

United Nations Regional Workshop on Data Dissemination and Communication
Niamey, Niger
13-15 May 2014

Background

The Workshop is part of a global series of workshops on data dissemination and communication, with the purpose of providing a forum for sharing national practices and experiences in the dissemination of statistical data and metadata. The Workshop will review emerging trends, innovative approaches and technological tools employed in the dissemination of data. The Workshop is expected to provide a basis for assessing existing national dissemination strategies as well as technologies used by National Statistical Offices. It will also aid in taking stock of national capacities and challenges for meeting the increasing requirements of users. Furthermore, the Workshop is expected to help in identifying good practices and lessons learned in the dissemination and communication of data. The ideas generated by the discussion and the recommendations made by participants during all workshops will contribute towards the drafting of a technical report and/or the creation of a knowledge base on the UNSD website, dedicated to the topic of effective dissemination of data. A provisional agenda for the workshop is as follows:

Workshop Outcomes

The Workshop will provide a platform for an exchange of views on key substantive and technology for statistical data dissemination with the following outcomes:

- It will facilitate better understanding of the current status of statistical data dissemination on regional and global level
- It will recognise best practises employed by various countries and organizations for addressing the needs of users of statistics
- It will provide an outlook for the future for emerging technologies, issues and requirement that have to be addressed by senior staff of NSOs in charge of statistical data dissemination

Annotated Agenda

Tuesday, 13 May

Module 1: Emerging Trends in Data Dissemination

This module will cover recent developments and emerging trends in data dissemination and communication.

Module 2: Strategies for Web-based Data Dissemination

The module will have presentations on the principles, goals, platforms, standards and other aspects of web-based data dissemination, as well as on moving from print to web dissemination.

Wednesday, 14 May

Module 3: Integrating Statistical and Geospatial Information

This module will discuss how web services and cloud-based applications, which involve the integration of statistical information with geospatial information, are increasingly used to deliver new decision support and data dissemination capabilities.

Module 4: Emerging User Needs and Requirements.

This module will discuss new developments in statistical data dissemination linked to users requiring high frequency and real time statistics, mobile device support, social networking and citizen statistics.

Thursday, 15 May

Module 5: Modernization of statistical systems and big data

This module will discuss various initiatives for the modernization of statistical systems, some technical issues on standards supporting the modernization of official statistics (GSBPM, SDMX, DDI...).

Module 6: Challenges in Promoting Data and Data Dissemination Policies

The module will focus on promotion aspects of web products, such as search engine optimization, cross linking and advertising. It will also touch on data dissemination policies regarding terms of use, intellectual property and pricing issues, and 'doing more with less resources'.