

Short Biographies of Nominees

Richard Heys is Deputy Chief Economist at the Office of National Statistics (ONS) and leads on Well-Being, Beyond GDP, Productivity, and the ONS's engagement with the forthcoming update of the SNA. He has delivered research into new economic measures of Inclusive [Wealth](#) and [Income](#) as part of this agenda, which are now published as routine statistics in the UK.

He chaired the UN Network of Economic Statisticians' Beyond GDP Sprint series and sits on the Bureau of the Network.

Richard represents the UK on the OECD's Working Party on National Accounts, the UNECE Expert Group on National Accounts, chairs the OECD's Working Party on Measuring and Analysing the Digital Economy, and represented the UK at the 2024 UN Statistical Commission.

He has published widely on digitalization, economic welfare, and public service productivity. He is currently Method's Adviser to the National Statistician Review of Public Service Productivity and was a member of the Bureau of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth from 2022 to 2024.

Mohammed Hassan is the Executive Director of the Statistics and Data Science Sector at the United Arab Emirates Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Centre (FCSC) since 2012. Mohammad is also the Data Chief Officer responsible for the overall stewardship of the organization's information data holdings and the implementation of Data Strategy in the UAE. He is a member of the United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians and the United Nations Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics.

Before joining the FCSC, he worked as a Public Sector Director at Microsoft for over 5 years, focusing on public sector business development. His banking expertise spans 11 years, during which he worked in financial services and information technology.

He holds a master's degree in Strategy and Security from the National Defence College and a master's degree in international business law from the University of Paris II. He also completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT Sloan) "Study of the Impacts of Artificial Intelligence on Business Strategy" and a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the American National University.