

Session 6:



Coordination with other Groups of the Statistical Commission

Friends of the Chair Group on Social and Demographic Statistics

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Friends of the Chair Group on Social and Demographic Statistics Purpose and objectives

- Created by the 53rd Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission and tasked to:
 - Review social and demographic statistics, as outlined in Decision 53/105 on Working methods of the Statistical Commission.
 - provide recommendations for an agile and more responsive system of social and demographic statistics, in line with the central promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to leave no one behind, while anticipating data needs beyond 2030.

 Expected to work for a period of 3 years and report back on deliverables at the 57th session of the Statistical Commission in 2026.

Friends of the Chair (FoC) Group on Social and Demographic Statistics Members and Observers

FoC member countries*
Canada
Colombia
Denmark
Hungary (co-chair)
Indonesia
Lithuania
Mexico (co-chair)
Poland
South Africa
United Kingdom

FoC observers
UNECE
UNECA
UNECLAC
UNESCAP
UNESCWA
WHO
DESA POP
ILO
OECD
UNESCO UIS

Friends of the Chair (FoC) Group on Social and Demographic Statistics How do we make social and demographic statistics fit for purpose today and in the future?

Current challenges

Lack of an overarching conceptual framework

Difficult modeling of social phenomena

Increasing demands for data disaggregation and timeliness

Declining response rates in household surveys and rising survey costs

Tight fiscal environments

Decentralized statistical responsibilities

Low public acceptability for admin data linkages

FOC workstreams



We map our collective work at the <u>international level</u>, identifying what is available as well as existing gaps (in data, tools, methods)



We showcase <u>national practices</u>
for timely and granular data that have the potential
to be scaled up at global level



We elevate the <u>role of social and demographic</u> <u>statistics</u> in the eyes of users and producers



Friends of the Chair (FoC) Group on Social and Demographic Statistics Workstream 2



Workstream 1

Mapping and reviewing the collective global and regional work in the area of social and demographic statistics



Workstream 2

Reviewing **national practices**for timely and granular data that
have the potential to be scaled
up at global level



Workstream 3

Elevating the role of social and demographic statistics in the eyes of data users and producers



Conceptual

framework



Integration including across statistical pillars

Friends of the Chair (FoC) Group on Social and Demographic Statistics Towards an overarching conceptual framework for social and demographic statistics



Are the 'unit of measurement' for social and demographic statistics

Population stock

Population flows

Characteristics of individuals



RELATIONSHIPS

People are social creatures that are constantly interacting with and exist in relation to one another.

Families and household groupings, communities and institutions are important to understanding the social landscape.

Interactions between individuals collectively build up a society.



OUTCOMES

Outcomes to be assessed based on both objective and subjective measures

Objective: education, health, time use (such as unpaid work, work-life balance and leisure), employment, income, wealth and housing, among others

Subjective: well-being, including physical and mental health, learning, sense of purpose, meaningful work, among others



PLACES

Geography as an element for analysing social and demographic statistics and as a link across themes and domains



TIME

Time as an aid in understanding and anticipating changes in population, outcomes and relationships.

Time series are important to understand change over time (monitoring progress)

Life perspectives, agespecific lenses and cohort-based analyses



Time-use statistics to understand how people are doing and their relationships with one another

...and to link information across statistical pillars

Time

use

data

And much more...

Transport Public services

Behaviours

Use of technologies Impact of pandemic Teleworking and online education Consumption patterns

Social connections

Volunteering Loneliness Social activities

Well-being

Education and culture Health (physical activity, mental health, habits, unpaid health care) Leisure Work



SDG 5 and more...

Measuring all forms of work

Links to the economy

Extended accounts (unpaid household service work, health accounts)

Distributional aspects (NTTA) Human and social capital

Gender equality
Unpaid domestic and care work (including supervisory care) Intrahousehold bargaining



FoC Social and Demographic Statistics: Timeframe and way forward

Workstream 1 (Colombia)

Preliminary results of the mapping exercise

Mapping of methodological work, available data, solutions and tools

Workstream 2 (Canada)

Interim progress report on countries' practices

Building blocks identification, national practices, overarching framework, integration

Workstream 3 (Poland)

Preliminary results on:

Stakeholder engagement, communication strategies, microdata access, improving response rates

Report of the FoC to the Statistical Commission

2024

2023



Final report of the FoC to be submitted to the 57th session of the Statistical Commission.

Endorsement of the recommendations and follow up actions of Commission decisions.



Thank you!

