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The review of the GSBPM and other statistical standards

This presentation will introduce the UNECE Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM), and related other models and standards. The GSBPM is a model that describes and defines the different steps needed to produce official statistics. It was first released in 2009, and is now used by over 70 national and international statistical organisations worldwide. However, to maintain relevance in the face of rapidly changing technologies, and the growth of new data sources, the GSBPM is reviewed every five years, and revised as necessary. One such review has been taking place during 2018, with a new version of the GSBPM due to be released in early 2019.

The presentation will focus on the proposed changes to the GSBPM that relate to geospatial information, which will be given much greater prominence in the new version. The importance of referring to geospatial information in other statistical standards will also be discussed, as well as the idea of creating geospatial “views” of statistical standards. These geospatial “views” are proposed to be supplementary papers or annexes, explaining why geospatial information is important in the context of a particular statistical standard. They could also provide good practices and guidance on how that standard should be interpreted with regard to geospatial information.