

## MEDIA ADVISORY

### CLOSING PRESS BRIEFING

## OUTCOMES OF THE UN WORLD DATA FORUM 2018 AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HOST COUNTRY FOR THE NEXT FORUM

**Date:** Wednesday, 24 October  
**Time:** 12:15pm  
**Venue:** DP World Hall (Plenary), Madinat Jumeirah Conference Centre

Members of the media are cordially invited to the closing press briefing for UN World Data Forum 2018. The Forum, taking place in Dubai from 22-24 October, has brought together over 1,500 data leaders and experts – from national statistical offices, the private sector, civil society and the scientific and academic communities – to advance innovative solutions to data challenges for sustainable development, and boost the collaboration and resources needed to carry the work forward. The briefing will highlight the achievements of the Forum, especially the launch of the Dubai Declaration. The host country for the next UN World Data Forum will be announced.

#### Speakers:

**Mr. Abdullah Nasser Lootah** – Director General, UAE Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority

**Mr. Stefan Schweinfest** – Director, United Nations Statistics Division

**Ms. Gabriella Vukovich** – President of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office and co-chair of the United Nations Statistical Commission's High-Level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

**Ms. Shaida Baidee** – Managing Director of Open Data Watch and member of the Programme Committee for the UN World Data Forum 2018

The press briefing will be **webcast** at [UNDataForum.org](http://UNDataForum.org). More information and digital resources can be found at [UNDataForum.org](http://UNDataForum.org), or follow on Twitter @UNDataForum.

**Photos** – Downloadable photos from the Forum are available for use with attribution at <http://enb.iisd.org/undata/worlddataforum/2018/>

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