

Second Conference on Big Data for Official Statistics
Session on Using Big Data for the SDGs
Questions/issues to be raised by the moderator to the panelists

1. What are some concrete examples of SDG targets that are being measured with BD?
2. Short-term vs. long-term use of BD for SDGs: Is Big Data mature enough to calculate one or more of the SDG targets as soon as they are adopted –even if BD is used in conjunction with other traditional data? If so, can you give concrete examples where we are at the deployment stage? Or, conversely do we have to keep experimenting until BD can be used routinely for any SDG target?
3. Do you think that Big Data will replace or complement traditional data for monitoring SDGs?
4. How can we deal with using Big Data proxies for SDG targets? What would be the role of proxies? For example, for SDG 1, can we foresee a case scenario where traditional measures of monetary poverty will be updated every 2 or 3 years, but we could have more frequent or more disaggregated proxies in between 2-3 year periods? For what targets is this likely to happen?
5. How to deal with bias in Big Data sources?