The Data Values Project - Reimagining how we unlock the value of data for all

9.00-10.15am EST, Friday, February 18, 2022 | Registration

As data and statistics increasingly shape societies and impact all aspects of individuals’ lives, the time has come to define the common values that underpin equitable statistical systems. With rapidly evolving data ecosystems, increasing public scrutiny, and mounting demands on national statistical offices, there is an urgent need to think critically about who controls, who is involved with, and who is affected by the production and use of data.

The UN Secretary General emphasized the centrality of data to establishing a new social contract required between Governments and their people and within societies in “Our Common Agenda”. The Common Agenda defines the foundations of a new social contract as a) trust; b) inclusion, protection, participation; and c) measuring what matters to people and the planet.

This event will provide the opportunity for the statistical community to discuss the role of data and statistics to advance the Common Agenda and increase individuals’ inclusion and participation. It will build on emerging insights from the Data Values Project - a consultation with the development and statistical communities to define common values, ethics, and standards around equitable production, use, and governance of data.
The event contributes directly to the discussion on Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Data Stewardship at the 53rd session of the Commission. Importantly, it will surface new ideas and solutions and strengthen collective action towards realizing the Commission’s vision of ‘Better Data, Better Lives’.

The insights shared during the event will also be incorporated into outputs from the Data Values Project and the audience will be encouraged to join further consultations and dialogues fostered by the project.

**Agenda**

- Introduction to the Data Values Project
- High-level panel discussion on the role of data and statistics to increase individuals’ inclusion and participation, featuring:
  - National Statisticians
  - UN leaders
- Spotlight on how collaboration foster participation in national data systems and shift towards more equitable outcomes, with an example from Kenya:
  - National Statistician
  - Civil society leader
- Audience engagement will be prioritized throughout.