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- . Engagement of producers
- . Innovative use of ICT for official statistics
- . Creative use of both new and existing statistical sources
- . Organisation of statistical services
- . Statistical infrastructure and tools
- . Management of statistical and related meta data
- . Innovative statistical products and services
- . Training of statistical staff, users and producers
- . Improving statistical literacy in the community.

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