

Preliminary Agenda
Fourth Meeting of the Friends of the Chair Group on Economic Statistics

Monday 29 June, 6:00am to 8:30am (EST)

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United Nations, Virtual Meeting

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6:00am -6:10am

Session 1: Welcome remarks (10 minutes)

Mr. Anil Arora, Chair of the Friends of Chair Group on Economic Statistics and Chief Statistician of Canada

Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director of United Nations Statistics

6:10am – 7:10am

Session 2: Ensuring a user-centered focus (60 minutes)

2.1 Integrated approach to sustainable development linking economic, social, and environmental development – user demand related to economic policy making for sustainable development

Mr. Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary General and Chief Economist, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. Serge Dupont, Senior Advisor, Bennett Jones, and former Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council and Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

2.2. COVID as a case study on how an NSO had to rapidly adjust to new user requirements

Mr. David Gruen, Australian Statistician

2.3 Reflections on ensuring a user-centered focus

All members – Question- *How well does the existing system capture user requirements?*

Documentation for Session 2:

Country notes provided by the members of the FOC Group on Economic Statistics

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Session 3: Affirmation of Friends of Chair Group’s objectives following COVID19

3.1. Reflections on initiatives of the FOC Group members following the COVID 19 outbreak and their expected pivot post-COVID.

All members – Question – *how resilient is the statistical system and what are the expected changes for the statistical system in the post-COVID stage?*

3.2. Affirmation of the objectives and the expected outcomes of the FOC Group by 52nd Session of the Statistical Commission in 2021

All members – Question – *can we confirm the objectives of the FOC Group and how do we realize the expected outcomes?*

Objectives as determined by 2nd Meeting of the FOC Group:

- challenging the system with concept cases (e.g. an after-action report on COVID reflecting on the integrated approach to economic statistics, passive vs. active statistics, networking of national and global statistical community, etc.)
- streamlining and documenting working methods for the economic statistics system
- sustained networking among statisticians on cross domain topics
- enabling sustained user consultation

Documentation for Session 3:

Note on the progress of implementation of the FoC Group objectives and outcomes

Note on the framing of the COVID use case

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Session 4: Summary and review of Day 1

Mr. Anil Arora, Chair and Chief Statistician of Canada

All members – Question – *is the summary and review of day 1 confirmed?*

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Session 5: Work plan for remainder of year 2

Mr. Greg Peterson: Assistant Chief Statistician of Statistics Canada

All members - Question - *do we agree with the proposed work plan for the remainder of year 2 and what are the FOC group members able to contribute to the workplan?*

Documentation Session 5: FOC Group work plan 2020 (to be presented)

7:30am – 7:50am

Session 6: Next steps

Mr. Anil Arora: Chair and Chief Statistician of Statistics Canada

All members - Question – *are we willing to meet every six to eight weeks to increase the communication in our informal network on our initiative post-COVID and what can the FOC Group members contribute in August and in October 2020 for the 5th and 6th meeting of the FOC Group?*

7:50am- 8:00am

Session 7: Closing remarks

Mr. Anil Arora, Chair of the Friends of Chair Group on Economic Statistics and Chief Statistician of Canada

Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director of United Nations Statistics