

Highlights of Day 01 of the UN World Data Forum and What to Look for Tomorrow

Below are some highlights from the opening ceremony on **Sunday, 03 October**, as well as selections from the UN World Data Forum program for **Monday, 04 October**.

For additional sessions and speaker bios, please see undataforum.org. Please notice that the [UN World Data Forum online platform](#) registration is still open.

03 October 2021

Opening Ceremony [\[LINK\]](#)

Keynote Address by **UN Secretary-General António Guterres** [\[LINK\]](#)

Keynote Address by **Brad Smith, President Microsoft** [\[LINK\]](#)

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Below are selected Forum events that may be of interest to media.

PARALEL SESSIONS

09:00 – 10:00

TA2.02 Partnership for Sustainable Development: The Global South Story

Speakers

- **Mahadia Tunga** (Speaker in-person) Tanzania Data Lab (dlab)
- **Philipp Schonrock** (Speaker in-person) Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (Cepei), Director
- **Karen Bett** (Speaker) Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD), Policy Manager
- **Rajiv Ranjan** (Speaker) Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), Innovation Team Lead
- **Neal Myrick** (Speaker) Tableau, Vice President
- **Yudhanjaya Wijeratne** (Speaker) LIRNEasia, Senior Researcher

- **Mitch Blaser** (Moderator) Millennium Challenge Corporation, Regional Director, Data, Innovation and Civic Tech

TA6.02 Smart investments in data for development: Launch of the Clearinghouse for Financing Development Data

Speakers

- **Francesca Perucci** (Speaker in-person) United Nations Statistics Division, Assistant Director
- **Shaida Badiee** (Speaker in-person) Open Data Watch (ODW), Managing Director
- **Johannes Jutting** (Speaker in-person) Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), Executive Head
- **Ida Mc Donnell** (Speaker in-person) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Jurei Yada** (Speaker in-person) Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), Coordination Lead, Bern Network on Financing Data for Development
- **Mercy Kanyuka** (Speaker) Malawi National Statistical Office, Commissioner
- **Josh Lozman** (Speaker) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Director of Policy, Advocacy & Communications for the Gender Equality Division
- **Haishan Fu** (Speaker) World Bank, Director, Development Data Group
- **Thomas Gass** (Speaker in-person) Switzerland, Assistant Director General and Head of Southcooperation Department, SDC
- **Ivan Murenzi** (Speaker) National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR), Deputy Director General

TA4.10 Re-strategizing labour market data collection, analysis and dissemination in time of crisis

Speakers

- **Noraliza Mohamad Ali**(Speaker)Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), Senior Deputy Executive Director
- **Betty Hasan**(Speaker)Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), Senior Director
- **Sahar Darusman**(Speaker)Social Security Organisation, Malaysia, Head of the Employment Insurance System Office
- **Kieran Walsh**(Speaker)International Labour Organization (ILO), Senior Statistician
- **Farina Adam Khong**(Speaker)Malaysia's Central Bank (Bank Negara Malaysia), Deputy Director of Economics Department
- **Daniel Sim**(Speaker)Ministry of Manpower, Deputy Director, Data Collection

(High-level plenary) Have we been going about capacity development the wrong way?

10:45 AM-12:00 PM at Arena

#TA1. New approaches to capacity development for better data

Speakers

- **Charles Lebon Mberi Kimpolo** (Speaker) African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS), Director, Industry Initiative
- **Baard Vegar Solhjell** (Speaker) Norad
- **Aliimuamua Malaefono Taua-Faasalaina** (Speaker) Samoa Bureau of Statistics, Government Statistician
- **Njide Ndili** (Speaker) The Lancet & Financial Times Commission: Governing health futures 2030: growing up in a digital world, Commissioner, The Lancet & Financial Times Commission: Governing health futures 2030: growing up in a digital world
- **Claire Doole** (Moderator) Moderator, Founder, Doole Communications - Training and Moderating

(High-level plenary) How to innovate timely data for Covid-19 and the SDGs

1:15 PM-2:30 PM at Arena

#TA2. Innovations and synergies across data ecosystems

Speakers

- **Albert van Jaarsveld** (Speaker) International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Director General
- **Rebecca Moore** (Speaker) Google, Director, Google Earth, and Earth Engine
- **Mago Yusuf Murangwa** (Speaker) National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR), Director General
- **Dr. Daniel Asare-Kyei** (Speaker) Esoko Limited, Chief Executive Officer
- **Arthur Honegger** (Moderator) Moderator, Author/journalist

03:00 – 04:00 PM

TA3.05 Making the most vulnerable visible: Data gaps and official statistics on forced displacement

Speakers

- **Haishan Fu** (Speaker) World Bank, Director, Development Data Group

- **Björn Gillsäter** (Speaker) World Bank – United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement (JDC), Head of the Center
- **Domenico Tabasso** (Speaker) World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center, Senior Economist
- **Natalia BAAL** (Speaker) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Coordinator of the Expert Group on Refugee and IDP Statistics (EGRIS)
- **Lucas Gómez** (Speaker) Government of Colombia, Presidential Envoy for the Colombia-Venezuela Border
- **Olena Shevtsova** (Speaker) State Statistics Service of Ukraine, Deputy Director of Administrative Directorate
- **Sharmarke Farah** (Speaker) Somali National Bureau of Statistics, Director General

TA3.17 Integrating geospatial data from all parties for COVID-19 response, recovery and resilience for informed decision making.

Speakers

- **Martin Brady** (Speaker) Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Head Geographer
- **Javier Carranza** (Speaker in-person) Programme Committee of World Data Forum / Founder of GeoCensos, Member
- **Francois Fonteneau** (Speaker in-person) Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), Deputy Director
- **Rosemary Okello-Orlale** (Speaker) Strathmore Business School (SBS), Africa Media Hub
- **Prachi Srivastava** (Speaker) Western University, Associate Professor
- **Amelie A Gagnon** (Speaker in-person) IIEP Development Unit, UNESCO, Demographer
- **Javier Teran** (Speaker in-person) United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), Statistician at UN OCHA

TA1.04 Uncovering Opportunity in Unusual Places: How countries are helping each other leverage administrative data for the SDGs

Speakers

- **Vibeke Nielsen** (Speaker in-person) United Nations Statistics Division, Inter-Regional Adviser on Statistical Training and Capacity Building
- **Emmanuel Nortey Botchway** (Speaker) Births and Deaths Registry, Ghana, Head, ICT/Projects & Programmes
- **Floribel Méndez Fonseca** (Speaker) Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Censos (INEC-Costa Rica), Manager of INEC Costa Rica

- **Iván Ojeda** (Speaker in-person) Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE) Paraguay, Director of INE Paraguay
- **Mayasa Mwinyi** (Speaker) Office of the Chief Government Statistician (OCGS-Zanzibar), Chief Statistician
- **Fredy Rodriguez** (Speaker) Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (Cepei), Program Officer Data for Sustainable Development
- **Jenna Slotin** (Moderator in-person) Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD), Senior Director of Policy

(High-level plenary) Leaving no one behind, the need to measure equity

4:15 PM-5:30 PM at Arena

#TA3. Leaving no one behind

Speakers

- **Dr. Alison Bryant** (Speaker) AARP, Senior Vice President Research / Technology & Digital Equity Enterprise Lead
- **Julio Santaella** (Speaker) INEGI Mexico
- **Nayana Das** (Speaker) IMPACT Initiatives, Head of Research
- **Jose Viera** (Speaker) World Blind Union, Chief Executive Officer
- **Ruth Levine** (Speaker) CEO, IDinsight
- **Claire Doole** (Moderator) Moderator, Founder, Doole Communications - Training and Moderating

Programme and complete list of speakers:

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