Moderator: Malarvizhi Veerappan, Program Manager and Senior Data Scientist, World Bank

Malar leads the team that manages the statistical data management, quality and dissemination functions and supports the production of key data products such as the World Development Indicators (WDI), data.worldbank.org, Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) and the Bank's data catalog. She oversees data management and technology implementations for many development data initiatives and supports the institution's Open data strategy and its execution. She was part of the task team that launched The World Bank's Open Data Initiative in 2010.

She is also key member of the secretariat for the Data Council, an internal World Bank governance body that works on framing the institution's key data priorities and in that capacity, works on emerging big data, administrative and Geospatial data programs. Most recently, she has been leading the "Development Data Hub (DDH)" program, and aims to establish a foundational data management architecture for the Bank with the goal to maximize the value of Bank's development data assets by methodically organizing these data, facilitating easy access, fostering data sharing and re-use, and supporting the adoption of new innovative cost-effective techniques for data production and management. Prior to her work at The World Bank, she worked in private sector delivering technology solutions to international organizations and government agencies.

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Panelist: Tom Orrell, Founder, DataReady Limited

Tom is an experienced advocate whose expertise lies in the links between digital and data policy, sustainable development and human rights. Tom founded DataReady Limited in 2018 having identified a need for less technical and more organisation-centric research and services that focus on data governance, management, regulation and usability. Tom manages the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data's interoperability stream, co-facilitating the Collaborative on Interoperability together with UNSD and Open Data Watch.

Prior to establishing DataReady, Tom led the Joined-Up Data Standards project at Publish What You Fund contributing to the establishment of the Interoperability Collaborative. Previously, he worked for Global Partners Digital in London as a Programme Manager, as a human rights lawyer at Hansen Palomares solicitors, and as a consultant with UNICEF in Ethiopia and Togo, among other roles.

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Panelist: Rachael Milicich, General Manager for System and Partnerships in the Data System Leadership Group, Stats NZ

Unlocking the value of data and statistics is something that Rachael has been passionate about her whole career, spanning over twenty years. Rachael is a senior public sector leader at Stats NZ (New Zealand's National Statistical Office) where she is responsible for data system strategy and policy, data capability (including data standards), the Open Data Programme, and thought leadership to support the Government Chief Data Steward.

Rachael is also chairing (on behalf of the NZ Government Statistician) the UN Friends of the Chair Group on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and Working Group on Open Data. The newly formed Working Group on Open Data is working with the open data community to look at open data opportunities and challenges, like data interoperability, that are important for National Statistical Offices.

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Panelist: Sergio Carrera Riva Palacio, General Director of Integration Analysis and Research, INEGI

Sergio has worked in public service for 40 years. He worked as General Director of Domestic Commerce and Digital Economy in the Ministry of Economy; he also collaborated at the Ministries of Treasure and Budget. In 2010, he joined INFOTEC Research and Innovation Center in ICT as CEO. Recently, he joined INEGI as General Director of Integration Analysis and Research where he will promote, among others, issues of quality, governance, and interoperability of information. He has a PHD in economics from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

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