

# Classification of Statistical Activities 2.0

Main features and the updating process

UNECE Task Team on updating the CSA classification

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# Why CSA 2.0?



- The Classification of International Statistical Activities was originally developed for use in the Database of International Statistical Activities maintained by UNECE – in **2005**, small update in **2009**
- Custodian: the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians
- Over time, its use has widened to IOs and countries from different regions
- In 2020, the CES Bureau requested an update to include new, emerging areas of statistical work
- Task Team: **Canada, Ireland, Mexico (Chair), New Zealand, Eurostat, UNSD and UNECE**
- End 2020: survey among IOs to get information about how CSA was used, and identify needs for updates

# Updating process



- Task Team worked over 2 years, final version reflects a consensus
- Updated version aims to:
  - retain the conference of the classification
  - align as much as possible with existing standards, frameworks and models
- Become a global classification
- Large consultation in spring 2022 – with all countries and IOs
- 83 responses
- General support to adopt and to become a global classification
  - Comments to clarify some statistical areas, improve explanatory notes, clarify the uses of CSA.
- 46 countries and 14 IOs are using or planning to use

# CSA 2.0 main purposes



- CSA classifies statistical activities, which are defined as statistical production activities or activities that directly support statistical production
- CSA can be used for two main purposes:
  - Based on the process related to a statistical activity, CSA can be used to classify statistical events, capacity building activities, training courses, working groups, publications or statistical standards, etc.;
  - Based on the output of a statistical activity, CSA can be used to classify data and metadata (particularly domains 1 to 5 related to subject-matter activities)
- a reference leading to better harmonisation in structuring information about activities of statistical organizations, dissemination websites, publications, etc.

# High-level structure



- Hierarchical classification with 3 levels
- First level – statistical domains

## Subject-matter domains:

1. Demographic and social statistics
2. Economic statistics
3. Environment statistics
4. Governance statistics
5. Cross-cutting statistics

## Other domains:

6. Statistical infrastructure and methodology
7. Strategic and managerial activities

- Second level: statistical activities within the domains
- Third level further breakdown

# High-level changes compared to CSA 1.0



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- Two new subject matter domains:
  - Domain 3 – Environment statistics  
Structure aligned with the *Framework for Development of Environment Statistics*.
  - Domain 4 – Governance statistics  
Structure aligned with the *Handbook on Governance Statistics* but increasing the visibility of crime statistics within the domain.
- Domains 6&7 renamed and updated structure:
  - Domain 6 – Statistical infrastructure and methodology  
Renamed and revised structure for infrastructure (inspired by the concept of common statistical infrastructure from the *Handbook on Management and Organization of National Statistical Systems*).
  - Domain 7 – Strategic and managerial activities  
Closely aligned to the Generic Activity Model for Statistical Organizations (GAMSO)

# Next steps



- Intended to become a member of the International Family of Statistical Classifications
- The final draft CSA 2.0 submitted to UN CEISC on 25-28 October 2022
- Asking CEISC to recommend it to be submitted to the UN Statistical Commission for adoption
- Custodianship of the CSA to be transferred from the CES Bureau and UNECE to UNSD as the Secretariat of the UNSC

# Thank you!

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