Objectives of the meeting
Update of the strategic view and how to meet the new challenges

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This presentation focuses on **what to do** (*update of the strategic view*) and **how to do it** (*production framework*) in order to meet the requests and guidelines from the UN Statistical Commission addressed to the UNCEBTS.

In particular, it benefits from:
- Position Paper on Emerging Priority Areas presented by the UNCEBTS Bureau as background paper at the last UN Statistical Commission meeting
- Intensive discussion within the UNCEBTS Bureau
- Direct experience at the country level on new data needs.

WHAT TO DO NEXT?

The UN Statistical Commission endorsed the update of the strategic view proposed by the UNCEBTS. In particular:

- the **importance of a horizontal and vertical integration of business and trade statistics**

- the identification of emerging priority areas, namely **digitalization, productivity and innovation; wellbeing and social inclusion; and green economy**

- Avoid duplication and **strengthen the coordination with other statistical domains** trough coordination with relevant committees and groups of experts

The development of the **HO-VE Integration Framework for trade statistics** presents some relevant advantages:

- provide guidelines on **how to integrate trade and business statistics** along the horizontal dimension (business register – enterprise centered approach)

- **consider some specific aspects of trade statistics** as compared to other statistical domains: data sources and national accounts along the vertical dimension

- **Highlight a possible way to further integrate business and trade statistics** with other statistical domains.

The emerging priority areas are:

- **digitalization, productivity and innovation**

- **wellbeing and social inclusion**

- **green economy**

They can be considered as an evolution of already existing Task Teams. Indeed, their scope is much broader and their impact on the production framework is quite complex. So they need a dedicated plan of work across Task Teams.

HOW SHELL WE DO IT?

UNCEBTS should address the following key issues:

- **Leverage external coordination**

- **Improve internal coordination**

- **Adjust or evolve the current production framework**

- **Improve capacity building of all countries to integrate statistical domains**

The **Agenda** of this UNCEBTS meeting was **explicitly designed** by the Bureau **to meet those challenges** by fostering discussion and encouraging cross-fertilization across Task Teams and between UNCEBTS and other statistical domains. It also aims at discussing the tools, methodology and how not to leave no one behind.
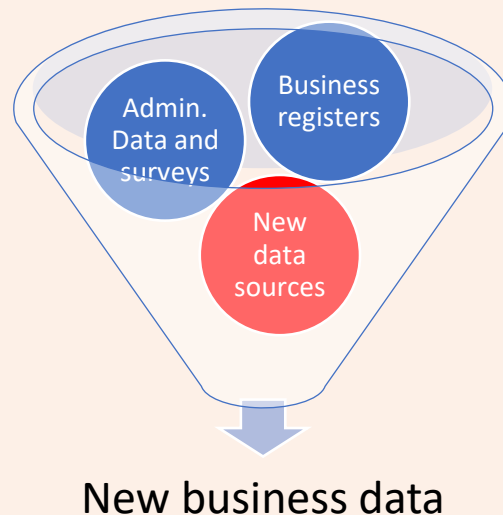
For instance, in parallel with TF "standard" sessions, we will have:
- ✓ **Session 13** is a breakout session on selected cross cutting topics
- ✓ **Session 14** expands the same discussion to the UNCEBTS
- ✓ **Session 15** is a roundtable on the importance/role of business
- ✓ and trade statistics
- ✓ **Session 10** deals with the access to new data sources
- ✓ **Session 11** addresses the issue of unique identifier in admin. data

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How the UNCEBTS should plan (in general) and organize (in detail) the work on emerging priority areas given the current Task Forces Structure?

Task Teams	Emerging priority areas		
	Digitalization, productivity and innovation	Wellbeing and social inclusion	Green economy
Globalization and digitalization			
Well-being and sustainability			
Business dynamics, Business demography and entrepreneurship			
Exhaustive business registers			
Capacity building (no one left behind) on statistical business registers			
International Trade Statistics			

Is the Business register approach still the best to be adopted when using new data sources for the compilation of new business and trade statistics?

New business data

Up to what extent countries have the possibility to duplicate in their organization and production processes cross domains data integration that we are promoting at the international level?

New integrated business data