

World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives – National Statistical Offices

Introduction:

The data revolution is transforming the world, but much of its value remains untapped, especially for the developing world.

World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives – the first WDR focused solely on the role of data for development – explores the tremendous potential of the changing data landscape to improve the lives of poor people, while ensuring that individuals, businesses, and societies are protected from harm.

To realize its full potential, this report calls for a new social contract for data, which enables the use and reuse of data to create greater economic and social value; ensures equitable access; and fosters trust that data will not be misused.

The report comes at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic is wreaking havoc on the global economy, bringing to the forefront global data inequalities. In particular, the crisis reinforces the urgency of reforms and investments to improve National Statistical Offices and calls attention to their critical role in building sustainable data systems.

Join us for a presentation of the WDR2021 report and its findings, with a discussion on the vision of an integrated national data system that can deliver on the promise of high-quality data, making them accessible for use and reuse in a safe manner.

Format: The event will be conducted virtual, showcase two (2) presentations, with a panel discussion followed by Q&A, and will last 90 minutes.

Program:

Opening remarks: Haishan Fu, Director of the Development Data Group (DECDG), World Bank (10 minutes)

Big picture presentation: WDR 2021 Co-Directors (15 mins)

Deep dive presentation: WDR 2021 chapter 9 authors (20 mins)

Panel discussion (20 mins)

- Dr. Ola Awad, President, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

- John Pullinger, President, International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS)
- Dr. Julio Santaella, President, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI)-Mexico
- Biratu Yigezu, Director General, Ethiopian Central Statistics Agency (CSA)

Rest – Q&A

Registration details:

This is an open event, though registration is required via this form: <https://forms.gle/kHasUo1B9oKM6FPz9>

The side event will be conducted via Webex. Registered participants will receive the Webex link and connection details prior to the event. In case of questions, please contact: dmariano@worldbank.org