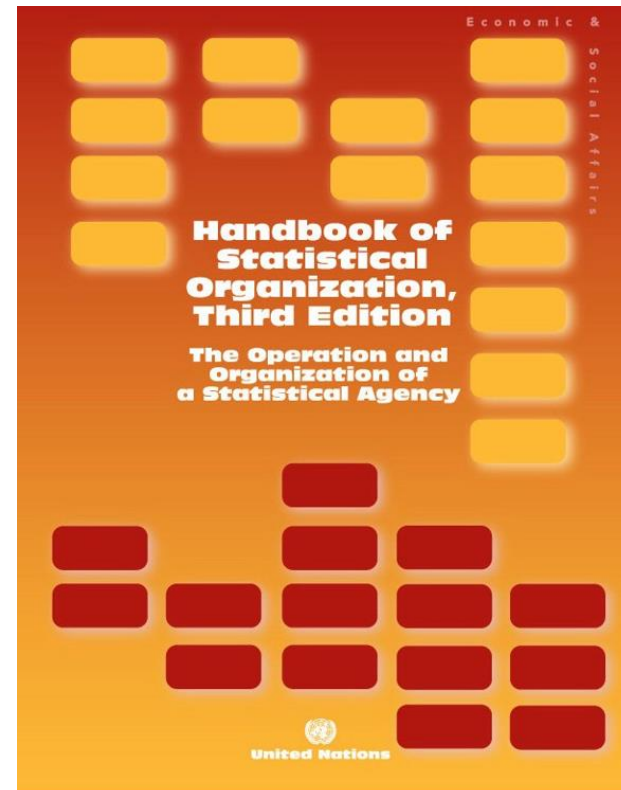




## What is the handbook of Statistical Organization?

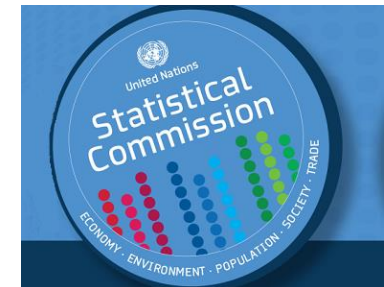
- The primary objective:  
*“to guide chief statisticians and senior managers of statistical organizations in developing and maintaining statistical capacity that is fit for purpose”*
- First published in 1952 and the most recent (third) edition dates from 2003





## The mandate

- UN Statistical Commission requested a revision of the current Handbook
- New version must take into account the strategic development areas proposed in the CT-GAP and outcome of the Transformative Agenda
  - Grasp the potential of innovative technologies in a rapidly changing data environment (managing capability) while
  - Reinforce leadership, coordination, communication, and dialogue through institutional and organizational reforms





## The revision process

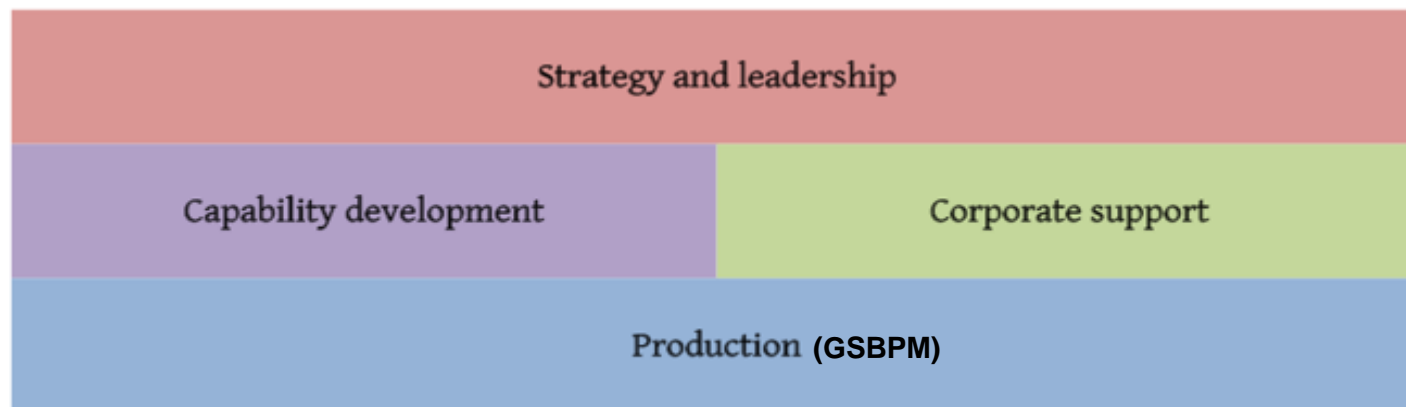
- Consultations and online survey (on-going process)
- Development of a annotated outline for the next (fourth) edition of the Handbook by a Handbook Revision Team
- The outline and recommendations to be brought to the UNSC for discussion in **March 2018** (E/CN.3/2018/5: [Arabic](#) [English](#) [French](#))
- Next steps : drafting of the revised version during **2018-2019** based on the annotated outline and development priorities





## Proposed structure of the updated Handbook

- The proposed structure of the updated Handbook will mirror the Generic Activity Model for Statistical Organisations (GAMSO)
- GAMSO describes and defines the activities that take place within a statistical organization
- GAMSO is an extension of the Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM) adding activities needed to support statistical production





## Proposed chapters of the updated Handbook

- I. Introduction**
- II. Overview**
- III. Basis of official statistics**
- IV. National statistical system**
- V. National statistical office**
- VI. Users and their needs**
- VII. Quality management**
- VIII. Data sources, collection and processing**
- IX. Analysis and analytical frameworks**
- X. Dissemination and user communication**
- XI. Common statistical infrastructure**
- XII. Human resources management and development**
- XIII. Data, information and knowledge management**
- XIV. Information technology management**
- XV. Management of finance, buildings and physical space**
- XVI. International activities and collaboration**
- XVII. Annexes**



## Accessibility – usability - ease of update

- Conceived as a living document on the Web
- Interactive Wiki-style platform (virtual Forum)
- Including links to relevant material and country examples
- All parts not released at the same time and updated according to priorities
- Hardcopy of Chapter II (overview) for a larger audience and in all UN languages
- On line Handbook first available in English and depending on resources translated in other UN languages
- **Handbook revised every second year, links and country examples more regularly (ongoing process)**





## Governance, consultation, and coordination

- **UNSD secretariat:**
  - Consultation and coordination with the UN Statistical Commission, HLG-PCCB, MoU Group, Regional Commissions and other relevant bodies
- **Drafting team:**
  - Standing drafting team: 3 consultants and UNSD Inter-regional Adviser
  - Complemented with experts/resource persons mobilized to draft chapters that require specific experience and knowledge
- **Advisory Group:**
  - 1-2 x country/UN region; 2 x UN Regional Commission; 1 x MoU Group; 2 x International Organization; 1 x PARIS21; 1 x Training Institute
- **Series of Thematic Conferences (4-5 by 2019)**
  - (Sub)-regional conferences to discuss “transformative” initiatives and solutions and eventually assess if they have reached the level of maturity to be incorporated into the Handbook (on-going process)



## For guidance:

- How to make sure that the Handbook is relevant and addresses the needs of Chief Statisticians?
- How to secure that Handbook leaves no one behind and is relevant for statistical systems with different levels of maturity?
- Is there something missing in the proposed outline of the Handbook
- What should be the next step even before starting to draft the chapters?
- Is the name of “Handbook of Statistical Organization” reflecting its purpose and content? Proposals?