



50th United Nations Statistical Commission / Side Event

Handbook of Statistical Organization

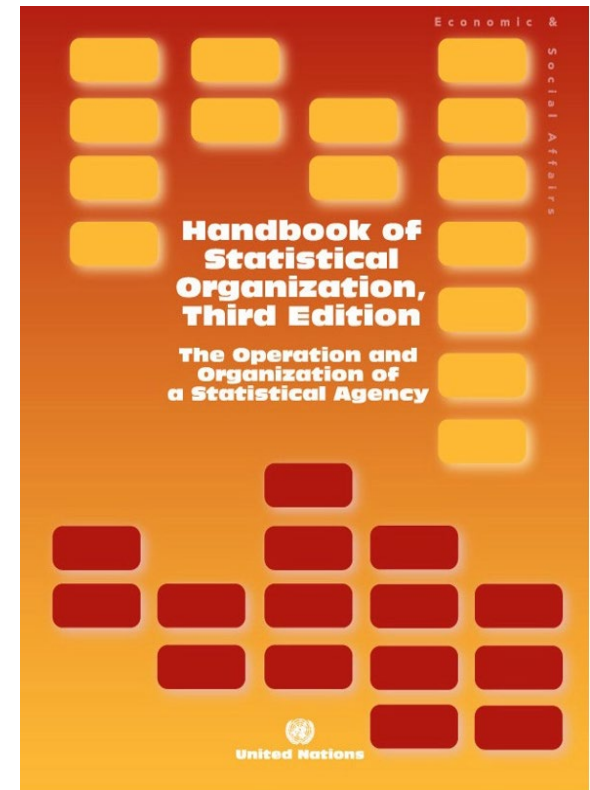
HANDBOOK OF STATISTICAL ORGANIZATION AND THE REGIONAL THEMATIC CONFERENCES

Thursday, 7 March 2019, 08:15 – 09:30, Conference Room 8



What is the handbook of Statistical Organization?

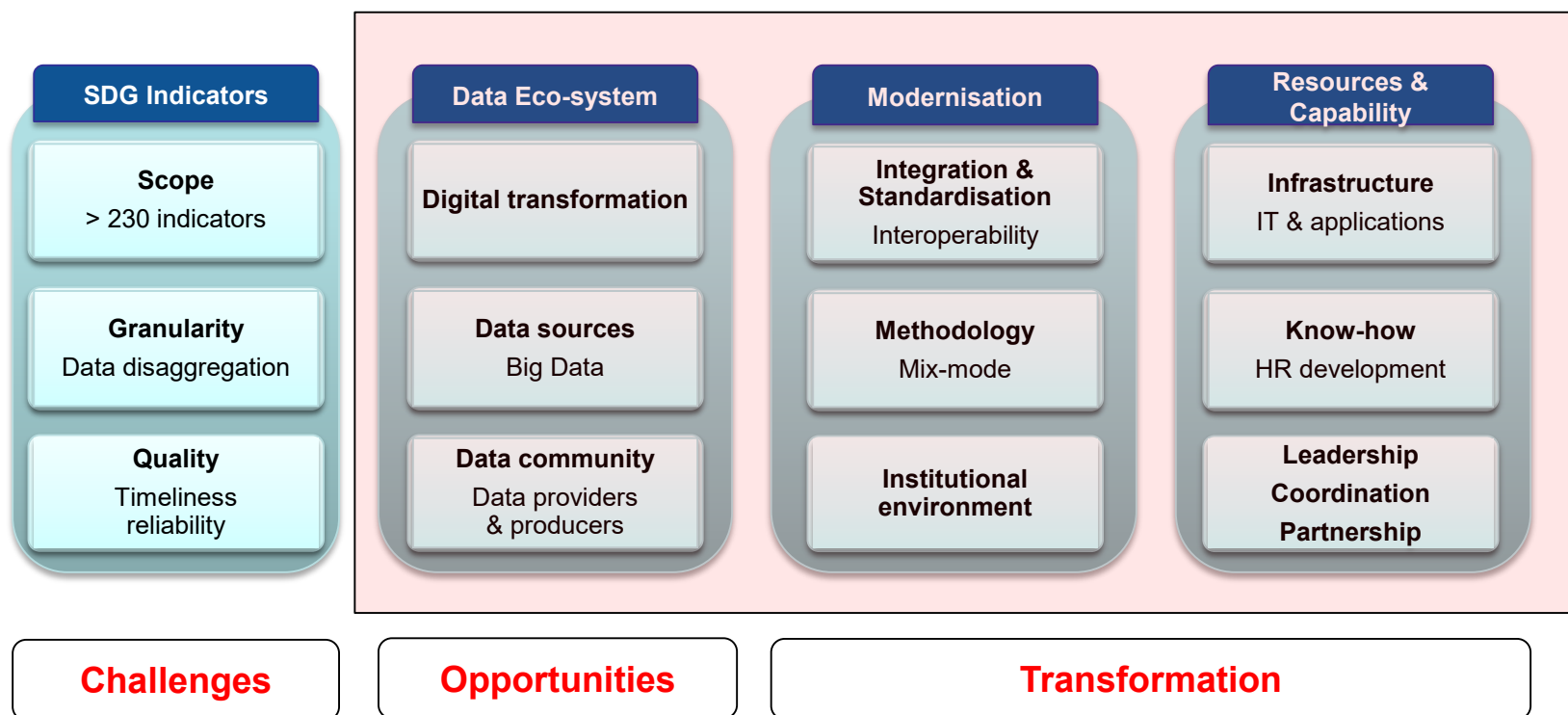
- The primary objective:
“to guide chief statisticians and senior managers of national statistical organizations in developing and maintaining statistical capacity that is fit for purpose”
- First published in 1952 and the most recent (third) edition dates from 2003





What did change since 2003

- The **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, and related regional and national development policies, involve *new data needs and challenges*





The mandate



- 48th session UN StatCom requested a revision of the current Handbook
- 49th session UN StatCom:
 - The commented outline endorsed ([E/CN.3/2018/5](#))
 - To address the strategic development areas articulated in the [CT-GAP](#) and the outcomes of the Transformative Agenda Initiative
 - Grasp the potential of the digital transformation in a rapidly changing data environment
 - Reinforce leadership, coordination, communication, and dialogue through institutional, organizational and managerial adjustments
 - Overall update process to be supported by a series of (sub-)regional Thematic Conferences



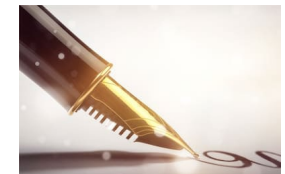
Accessibility – usability - ease of update

- Conceived as a living document on the Web
- Including links to relevant material and country examples
- Hardcopy of Chapter II (overview) for a larger audience and in all UN languages
- Handbook revised every second year, links and country examples more regularly



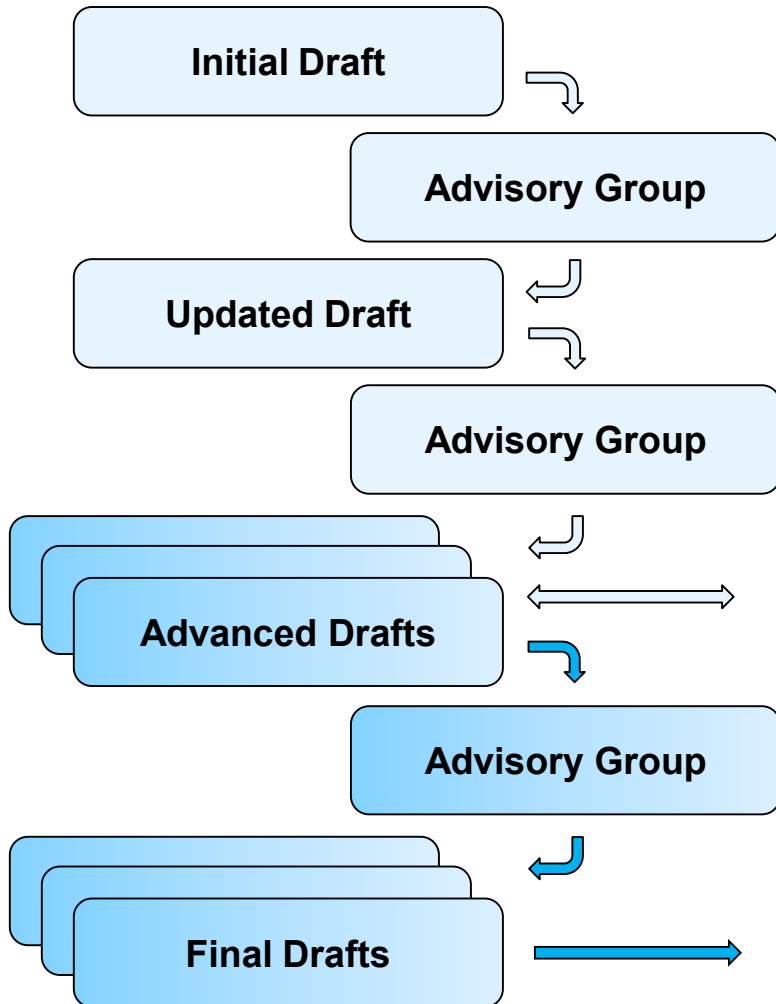
Drafting Team and Advisory Group

- Drafting team: UNSD Staff and Consultants
- Brazil, Kenya, Mongolia, Palestine, Philippines, Poland, Suriname, United Kingdom
- 5 UN Regional Commissions
- FAO, ILO, UNCTAD, Asian Development Bank, Eurostat, Open Data Watch, PARIS21 and SESRIC





The drafting process



Advanced Drafts available on Wiki UNSD

<https://unstats.un.org/wiki/display/HSO/Handbook+Statistical+Organization>



Translation onto Web platform [final product]



Timeline for the updated Handbook

III. Basis of official statistics	}	Adv. draft chapters available
VII. Quality management		
XIV. Information technology management		
IV. National statistical system		April 2019
V. National statistical office	}	October 2019
XII. Human resources management and development		
VIII. Data sources, collection and processing		
XI. Common statistical infrastructure		
XIII. Data, information and knowledge management		
IX. Analysis and analytical frameworks	}	April 2020
VI. Users and their needs		
X. Dissemination and user communication		
XV. Management of finance, buildings and physical space		
XVI. International activities and collaboration		
I. Introduction	}	December 2020
II. Overview		
XVII. Annexes		
Updated Handbook on the Web		



Suggested Points for Discussion

- Is the overall organization of the drafting process and consultation of the advisory group fit-for-purpose?
- Does the order of priority for drafting the chapters of the updated Handbook make sense?
- What could be the title of the new Handbook? Is “management of statistical organization” still appropriate?

