mongolia





# Genesis of GLOS <sup>1/2</sup>

## Series of Global Assessment of National Statistical Systems

UNDA 9th tranche: Kick-off meeting  
10 - 11/12/2014 – Almaty Kazakhstan

# Generic Models: GAMSO - GSBPM - GLOS



**GAMSO** - Generic Activity Model for Statistical Organizations [governance]

Strategy and Leadership

Capability Development

Corporate Support

**GSBPM** - Generic Statistical Business Process Model [production]

Specify the needs

Design

Build

Collect

Process

Analyse

Disseminate

Evaluate

**GLOS**



# Generic Law on Official Statistics

- Developed by UNECE with the support of Eurostat, EFTA and UNSD under the guidance of an editorial board as a **model** law
- Originated from recommendations in several Global Assessments of NSS in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Based on the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
- With the objective to sustain the transformation and modernization of NSS and thus to **be regularly updated**
- Not a Law on the NSS we have but about the **NSS we want!** As detailed as needed and as concise as possible
- Endorsed at the 2016 plenary session of the CES
- Implemented by several EECCA countries, i.e., Armenia, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan but also Ukraine and Uzbekistan ...

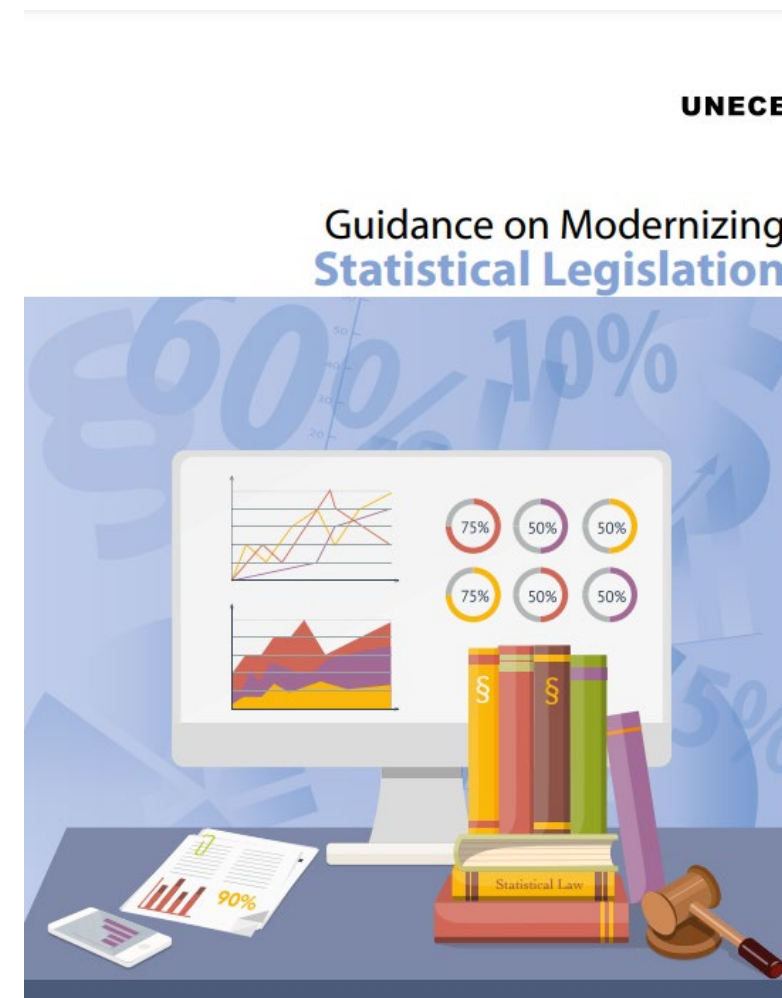




# Extension of the GLOS in ECE region

## Guidance on Modernizing Statistical Legislation [\[link\]](#):

- Developed by a UNECE Task Force composed of experts from national statistical offices and international organizations
- Endorsed by the Heads of statistical offices of more than 60 countries at the 2018 plenary session of the CES
- **Extend and complement the GLOS** by providing additional guidance on the modernization process
- Discuss various maturity levels, governance models, and emerging issues with implications for the statistical law



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## Guidance on Modernizing Statistical Legislation

# Adaptation / Implementation of the GLOS Beyond the ECE Region

## Generic Law on Official Statistics for Latin America [\[link\]](#)

- Adopted by the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC in 2019
- Regional model for Latin American countries that are interested in formulating or reformulating the legal basis for the functioning of their NSS and the production of official statistics
- GLOS implemented or in the process to be developed in Costa Rica, Paraguay, Bolivia, Ecuador, Dominican Republic and Nicaragua



## Guide on the Generic Law for Official Statistics in the Arab Countries [\[link\]](#)

- Issued in 2021, it provides guidelines to develop statistical legislation needed to support the modernization of the statistical systems
- The first part presents of laws of official statistics in the Arab region, the second part discuss basic elements of the GLOS, the third part explanatory notes and the forth part emerging issues



The GLOS used for the revision/update of statistical legislation in **Africa** (e.g. Benin, Ethiopia and Seychelles) and in **Asia** outside Caucasus and Central Asia (e.g. Maldives)

# 2021 UNECE Expert Meeting on Modernizing Statistical Legislation

## Session on lessons learnt from implementing the Generic Law on Official Statistics (GLOS) [\[link\]](#)

- Organized by UNECE and UNSD with presentations from Armenia, Uzbekistan, OECD, UNECE and UNSD

### Key conclusion:

**The GLOS should be reviewed**, taking account:

- The experiences of the countries that have used or implemented it.
- How it fits with other institutional standards relating to ethics, principles, values and quality, with the aim of strengthening the coherence of these elements.

The GLOS could also better articulate the **data stewardship** function of NSOs within their national data ecosystems, the **access to secondary data sources** such as private third-party data and administrative data, and the relationship between the statistical legislation and **data privacy and confidentiality laws**.



# Objectives and content of this Workshop



## Objectives:

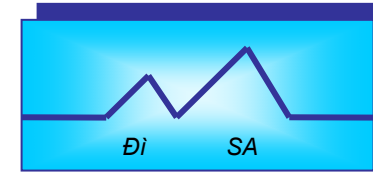
- Share the national experiences of using GLOS, revising and implementing national statistical legislation
- Collect inputs regarding needed updates or extensions to existing guidance and
- Initiate the review process.

## Content:

- **Session 1: Drafting national statistical legislation**
- **Session 2: Implementing and enforcing statistical legislation**

### Some questions for the two days ahead:

- *What are the main deviations between the new laws in your countries and the GLOS?*
- *Were any elements of the GLOS difficult to implement in the national law and why?*
- *Was there anything missing from the GLOS or the Guidance in your context? What additional guidance would be needed in the future?*
- *What other materials or resources would be useful to further support modernizing statistical legislation?*



**Wishing you a successful workshop and many fruitful discussions!**

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