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Steve MacFeely is the Head of Statistics and Information at UNCTAD. He is also Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Policy Studies at University College Cork in Ireland and the Director of the IASE International Statistical Literacy Program.

He is co-chair of the Committee of the Chief Statisticians of the UN System (CCS-UN), chairs the Advisory Board of the Statistical Journal of the IAOS, and is a member of the statistical advisory panel to the UNDP Human Development Index. He is an elected member of the International Statistics Institute.

He was a co-lead on the *Data Strategy of the Secretary-General for Action by Everyone, Everywhere 2020 – 2022*, and a lead author of the *2020 System-wide Roadmap for Innovating UN Data and Statistics*.

Before joining UNCTAD, Steve was the Deputy Director-General at the Central Statistics Office (CSO) in Ireland and Programme Director of the joint CSO - Institute of Public Administration 'Professional Diploma in Official Statistics & Policy Evaluation'. In July will take up a new post at WHO as the Director of Data and Analytics.



Zita C. Villa Juan – Albacea
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Zita Villa Juan Albacea has held important administrative positions while serving as full faculty for almost 40 years of service at the University of the Philippines Los Baños. As part of her extension work, she served as Chair of the UN SIAP Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training for Asia and the Pacific. She also served as the first Executive Director of the Philippine Statistical Research and Training from 2014 to 2016 on secondment arrangement from the University. She has a bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees in Statistics from the University of the Philippines Los Baños and Graduate Diploma in Econometrics from The Australian National University.



Bianca Walsh
Coordinator of Training and Development, Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE)

Bianca Walsh leads a multidisciplinary staff to assess IBGE's capacity-building needs and develop and provide solutions for them. She has represented IBGE in the Global Network of Institutes for Statistical Training (GIST) in two working teams: statistical literacy and e-learning. She has also worked as a content-developer and trainer in Training of Trainers projects.

Prior to that, Bianca worked as a university professor and researcher at the School of Education of the Fluminense Federal University (UFF) and at the Languages Department of the University of Rio de Janeiro State (UERJ). In both institutions, she directly worked with the development of pre-service teachers, involving grant-winning research projects.



Mamadou Cisse
Training Officer, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP)

Mamadou Cisse the training officer in the training and research division of IDEP since 2018. He is a specialist in training management and plays a very important role in monitoring and evaluation at IDEP.

Prior to this, he worked as a Statistician at the National Society for the Development and Exploitation of Waters of the Senegal River delta (SAED). With a transversal knowledge of probabilities (in particular stochastic processes) in data collection with survey methods, he was recruited in 2008 as a teacher-researcher at National School of Statistics and Economic Analysis of Dakar (ENSAE) and consequently as the head of training unit for economic statisticians.

He holds a PhD in Probability Statistics from the University of Nice (France) and two Master in Statistics Econometrics from the University of Toulouse¹ (France) and computer sciences oriented data collection in Gaston Berger University (Sénégal).



Elena Proden
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Elena Proden is currently leading research, advisory, capacity development and training services for UN Member States, more specifically in 2 areas: data and official statistics for the SDGs and strategic planning. Elena acts as a team leader overseeing the design and delivery of a number of learning, training and research projects and tools to support the implementation of the SDGs through strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation and effective data use in decision-making, including that of new data sources, in close collaboration with a number of UN and partners. She has also provided methodological support for the piloting of these tools at regional and country levels in many world regions. Elena currently represents UNITAR in Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training leading task team on data literacy. She has also led a task team on technology and innovation in the past and has been actively contributing to the Task Team on online learning in area of statistics. At UNITAR, she has also been carrying out research and analysis on evidence-based decision making and public policies design, regional and international cooperation, and sustainability issues.