

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

Side event

Quality assurance and new data sources

9 February 2021 (Tuesday)

8:00 AM – 09:15 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/20210209-1M-Quality-assurance-and-new-data-sources/>

CONCEPT NOTE and AGENDA

The side event is organized by the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks. A brief introduction to the work of the Expert Group, including to the United Nations Quality Assurance Frameworks Manual for Official Statistics (*Manual*) and plans going forward will be followed by a country case study on the application of a national quality assurance framework. The main agenda item will be a dialogue on quality assurance of new data sources. Practitioners will reveal their lessons learned during a questions and answer session. The side event is linked to the Commission's agenda item 3(i) *Report of the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks*¹ and will provide an opportunity for an informal discussion.

Moderator: James Tucker, United Kingdom, Co-Chair of the Expert Group

1. The *Manual* and the plans going forward - introduction to the work of the Expert Group (*Matthias Reister, UNSD*)
2. Regional case study of NQAF advances in implementation (*Juan Daniel Oviedo Arango, Director General of DANE, Colombia*)
3. Dialogue on quality assurance of new data sources
 - a. Use of novel data sources for the Consumer Price Index (*Catherine McGirr, ONS, United Kingdom*)
 - b. Experiences in the quality assurance of new sources, (*Juan Daniel Oviedo Arango, Director General of DANE, Colombia*)
 - c. Comments and perspectives (*Steven Vale, UN Economic Commission for Europe*)
 - d. Comments and perspectives (*Claudia Junker, Statistical Office of the European Union*)
 - e. Q&A and facilitated discussion with participants

Registration:

The event is open to all. Please use this link to register for the event:

<https://forms.gle/DrfhCTtg5oqBubdGA>. The side event will be conducted virtually using WebEx. The link to the meeting will be shared with you a couple of days before the event. In case of questions please contact us at chung@un.org.

¹ Report of the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks (E/CN.3/2021/26), available at: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/52nd-session/documents/2021-26-NQAF-E.pdf>.