

*52nd session of the United Nations Statistical Commission  
1 to 3 and 5 March 2021 (virtual format)*

Side event

**Data and metadata dissemination and a vision for UN data**

16 February 2021 (Tuesday)  
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM EST (New York Time)

The event is open to all and will be conducted using WebEx. Registration is available at:  
<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/52nd-session/side-events/20210216-1M-Data-and-metadata-dissemination-and-a-vision-for-UN-data/>

The side event will introduce and seeks to engage all stakeholders on a vision and proposal for a new UN data that builds on the existing portal and provides better access to available data, in line with the new UN Secretary-General's Data Strategy. A brief opening presentation will be followed by a conversation among stakeholders with the aim of setting the stage for further work and discussions. The side event is linked to the Commission's agenda item 3(m) *Data and metadata presentation and dissemination*<sup>1</sup> and will provide an opportunity for an informal discussion.

Moderator: Josh Powell, Chief Executive Officer at Development Gateway

1. The vision for a new UN data
  - a. Context and case for a new UN data (*Francesca Perucci, UN Statistics Division*)
  - b. Executive Office of the Secretary-General (*Lara Blanco*)
  - c. Open Data Watch (*Shaida Badiee, Managing Director*)
  - d. Ireland Central Statistics Office (*Pádraig Dalton, Director General*)
2. The UN system's role in data communication: Lessons learned (perspectives from UN system, users and other partners)
  - a. United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (*Sarah Telford, Lead of the Centre for Humanitarian Data*)
  - b. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (*Melinda Cuzner, Data expert and manager, IATI Manager*)
  - c. Statistics South Africa (*Ashwell Jenneker, Deputy Director General Statistical operations and Provincial coordination*)
  - d. UNECLAC (*Rolando Ocampo, Director, UNECLAC Statistics Division*)
3. The way forward (*Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UN Statistics Division*)

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<sup>1</sup> Report of the Secretary-General on data and metadata presentation and dissemination (E/CN.3/2021/17).

## REFERENCES

- SECRETARY-GENERAL'S DATA STRATEGY  
<https://www.un.org/en/content/datastrategy/index.shtml>
- UNdata  
<https://data.un.org/>
- Report of the Secretary-General on data and metadata presentation and dissemination  
<https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/3897010?ln=en>

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