

UNSC official side event

Leveraging Administrative Data for statistical production: New tools from the Collaborative on Administrative Data

56th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

Wednesday 5 March 2025, 06:15 PM – 07:45 PM (EST)

Venue: Ford Foundation for Social Justice, 320 E 43rd St, New York, NY 10017

Note: **refreshments will be served**

Organizers: [United Nations Statistics Division](#) (UNSD), the [Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data](#) (GPSDD), [UN WOMEN](#)

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Background and description:

As countries work to enhance their statistical processes, leveraging administrative data plays a crucial role in filling data gaps, improving the availability, quality and reliability of information to support decision-making and enabling the monitoring of progress against national development goals and the 2030 Agenda.

While there have been long-term efforts to improve the use and sharing of administrative data sources, progress has varied substantially between different subject matter areas and between regions and countries. Challenges like data access, data quality, privacy and security, and proper documentation of data continue to hinder the full integration of administrative data into statistical processes and its use for statistical purposes in the majority of countries around the world.

The [Collaborative on Administrative Data \(CAD\)](#), led by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) and UN WOMEN, was established in 2020 to strengthen the capacity of national statistical systems to leverage the use of administrative data for statistical purposes, to fill gaps in the data available to policy and decision makers to monitor progress and implement the 2030 Agenda. The Collaborative brings together stakeholders from countries as well as from regional and international agencies and is a space for learning and exchange of experiences to strengthen the capacity of countries to produce and use administrative data sources for statistical purposes.

During this session, the tools developed within the Collaborative on Administrative Data, aimed at supporting countries in these efforts, will be introduced, followed by an interactive, café-style discussion to foster deeper engagement and exchange on these tools.

Among these, new tools will be presented and will be the object of discussions, such as:

- **Metadata Guidance**, which extends beyond administrative data and serves as a hands-on resource to help countries implement a metadata system and engage with data producers for effective documentation of data and statistical products.

- **Advocacy Toolkit**, which provides an easy-to-use collection of ideas, strategies, materials, and examples that countries can use when planning and executing advocacy and awareness-raising activities regarding the use and sharing of administrative data for statistical production.
- **Toolkit for record linkage**, a guidance on interoperability and integrating administrative data with other data types

Additionally, updates on existing tools will be presented, including the [Toolkit for the Assessment of Administrative Data Quality](#), a practical questionnaire and guide for evaluating the quality of an administrative data source, institutional environment, and statistical system.

Country representatives will also share their experiences and lessons learned in utilizing administrative data for statistical production, with an emphasis on key topics covered by the tools, such as metadata management, harmonization of concepts and definitions, access to and sharing of administrative data, linking of data sources, and assessing the quality of administrative data.

Agenda:

Time	Agenda Item
6:00 - 6:15 p.m.	Registration and snacks
6:15 - 6:20 p.m.	Welcome and session introduction
6:20 - 6:35 p.m.	Introduction to the tools developed by the CAD
6:35 – 7:30 p.m.	Interactive, cafe tables discussions of new tools
7:30 - 7:40 p.m.	Report backs and comments/feedback on tools
7:40 - 7:45 p.m.	General information about the CAD