

## Highlights of Day 02 of the UN World Data Forum and What to Look for Tomorrow

Below are some highlights from the second day of the UN World Data Forum, **Monday 04 October**, as well as selections from the UN World Data Forum program for **Tuesday, 05 October**.

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

### 04 October 2021

Local (Switzerland) and foreign media covering UN World Data Forum 2021 [\[LINK\]](#)

(High-level plenary) Have we been going about capacity development the wrong way? [\[LINK\]](#)

(High-level plenary) How to innovate timely data for Covid-19 and the SDGs [\[LINK\]](#)

(High-level plenary) Leaving no one behind, the need to measure equity [\[LINK\]](#)

### 05 October 2021

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

#### PARALEL SESSIONS

**09:00 – 10:00**

**TA1.06** Where to start first? – Identifying the leverage points of effective capacity development

**9:00 AM-10:00 AM**

#### Speakers

- **Johannes Jutting** (Speaker in-person) Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), Executive Head

- **Mercy Kanyuka**(Speaker)Malawi National Statistical Office, Commissioner
- **Umar Serajuddin**(Speaker)World Bank Group, Manager, Indicators and Data Services Unit
- **Julia Schmidt**(Speaker)PARIS21, Policy analyst
- **Mitch Blaser**(Speaker)Millennium Challenge Corporation, Regional Director, Data, Innovation and Civic Tech
- **Philippe Gafishi**(Speaker)PARIS21, Inter-regional advisor
- **Stefaan Verhulst**(Speaker)The Governance Lab (GovLab), New York University (NYU), Co-Founder and Chief Research and Development Officer
- **Liliana Suchodolska**(Speaker)PARIS21, Data and policy analyst
- **Sasha Ramirez-Hughes**(Speaker in-person) PARIS21/OECD, Head of Communications & Partnerships

**TA4.03** Ensuring the future of sustainable water data--for citizens, scientists and policymakers

### Speakers

- **Daniel Kull** (Speaker)World Bank
- **Érik Orsenna** (Speaker in-person) Initiative for the Future of Great Rivers, Chairman
- **Sera Young** (Speaker) Northwestern University, Associate Professor
- **Tommaso Abrate** (Speaker in-person) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- **Steffen Fritz** (Speaker in-person) International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Program Director
- **Nilay Dogulu** (Speaker)
- **Sheela Patel** (Speaker) Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC), Founding Director
- **Jillian Campbell** (Speaker) United Nations Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), Head of Monitoring, Review and Reporting

**TA3.03** Partnering to deliver data for invisible groups to ensure that no one is left behind: practical lessons to build inclusive data systems that give voice to communities

### Speakers

- **Harpinder Collacott** (Speaker in-person) Development Initiatives, CEO
- **Javier Carranza** (Speaker in-person) Programme Committee of World Data Forum / Founder of GeoCensos, Member

- **Betty Amongi** (Speaker) Government of Uganda, Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development
- **Annie Namala** (Speaker in-person) Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (WNTA), Convener
- **Helen Leticia Namirembe Nviiri** (Speaker) Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS), Director of Population and Social Statistics

**03:00 – 04:00 PM**

**TA4.13** Data-driven vaccination strategy for a COVID-19 free world

### Speakers

- **Debapriya Bhattacharya** (Chair in-person) Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Chair, Southern Voice
- **Anir Chowdhury** (Speaker in-person) a2i, ICT Division/Cabinet Division/UNDP Bangladesh
- **Agnes Binagwaho** (Speaker) University of Global Health Equity, Vice Chancellor
- **Natalia Aquilino** (Speaker) Center for the Implementation of Public Policies Promoting Equity and Growth (CIPPEC), Policy Monitoring & Evaluation Director
- **Terry Parris Jr.** (Speaker) THE CITY, Engagement Director
- **Towfiq Khan** (Speaker in-person) Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh, Senior Research Fellow

**TA3.08** Innovative responses to data collection about and by persons with disabilities in the time of COVID-19

### Speakers

- **Anderson Gitonga** (Speaker) United Disabled Persons of Kenya, Chief Executive Officer
- **Facundo Chávez Penillas** (Speaker) United Nations Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR) Human Rights & Disability Adviser
- **Jennifer Madans** (Speaker) Washington Group on Disability Statistics, Consultant on Disability Statistics
- **Jose Viera** (Speaker) World Blind Union, Chief Executive Officer
- **Laisa Vereti** (Speaker) Pacific Disability Forum, Director Operations
- **Neda Jafar** (Speaker) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), Head of Statistical Policies and Coordination Unit

**4:15 PM-5:15 PM**

**TA5.06** Is it possible to learn about open geospatial data platforms in 75 mins to Harness Non-Official Sources for the 2030 Agenda?

**Speakers**

- **Javier Carranza** (Speaker in-person) Programme Committee of World Data Forum / Founder of GeoCensos, Member
- **Steve MacFeely** (Speaker in-person) World Health Organization (WHO), Director of Data and Analytics
- **Javier Teran** (Speaker in-person) United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), Statistician at UN OCHA
- **Monika Kuffer** (Speaker in-person) University of Twente, Assistant Professor at ITC Faculty
- **Olga Henker** (Speaker in-person) Global Colombia Certificacion, Data Quality Assurance Advisor
- **Dana Thomson** (Speaker) University of Twente, Visiting Researcher
- **Julia Janicki** (Speaker) Independent (UN-OCHA, Reuters Graphics, Climate Policy Initiative), Data journalist. Specialist on impactful data viz.
- **Serkan Girgin** (Speaker) Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), University of Twente, Head of the Center of Expertise in Big Geodata Science

**TA3.15** The legacy of COVID-19: Mobilizing gender data to deliver better science (all virtual panel)

**Speakers**

- **Diva Dhar** (Moderator) Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Senior Program Officer, Gender Data, Measurement and Evaluation
- **Papa Seck** (Speaker) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), Chief, Research and Data Section
- **Abhishek Singh** (Speaker) International Institute for Population Sciences, Professor of Public Health and Mortality Studies
- **Amy Herring** (Speaker) Duke University, Member of the board of the International Biometric Society / Professor of Global Health
- **Anita Raj** (Speaker) University of California, San Diego/Center on Gender Equity & Health (GEH), Professor of Medicine & Education Studies/Director
- **Damazo Kadengye** (Speaker) African Population and Health Research Center, Head of Data, Measurement and Evaluation

- **Francesca Dominici** (Speaker) Harvard School of Public Health, Clarence James Gamble Professor of Biostatistics, Population and Data Science Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health / Co-Director Harvard Data Science Initiative
- **Ilaria Capua** (Speaker) University of Florida, Director of the One Health Center of Excellence / Veterinarian by training and a virologist by passion
- **Linda Laura Sabbadini** (Speaker) Italian National Institute of Statistics (Istat), Central Director at the Italian Statistical Institute – ISTAT
- **Sarah Hawkes** (Speaker) GH5050 & University College London, Co-Director, Global Health 50/50 and Professor of Global Public Health, University College London

### **TA3.08 Innovative responses to data collection about and by persons with disabilities in the time of COVID-19**

#### **Speakers**

- **Anderson Gitonga** (Speaker) United Disabled Persons of Kenya, Chief Executive Officer
- **Facundo Chávez Penillas** (Speaker) United Nations Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR), Human Rights & Disability Adviser
- **Jennifer Madans** (Speaker) Washington Group on Disability Statistics, Consultant on Disability Statistics
- **Jose Viera** (Speaker) World Blind Union, Chief Executive Officer
- **Laisa Vereti** (Speaker) Pacific Disability Forum, Director Operations
- **Neda Jafar** (Speaker) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), Head of Statistical Policies and Coordination Unit

#### **Programme and complete list of speakers:**

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/undataforum/programme/>

**Social Media:** #UNDataForum, @UNDataForum

**Media Kit:** <https://trello.com/b/vcTucfyx/un-world-data-forum-2021-3-6-october>

**Register to attend the event:** <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/undataforum/>

**For more information, please visit:** UNDataForum.org | See [website](#) for media contacts for partner organizations.

**Media Releases:** <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/undataforum/media/>