Statistics are more important now than ever before. The current pandemic emphasizes how the professional communities are coming together to address these current data needs.

It is essential to build and maintain trust in data and statistics, especially in today’s world. As the overall data ecosystem evolves, data standards, independence of the national statistical system, and the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics can contribute to and build trust in the data and statistics produced by the statistical systems.

Strengthening data ecosystems in countries will bring together quality data from various sources to provide more timely data.
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Connecting the world with data we can trust
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By Shiigen Kawasaki
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This year, the third World Statistics Day (WSD) will be celebrated on 20 October all over the world. I hope the opening of this blog will contribute to global promotion of the WSD.

UN Statistics Division Director excited to hear about your plans for World Statistics Day 2020

By Stefan Schweinfeirt
14 August 2020
In a letter on 13 August to the global statistical community, I shared my excitement in inviting you to initiate your special celebrations for World Statistics Day 2020 occurring on 20 October 2020.

World Statistics Day 2020 launch

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In a letter to the heads of state dated 2 September 2020, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres, invited governments, as the primary producer, user and beneficiary of official statistics, to lend their full support to this year’s World Statistics Day. The Secretary-General recalled the General Assembly resolution 60/282 which called for the observance of World Statistics Day every fifth year.

The Secretary-General pointed out in his letter that "current, reliable, timely and trusted data are necessary to understand the changing world in which we live." He also noted that "the unprecedented Coronavirus pandemic has elevated the importance of data and statistics, and demonstrated how linking data to geospatial information can help us to track the dynamics of a rapidly changing global situation." The Secretary-General shared that "in establishing this observance, the (General) Assembly invited all Member States, the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, research institutions, media and all producers and users of official statistics, to do their part to highlight the value of statistics in meeting the challenges of our time." The General Assembly is the main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations.
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