

United Nations World Data Forum 2024 to renew Global Action Plan on sustainable development data

**Opening press briefing
Tuesday 12 November**

WHAT: Curtain-raiser press briefing in conjunction with the opening of the UN World Data Forum 2024

The Forum will be hosted by the government of Colombia with support from the Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE-Colombia), the statistical office, the city of Medellín (Alcaldía de Medellín) and the Statistics Division in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

More than 3,000 data leaders from governments, the private sector, national statistical offices, geospatial communities, academic institutions, civil society and other organizations will gather at this global Forum between 12 and 15 November in Medellín, Colombia to showcase innovation, data use and value, promote trust and protection and partnership and coordination. In the Latin America region for the first time, the Forum will feature over 100 events, including 4 high-level plenaries, 50 panel discussions, 11 short-talk sessions, 12 learning labs, 5 demo sessions, 5 announcement sessions, 3 exhibit spaces and local events.

WHEN: Tuesday 12 November, 11:00am (Medellín Local Time).

WHO:

- **Mr. Federico Gutiérrez**, Mayor of Medellín
- **Mr. Stefan Schweinfest**, Director, Statistics Division, UN DESA
- **Ms. Mireia Villar**, Resident Coordinator Office, UN Colombia
- **Ms. Piedad Urdinola**, Director, National Bureau of Statistics of Colombia

NOTE:

Speakers at the Forum will include the members of the [High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) and the [Programme Committee Members](#) of the UN World Data Forum 2024.

WHY: As the world looks ahead to the remainder of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and takes forward the recent outcomes from the UN Summit of the Future, the data and statistics community convenes at the fifth UN World Data Forum in 2024 to launch a renewal of the global action plan for sustainable development, introducing twelve new priorities and a new set of stretching actions and matching commitments to drive forward high-quality, timely, open, and inclusive data to accelerate progress on the SDGs and to address the multiple crises that threaten our world. The renewed global action plan is a second-generation document of the original Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data launched at the first Forum in 2017, reflecting the aspirations of the wider stakeholder base fostered by the Forum over the past seven years.

WHERE: Media Corner - Plaza Mayor International Expo Center. Medellín, Colombia.

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