Update on Network activities

6th Network Meeting

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Overview

1. Creation of the Expert Group on Wellbeing Measurement

2. Collaboration with the Friends of the Chair group on Social and Demographic Statistics (FOC-social)

3. Update on Sprints

The Expert Group on Wellbeing Measurement - objectives

- To develop the Framework for Inclusive and Sustainable Wellbeing (FISW).

- To ensure the FISW has a clear conceptual framework which robustly presents data in a methodological fashion

- To ensure the FISW presents a clear hierarchy and structure to aide user navigation

- To provide a model headline dashboard for a 'state of the nation' perspective to inform decision-makers and the public of the state of wellbeing for their community, and the impact their community has on others.

- To support the Friends of the Chair group on Social and Demographic Statistics with their development of a comprehensive framework for social and demographic statistics

The Expert Group on Wellbeing Measurement - methods

The Expert Group will work to:

- Understand and identify the user community and their needs, including academia and the private sector.

- Understand and take account of the needs of producers and compilers, and their constraints

- Undertake out-reach to proactively explain how the FISW helps deliver

- Produce an output framework with a focus on communication and impact of statistics, rather than their production.

- Formalize terminology, including the definition of wellbeing, and hierarchies to support framework and definitions in collaboration with varied expert communities

The Expert Group on Wellbeing Measurement - timeline

- The EGWM will officially elect the co-chairs at its first meeting, which is expected to take place in late September-early October 2024.

- Position paper has been updated

- TOR has been drafted

- Expert Group will commence activity in October 2024.
  - First task is to develop workplan to produce FISW, and structure working practices
  - Opportunity to build on recent UNECE work on a Manual on Measuring Wellbeing in the Here and Now.

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Collaboration with FOC-social (the why)

- The Network's and the FOC's work on well-being overlap

- The Network has a role to support the FOC group with their development of a comprehensive framework for social and demographic statistics (which may develop into a Statistical System) by:

    a) providing access and insights from the economic statistics pillar, where there is overlap in the topics covered, and

    b) providing clarity on the demands for coherent social and demographic data, in terms of definitions and measures, from the FISW

Collaboration with FOC-social (the how)

- The groups met recently to discuss the common objectives of their work.

- Decided to develop a common road map based on each Group's mandate, priorities and agreed programme

- The road map, once finalized, will be shared with Network members

Data Strategy Sprint

- The second webinar provided a roadmap for implementation, taking into account issues to be considered, challenges that needed to be overcome and considerations for maintenance work. Additionally, this webinar showcased the difference between international and national data strategies, as well as project-level, versus organizational data strategies

- The third webinar will provide examples of how collaboration and cooperation play a key role to success

- A Primer, a document comprising the basics of developing and maintaining a successful data strategy, will be produced and published after the conclusion of the Sprint

Housing Sprint

- The second webinar provided examples of the most common housing indicators produced, as well as some of the more familiar challenges encountered by NSOs in producing data on housing. It also showcased innovative approaches to measurement, by using administrative data, web scraping, satellite imaging, AI and other techniques.

- We are also working on developing a Primer featuring a proposed framework for housing statistics.

- An abbreviated version of the two webinars will be provided at the Asia-Pacific café series – **tentatively scheduled for November 19, 2024**

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AI and Data Science Sprint for Economic Statistics - objectives

The Sprint will have the following objectives:

1. Showcase use cases: Present a series of short, impactful projects in statistical production utilizing reproducible analytical pipelines. This will include demonstrations of how these pipelines facilitate more efficient data handling and analysis, enhancing the reliability and speed of statistical outputs

2. Explore generative AI Applications: Discuss the possible integration of generative AI technologies for the dissemination and interpretation of statistics.

3. Address strategic and cross-cutting issues: Delve into emerging strategic issues relevant to data science in economic statistics, such as data privacy, ethical AI use, and cross-domain data integration.

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AI and Data Science Sprint for Economic Statistics -

- organized by the United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians and the Data Science Leaders Network (DSLN) of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics

- Sprint will consist of two focused webinars on innovative data science applications in economic statistics (**7 November and 12 December, 2024**) and a hybrid international seminar hosted by the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Center of the United Arab Emirates (**January 2025 tentative**).

- Currently canvassing for interest in presenting, through an electronic survey

Discussion