

United Nations Statistical Commission side event
UN World Data Forum: championing data and statistics with a renewed global action plan
(CTGAP 2.0)
29 February 2024, 13:15 – 14:30PM

For seven years, the UN World Data Forum has championed partnerships, innovation, governance and financing in the data community. In November, the fifth Forum will be held in Medellin, Colombia. As the connection between statistics and data grows ever closer, the fifth Forum will be an important opportunity to forge more partnerships, develop greater innovation, discuss governance issues and promote sustainable financing on data and statistics; and gather further political momentum following the recent [2023 UN SDG summit](#) where the “power of data”, a high impact initiative was launched to mark the mid-point of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

This webinar contributes to one of the most recognizable outcomes of the Forum, the [Cape Town Global Action Plan \(CTGAP\)](#) and the discussion around its ongoing review and realignment which will be launched at the end of the fifth Forum as CTGAP 2.0. Chief statisticians with their counterparts in other data communities will discuss the ongoing relevance of a global action plan and how the Forum can facilitate a renewal of the plan that generates backing and active contributions from across the data community and generates wider awareness and action in other international Forums like the forthcoming Summit of the Future. The panel will discuss a number of issues:

- What main priorities should the UN World Data Forum advocate for, to improve data and statistics for development?
- How can the UN World Data Forum position itself better with other high-level events and communities with a data component?
- What type of commitments/pledges could accelerate improvements in the data and statistics for development?

Opening Remarks: Arlene Tickner, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations

Scene Setting: “New Mandate, New Aspirations”

- Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division
- Piedad Urdinola, Director-General, Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE-Colombia)

Discussion Panel: Global advocacy and political outreach on data and statistics

Moderator: Benjamin Rothen, Ambassador and Head of International and national affairs, Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO) [*to be confirmed*]

- Shaida Badiie, Programme Committee chair and Co-founder and Managing Director, Open Data Watch
- Dima Al-Khatib, Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)

- Dilek Fraisl, Research scholar, Novel Data Ecosystems for Sustainability Research Group of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
- Johannes Jutting, Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)
- Patrick Gerland, Chief Population estimates and projections section, United Nations Population Division

Summary and closing by co-chairs of the [High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development \(HLG-PCCB\)](#)