

What are NSOs doing to lead national efforts to increase data literacy?

A Side Event at the United Nations Statistics Commission,
Friday 3 March 2022, 8:15 – 9:45 am (EST) - **conference room F**



Global Network of Institutions
for Statistical Training (GIST)

Overview

The range and depth of data demands emerging out of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are unprecedented and present a substantial challenge for national statistical systems in all countries. Significant efforts are required to strengthen national statistical capacities to provide the necessary data and statistics for the full implementation of the 2030 agenda, including statistical training.

The Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training (GIST) was established in 2018 to facilitate more coordination and help harmonize statistical training offerings. GIST is a network of countries, international and regional training institutions who work together to develop sustainable statistical capacities through efficient, effective, and harmonized delivery of training. The community of experts have developed materials and tools along three main workstreams: i) sustainable training programs at national level; ii) online gateway for statistical learning materials and; iii) statistical literacy.

This event will focus on how the statistics community, and National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in particular, engage with citizens to increase overall data and statistical literacy. GIST has collected information on different practices among NSOs and some will be presented at this event. After hearing from a few selected countries, there will also be room to discuss with participants what are successful approaches to engagement, and whether the engagement has led to increased understanding and interest in data and statistics among the population.

In the second part of the side-event NSOs will share efforts to train their staff, particularly in the context of engagement with different stakeholder groups. Wider training efforts, also in the context of innovation will also be presented and discussed.

GIST initiatives will briefly be presented at the session, including the hub or gateway for statistical face-to-face and e-learning courses on UN SDG:learn (www.unsdglearn.org/statistics).

Objectives

This side event will:

- Provide an overview on how NSOs engage with stakeholders to increase data and statistical literacy, also allowing for a discussion session with the audience on what are efficient approaches to engaging the population around data and statistics
- Discuss how NSOs work to increase skills of their staff, among others to also more easily engage the population around data and statistics

More details on the work of GIST can also be found as a [background document](#) to item 3(a) of the UN Statistical Commission report.

Agenda

8.15: Opening by Rachael Beaven, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

8.20: Panel on how NSOs engage with various stakeholders in their countries, *moderated by Mitali Sen, US Census Bureau*

- Etambuyu Lukonga, Zambia Statistics Office
- Andrea Diniz, National School of Statistical Sciences, Brazil
- Ola Awad, Palestine Central Bureau of Statistics
- Josie Almeda, Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute and University of the Philippines, School of Statistics

8.45: Discussion with audience

9.00: Panel on how NSOs are modernizing to meet training needs of their staff, among others to better communicate with the public, *moderated by Kieran Walsh, ILO*

- Janne Utkilen, Statistics Norway
- Widad Saadouni, Morocco High Commission for Planning
- Miosotis Rivas, Oficina Nacional de Estadística, Dominican Republic

9.20: Q&A

9.35: Closing by Yongyi Min, UN Statistics Division

9.45: End of event