In the context of an increasing digitalisation of public and private lives, governments adopt digitalisation and data strategies to promote e-government activities, make information available to a broader public and reduce reporting burden of citizens.

The event will aim to exchange experience in individual countries on the role that statistical offices play in those strategies. Should the NSOs help to shape these strategies? Should it play an active role in the management of public/private data? What are possible tensions between the NSO’s role of a traditional producer of statistics and being a data hub for the government? What are possible opportunities, what are the risks?

The event start by short presentations by five statistical offices countries on their experiences and will be followed by a discussion on the possible role the NSOs could play in those strategies by addressing the following questions:
• Should the NSOs help to shape these strategies?
• What are the opportunities and risks?
• In what areas can NSOs provide support for such strategies (e.g. expertise, services, data)

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Presentations:
- Konrad Pensendorfer, Director General, Statistics Austria
- David W. Kalisch, Australian Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Anil Arora, Chief statistician, Statistics Canada
- Lisa Bersales, National Statistician, Statistics Philippines
- Risenga Maluleke, Head of Statistics South Africa