

# Future of Labour Statistics

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### Survey versus Secondary Data Sources

- Can we assume that the Labour Force Survey will exist in 10 – 15 years time?
- Gradual shift towards compilation of statistical information from secondary data sources
  - Cost, access to respondents, response rates, quality, granularity of data demands
- How does this sit with the current ILO concepts and how ILO status is currently derived
- Does our thinking have to evolve?

## Borders are “greying”

- The labour market has changed dramatically in recent years
- Home working, shorter working year, zero-hours contracts, gig economy, employees, self-employed (previously Construction and Agriculture) but now more agile (e.g. across sectors and countries)
- FT/PT measured by hours spent working but increasingly employers in some sectors focused on output/delivery rather than hours worked?
- Increased fuzziness of borders between Employment, Unemployment and Not in the Labour Force



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## What will be the focus in the future?

- Economic or social focus
- Person characteristics versus job characteristics
- Quality of employment – from whose perspective, subjective or objective (pay, tenure etc.)
- How does the shift to secondary data source impact on this?
- Will this mean a focus on economic perspectives and some added benefits – real time flow data welfare and jobs



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## Should we change the focus of LFS now?

- Economic perspectives to come from secondary data sources – earnings, employment etc.
- Added value of LFS now is economic plus social
- Shift balance of LFS now more to social to help ensure its survival
- Cover social topics that respondent's and the public will engage with – attitudes to work, barriers to work, unpaid work, voluntary work, skills



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