

THE NEW AGE FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS

Using non-traditional data and methods in Asia and the Pacific



Tuesday
5 March 2019
1:15 - 2:30 pm

Conference
room 8



The 2030 Agenda has brought attention to the new data sources, partnerships, skills and practices National Statistical Systems (NSS) require to meet the unprecedented demand for data and statistics. Whilst the 'big data' momentum has prompted opportunities to improve and invest in new data sources, methodologies and business processes, many Chief Statisticians recognize methodologies and business processes are necessary but not sufficient to maintain the reputation of, and trust in, the National Statistics Office.

Countries in Asia and the Pacific are increasingly drawing on non-traditional methods, non-traditional sources of data and new partnerships to deliver official statistics which meet the test of practical utility. A high level panel of Statisticians from across Asia and the Pacific have kindly agreed to share their experiences in harnessing opportunities of technological advances and new data sources, the new partnerships and skills required, highlighting lessons learned and considerations for the global statistical community.

Recognizing the opportunity to hear directly from Chief Statisticians, ample time will be provided for discussion. Ms. Derval Usher, Head of Office of the Jakarta-based UN Global Pulse Lab will moderate the discussion.

Objective

Participants will have the chance to learn and discuss how the Asia and the Pacific statistical community have seized opportunities to meet the increasing demands being placed on National Statistical Systems by national, regional and international agendas, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to measure what matters.

- Are there investments which have bigger payoffs than others?
- What is the impact on human resources, partnerships, budgets and strategies?

The side event is organized by ESCAP with support from the members of the Bureau of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics. The side event is open.

Format

1.15-1.20

Welcome and opening remarks

Ms. Gemma Van Halderen

Director

ESCAP Statistics Division



1.20 – 1.30

Reflections from New Zealand

Ms. Liz MacPherson

Government Statistician for New Zealand and

Government Chief Data Steward



1.30 – 1.40

Reflections from Georgia

Mr. Gogita Todradze

Executive Director

National Statistics Office of Georgia



1.40 – 1.50

Reflections from Republic of Korea

Mr. Kwang Sup Kim

Director General of Statistical Policy Bureau

Statistics Korea



1.50 – 2.00

Reflections from Australia

Mr. Branko Vitas

A/g Program Manager

International Statistics Branch, Australian Bureau of Statistics



2.00 – 2.20

Facilitated Discussion

Ms. Derval Usher

Head of Office

PulseLab Jakarta, UN Global Pulse



2.20 – 2.30

Wrap up and close