

Improving Statistics on Forced Displacement and Statelessness: Emerging Lessons from Country Implementation

Side-event of the 53rd Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

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Summary

Since the UNSC endorsement of the *International Recommendations on Refugee and IDP Statistics (IRRS and IRIS)* in 2018 and 2020 respectively, many countries have taken concrete steps towards their **implementation at national level**. These efforts have taken a variety of forms – some focus on inclusion in national census, others on surveys or administrative data systems, and still others are exploring more experimental methods. However, each one of these examples contributes to our collective goal to ensure vulnerable populations, including those forcibly displaced and stateless, are not left behind as we work to **achieve the Sustainable Development Goals**.

Despite challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic on primary data collection efforts, there is currently a growing momentum around the usage of the Refugee and IDP statistical recommendations. The **Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics (EGRISS)** will convene this event to showcase a selection of examples and provide a platform for countries to directly share their technical knowledge and experiences in this regard. In addition, the event will draw attention to the Group's ongoing efforts to develop *International Recommendations on Statelessness Statistics (IROSS)* as well as to **invest in capacity development of national statistical systems** through strategic partnerships to further implementation in the years ahead under its 2020-2024 mandate.

The side event will therefore connect to agenda item 3a on **Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and item 3f on **Civil registration, vital statistics and statelessness statistics** where the "[Report of the EGRISS on statelessness statistics](#)" will be presented.

The side event will **showcase examples from countries who are actively pursuing steps to put the recommendations into practice**. By shedding light on examples from refugee, IDP and statelessness contexts from the perspective of practitioners working in national statistical institutions, the session will highlight the **importance of capacity development** for affected states and demonstrate the means by which each country can **adapt the recommendations to its own national context**. It will bring together an expert panel, moderated by the Head of the

EGRISS Secretariat, including speakers from the Italian National Institute of Statistics (Istat), the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico, and Statistics Sweden to share their experiences.

The expected outcomes of the event include:

- To **raise awareness** of the *International Recommendations on Refugee and IDP Statistics (IRRS & IRIS)* and the ongoing work to develop similar recommendations on statelessness.
- To **foster peer-to-peer learning** between countries with the view of reinforcing good practices at the global level.
- To capitalise on the growing momentum that currently surrounds the implementation of the recommendations to **inspire further action**.
- To **inform EGRISS efforts to better support countries** including through capacity development, methodological advancements and guidance development.

Agenda

Chair/moderator

Ms. Natalia Krynsky Baal, Head of the Secretariat of the Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics (EGRISS)

Opening remarks

Mr. Macdonald George Obudho, Director General, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)

Speakers

Ms. Cinzia Conti, Senior Researcher, Italian National Institute of Statistics (Istat)

Ms. Alejandra Ríos Cázares, Adjunct General Director of Development, Analysis and Indicator of Government, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico

Ms. Renice Akinyi Bunde, Assistant Manager Population, Governance, Peace and Security Statistics, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)

Ms. Anna Eriksson, Long-term Advisor to STATAFRIC, Statistics Sweden

Q&A

Closing remarks