



**Sarah Lucas**

Program Officer, Global Development and Population, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Sarah T. Lucas serves as a program officer at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. The goal of her grantmaking is that governments in East and West Africa systematically use data and evidence to improve social and economic policies, and ultimately lives. Previously, Sarah worked with the U.S. government's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) as MCC's Country Team Lead for Liberia and as senior policy adviser in the MCC's Department of Policy and Evaluation. Sarah also held multiple positions at the Center for Global Development, a Washington-based policy research center focused on global development. Sarah has traveled and conducted policy analysis throughout Africa and Central America, and worked for over three years with local NGOs in southern Mexico. Sarah holds a bachelors degree in Latin American Studies from Wellesley College and a masters degree in Public Policy with a concentration in Political and Economic Development from Harvard School of Government.



**Adrian Hauri**

Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations

Adrian Hauri was born in Zürich, Switzerland. He completed his BA and MA at the Universities in Zürich and Lausanne and holds an LL.M. in International and European Trade and Commercial Law from Durham University in the UK.

From 2001 to 2010, he worked in different positions and as a practicing lawyer at Swiss courts and for a Swiss based law firm, focusing on commercial, public and international law. He was also a lecturer on employment law and civil procedural law at Zürich University of Applied Sciences.

Adrian Hauri joined the Swiss Foreign Service in 2011. He worked at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN in New York, as deputy head of section for legal affairs and secretary for the negotiation team for Swiss-EU institutional relations at the Directorate of European Affairs (Federal Department of Foreign Affairs) in Bern, Switzerland. From 2017-2019 he served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Swiss Embassy in Egypt, Cairo. In November 2020, he took up his current position as Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York.



**Stefan Schweinfest**

Director, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD-DESA)

Stefan Schweinfest was appointed Director of the Statistics Division (UNSD/DESA) in July 2014. Under his leadership, the Division compiles and disseminates global statistical information, develops standards and norms for statistical activities including the integration of geospatial, statistical and other information, and supports countries' efforts to strengthen their national statistical and geospatial systems.

As the Director of the Statistics Division, Stefan Schweinfest supported the work of Statistical Commission and its Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) to develop the global indicator framework to monitor progress towards the SDGs, which was adopted by UNSC at its 48th session in March 2017 and subsequently by ECOSOC and the General Assembly. Under his leadership, the Division works on implementing this framework and ensuring countries receive capacity building support to monitor progress towards the SDGs.

Stefan Schweinfest studied Mathematical Economics at the Universities of Wuerzburg and Bonn in Germany. He holds a Diplome D'Etudes Approfondies (Masters equivalent) from the University of Paris in these fields. He also conducted postgraduate research at the London School of Economics (LSE).



**Georges-Simon Ulrich**

Director General, Swiss Federal Statistical Office (FSO)

Georges-Simon Ulrich and his team have significantly developed the role of the FSO in Switzerland's public administration. In addition to its core tasks in the field of statistics, the FSO has taken on new tasks in the area of multiple use of administrative data, evolving towards Swiss data stewardship and operates the Competence Center for Data Science to learn from data from different methodological

approaches. In all three areas, the FSO is internationally engaged in long-term cooperation with various international organisations at management and technical levels. Georges-Simon Ulrich has studied Business Administration in Switzerland, the USA (University of Virginia, Darden Business School) and Australia, where he obtained his Doctor of Business Administration at the University of Southern Queensland with a thesis on stakeholder management and communication. He is also Professor in strategic management and research methods at the University of Applied Sciences in Business Administration Zurich. Between 1992 and 2010, Georges-Simon Ulrich worked in private enterprise, holding various management positions in market and opinion research. From May 2011 to September 2013, he was Director of the LUSTAT statistical office in Lucerne, and from March 2017 to March 2018, Georges-Simon was Vice Chair of the UN Statistical Commission.



**Shaida Badiee**

Co- founder and Managing Director, Open Data Watch and Co-Chair of SDSN TReNDS

Shaida is the co-founder and Managing Director of Open Data Watch (ODW), an NGO working on policies to promote the production and sharing of high quality and open development data. She is a Senior Advisor to Data2X focused on gender data, co-chairs the SDSN TReNDS group, is part of Technical Advisory Group for GPSDD, and is a member of the PARIS21 board. Before establishing ODW in 2013, she worked at the World Bank for 36 years and was the Director of the Development Data Group for many years.



**Philipp Schönrock**

Director, Cepei

Philipp Schönrock founded Cepei in 2002. Headquartered in Bogota, Colombia, Cepei is a data-driven think tank from the Global South. Cepei runs on its diversity and the creativity of its multidisciplinary team of issue experts and partners worldwide. Based on data and analysis, it empowers people and institutions to find pathways towards sustainable development.

Philipp has been part of consequential initiatives for global and regional international cooperation. Among others, he co-chaired Beyond 2015 and serves on the Board of Directors of Together 2030, Core Women, and the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century. He is a member of the Technical Advisory Group of the Global Partnership on Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD), the Programme Committee of the United Nations World Data Forum, and the SDSN Thematic Research Network on Data and Statistics (SDSN TReNDS). In 2018 he was a visiting Fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP).

You can find him traveling or training his dog in his hometown--Cali, Colombia.



**Ola Awad**

President, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Ola Awad is a member of the Palestinian community, regionally and internationally, with over 20 years' experience working on various topics including modernization of Statistics, Sustainable Development, Gender Equality, Youth, Labor Market, Palestinian Economy, Good Governance, Statistical Literacy, Management and Communication. She has been the President of PCBS since 2009, leading the successful development and implementation of various statistical and non-statistical programs on the local, regional and international levels. Ola is the first woman elected from developing countries and the Arab region to lead the IAOS. She is currently the Co-Chair for the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (HLG-PCCB), a council member in the ISI for the years (2017-2021). Ola also represents the Arab region in the HLG-SDGs. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the Harvard Data Science Review HDSR, a member of the American Statistical Association and a mentor at the Swedish Program for Women's Strategic Advancement (ProWSA).

She holds a Doctorate of Business Administration from the University of Liverpool (United Kingdom), an Master of Science in Applied Statistics from Birzeit University, a Master degree in Business Administration and Management from Boston University and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Birzeit University.



**Claudia Wells**

Director of Data Use, Development Initiatives

Claudia Wells is the Director of Data Use at Development Initiatives (DI), an independent organisation set up to use data and information to end poverty. Claudia is currently leading on the P20 Initiative: data to leave no one behind, a programme of work focused on improving data to track the progress of the poorest people and ensuring that no one is left behind is embedded into future policy and programming. Claudia also leads DI work on understanding and addressing the critical barriers to data use, working

closely with stakeholders from government and civil society to support them in their use of data and evidence as well as developing direct research and learning on data use. Claudia sits on the Technical Advisory Group of the [Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data](#), the Programme Committee for the [United Nations World Data Forum](#) and the Executive Committee of the [Leave No One Behind Partnership](#). Prior to joining DI, Claudia was Head of Sustainable Development Goals and Environmental Statistics at the UK Office for National Statistics where she was responsible for developing new data and analysis for a wide range of users, from informing the everyday decisions of the public, to working across government providing robust evidence for policy makers.



### **Al Kags**

Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, The Open Institute

Al Kags is the founder of the [Open Institute](#), an African organisation that works with governments and civil society organisations to promote open government and citizen engagement. Al works across sub-Saharan Africa but contributes to global open government movements. He sits on the Technical Advisory Committee of the [Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data \(GPSDD\)](#). He has served as a member of the Global Open Data Working Group and the Global Open Data Initiative and was the co-chair of the Kenya OGP Working Group, chair of the Kenya Open Data Taskforce and the Kenya Open Government Initiative.



### **Gabriella Vukovich**

President, Hungarian Central Statistical Office

Gabriella Vukovich was appointed President of the [Hungarian Central Statistical Office](#) in 2010, and serves as Chief Statistician of Hungary since 2017.

She was elected [Vice-President of the ISI Executive Committee](#) for the period 2019-2021. She was also elected Co-chair of the UN High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in 2015. Previously, she was a consultant in Social Statistics and Demography. Between 1998 and 2004 she was Vice-President of the HCSO, and prior to that she was director of the Census Department. From 2012 to 2013, she was elected Chair of the United Nations Statistical Commission. In 2014, she was the Acting Chair of the UNSC. She worked as a demographer at the Population Activities Unit of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva and as a Population and Development specialist at the Population Division of the United Nations in New York.

She holds a doctorate degree from the Faculty of Law at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, an Honorary Professor title from the National University of Public Service and from the University of Miskolc, as well as an Honorary Doctor title from the University of Miskolc.

Gabriella also served as a member of the Programme Committee for the first and second United Nations World Data Forum.