8th Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

Agenda Item 2. Update on Latest Events: United Nations World Data Forum

6-8 November 2018

Stockholm, Sweden

United Nations World Data Forum

- 3 Days
- 85+ Sessions
- Over 2,000 participants

UN World Data Forum Programme

6 Thematic Areas:

- New approaches to capacity development for better data

- Innovations and synergies across data ecosystems

- Leaving no one behind

- Understanding the world through data

- Building trust in data and statistics

- How far have we come?

United Nations
WORLD
DATA
FORUM

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
22 - 24 OCTOBER 2018

ابتكارات وتضافر الجهود عبر النظم الإيكولوجية للبيانا
Innovations and synergies across data ecosystems

فهم العالم من خلال البيانات
Understanding the world through data

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Participants

Over 2,000 participants from over 100 countries attended Forum. They represented NSOs, civil society, the private sector, academia and international and regional organizations

Key Outcomes of the Forum

- Launch of Guide on Data Interoperability

- Gender data impact stories

- Innovative tools to integrate new data sources into official statistics

Building Trust in Data and Statistics:

- Trust is a foundational issue for the usefulness of data and statistics

- 70% of attendees at Forum believed there is a crisis in lack of public trust in data

- Improving data literacy key to improving trust in data and statistics

- Data and statistics are necessary to rephrase the narrative on migration

- New and innovative methodologies are being used to better measure migration, including the use of geospatial information and telecommunications data

Improving Migration Statistics

Financing for More and Better Data

- Improved efficiency, engagement and coordination are needed

- While "real sustainability lies in domestic resources" donors can pool resource to address priority data needs

- Need to cultivate a more user-centered data culture to demonstrate policy impact of data

- Priority must be given to capacity building and taking concrete steps that are easy to convey

Dubai Declaration

At the closing session of the Forum, the Dubai Declaration: Supporting the Implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data was launched. This declaration calls for the establishment of an innovative funding mechanism to strengthen the capacity of national data and statistical systems.

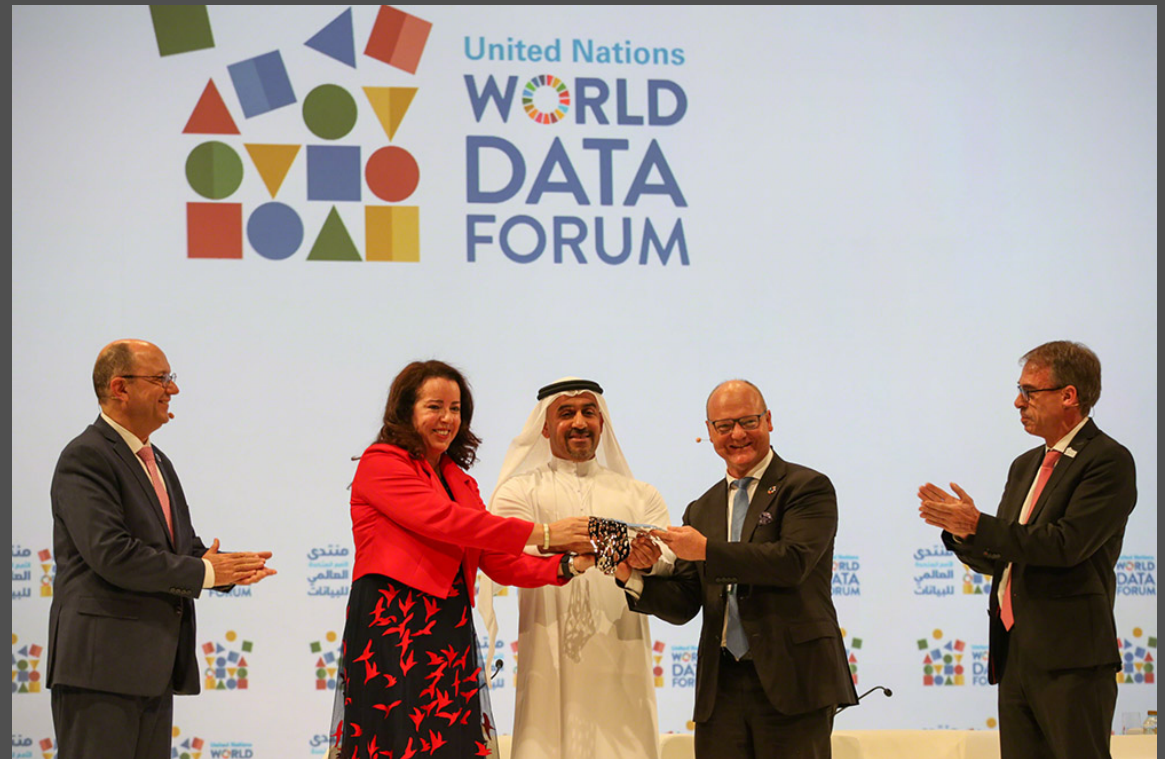# Dubai Declaration

The Dubai Declaration resolves to:

- Ensure that quality, relevant, timely, open and disaggregated data are made available and accessible to all users

- Work in a collaborative manner to bring all data communities together to implement the CTGAP

- Undertake key actions under the six strategic areas of the CTGAP and establish partnerships to leverage the power of new data sources and technologies

- Mobilise financing at domestic and international levels and ensure political commitment within each country for adequate allocation of domestic resources to strengthen data systems to address existing gaps.

The Dubai Declaration calls for:

- The establishment of a funding mechanism to strengthen the capacity of national data and statistical systems. The funding mechanism will be created under mandate of UN Statistical Commission to raise resources to address the data needs for the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

3rd UN World Data Forum

It was announced that the third UN World Data Forum will take place in Bern, Switzerland in October 2020. The third Forum will be hosted by the Federal Statistics Office of Switzerland

https://undataforum.org