

Webinar Series on Selected Topics on Management Aspects of Capacity Building

1) Approaches and recommendations to effective online trainings

2) Good practices in certification of trainings

27 and 28 September 2023 (7 AM UTC both days)

Background—About GIST

The Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (**GIST**) is a network of international and regional statistical training institutions, working together to build sustainable statistical capacities through efficient, effective, and harmonized delivery of training.

The overall objective of the GIST is to facilitate collaboration among members of the network in the delivery of trainings on statistics in a more harmonized and standardized manner as well as to improve effectiveness of these trainings through maximizing their outreach.

One of the GIST task teams, task team 2 on **Online gateway and e-learning community of practice** is organizing two webinars to focus on approaches and recommendations for effective online trainings and certification of courses. The webinars will provide an opportunity for practitioners to discuss these two issues. More information on each of the webinars follows below.

Webinar 1: Approaches and Recommendations to effective online trainings

Date: 27 September 2023 (7 AM UTC, please [click here](#) to find the time in your location; please [click here](#) to register for the webinar)

Background: Many reports, articles, toolkits and guides have been published recently to help develop high quality online courses in different formats, different lengths and for a diverse population of learners. Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic led many training institutions to adapt by shifting to virtual or online trainings. This shift is not easy as the pedagogical basis of online trainings is different from in-person classes. Exploring new ways to learn online, statistical training institutes have developed a variety of pedagogical resources and have experimented with new online activities. This webinar will further explore some of the issues included in a recent paper by GIST which reviews practices (good or challenging) of delivering online training, as well as providing feedback and possible paths for improving these practices using learners' analytics and digital footprints left by learners on LMS.

Target audience and objective:

Target audience for the webinars are staff of national statistical systems working on capacity building activities, including managers and training facilitators responsible for developing and delivering online/blended trainings.

The objectives of the webinar on online trainings are:

- Share good practice in organizing online trainings in the post-pandemic era

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- Discuss challenges and opportunities faced by training organizations in conducting and monitoring online trainings

Structure of the webinar

5 min—Welcome remarks by co-chairs of GIST Task Team 2

10 min—Introduction of the main themes of the paper on approaches and recommendations to effective online trainings

30 min—Panel discussion of good practice on conducting online trainings

15 min—Q and A from the audience

Webinar 2: Good practice on certification of courses

Date: 28 September 2023 (please [click here](#) to find the time in your location; please [click here](#) to register for the webinar; there is no need to register again if you have already registered for the first webinar)

Background: Statistical training institutes offer a range of courses and training programmes in various modalities (online, blended, face-to-face) that are focused on strengthening national statistical capacities for data production and use. Like other training and higher education institutions, they recognize and reward learner progress or the achievement of learning outcomes through the award of credentials. Those credentials have intrinsic value both for the learner and the national statistics office. For the learner, the credentials authenticate that the learning outcomes, skills and competence were achieved (irrespective of the level of the course - beginner, intermediate or advanced); inspire confidence; and represent an investment in training, continuous learning and upskilling. For the national statistics office, the credentials show professional competence and institutional capacity. In this webinar, participants will discuss the types of credentials offered and the certification processes/ practices employed by a selection of statistical training institutes that are members of Global Network for Institutions of Statistical Training (GIST).

Target audience and objective:

Target audience for the webinars are staff of national statistical systems working on capacity building activities, including managers working on strategic issues around certification and training facilitators responsible for developing and delivering online/blended trainings.

The objectives of the webinar on certification of courses:

- Share good practices by national and international organizations working on statistical training on the certification of courses
- Discuss challenges and opportunities that arise with course certification

Structure of the webinar

5 min—Welcome remarks by co-chairs of GIST Task Team 2

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10 min—Introduction of the main themes of the paper of the assessment of certification of courses

30 min—Panel discussion of good practice on certification

15 min—Q and A from the audience

Joining the webinars

The webinars will be held in MS Teams. You can register for the webinars by clicking [here](#). A link to join the webinar will be shared with registered participants prior to the webinars.