**Beyond Open Data: Harnessing Openness for Use and Impact**
A United Nations Statistical Commission Side Event

Co-Hosted by Statistics Poland and Open Data Watch

**Thursday 2 March 2023 | 1:15–2:30 PM ET**
In-person (room details coming soon)


Open data is a powerful resource for informing policies, increasing transparency, and measuring progress but making data open and using it for impact requires political commitment, technical capacity, and strong partnerships. While much progress has been made to improve open data, more work needs to be done to improve data use.

Co-hosted by Statistics Poland and Open Data Watch, this event will bring together representatives from national statistical offices (NSOs) and development agencies along with open data experts to move the conversation from assessing and implementing open data in the context of official statistics to harnessing open data for policy use and impact.

Through an expert panel with a brief scene setting presentation on the global state of open data in official statistics based on the latest Open Data Inventory, the event will expand on the learnings of the UN Statistical Commission <u>Working Group on Open Data</u> as well as last year's side event "<u>The Power of Open Data: Moving from Concept to Action</u>". It will provide inputs on how the UN Statistical Commission can continue to incorporate open data into its official agenda and work program for the future.

The event will tackle enablers and barriers to ensuring open data are used for policy and impact such as privacy, ownership, and trust; politics of data and information; modernization of statistical systems, with sectoral focuses such as gender data. Covering research in these critical areas will ensure that data collected and managed by NSOs can reach their full potential and benefit society.

Specific questions to be explored in the session include:
- How are countries moving from the publication of open data to its impact and use?
- Recognizing the challenges and setbacks in open data over the years, where has the most progress been made? What are the contributing factors to that success?
- How does the UN Statistical Commission plan to continue its work on Open Data?

**Speakers**
- Dominik Rozkrut, Statistics Poland (welcoming remarks and chair of session)
- Shaida Badiee, Managing Director, Open Data Watch
- Jamison Henninger, Open Data Inventory Manager, Open Data Watch
- Sandra Quijada, National Director, Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas, Chile
- Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician, Department of Statistics, Malaysia
- Francesca Perucci, Assistant Director, United Nations Statistics Division

**Agenda (75 mins)**

| Time | Action | Speaker |
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| 8 mins | Welcoming Remarks | Dominik Rozkrut |
| 10 mins | Scene-setting | Shaida Badiee and Jamison Henninger |
| 12 mins | Country presentation showcasing a strong example of country-driven tactics to increase data use | Sandra Quijada |
| 12 mins | Country presentation showcasing a strong example of leadership and methodological planning to improve open data | Mohd Uzir Mahidin |
| 20 mins | Q&A | All participants |
| 10 mins | Concluding remarks and way forward | Francesca Perucci |