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# Overview of the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians, Global Network Webinars, and UNSD Brown Bags and what they offer

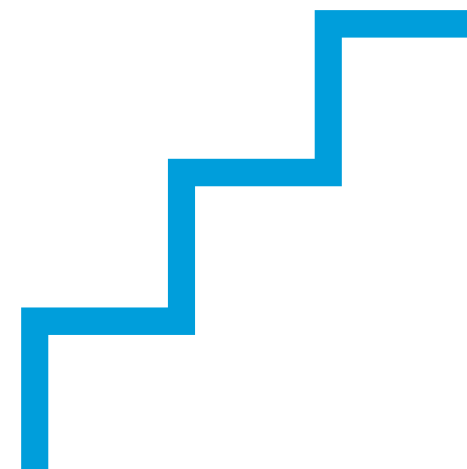
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8-10 December 2020



## The Global Network of Statisticians and Data Officers

- A facilitated **professional online social community**
- Launched in October 2020
- Hosted on Yammer
- already ~850 users
- Aims to help national governments build resilient and sustainable national data and information systems for the full implementation of the SDGs through **collaboration, knowledge-sharing, networking, and technical support.**

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## What you can do on the network today



Get informed about events and activities held globally related to statistics and data management



Build capacities by attending live webinars, workshops and discussions & watching recordings



Advertise job and consultancy opportunities, call for papers or projects



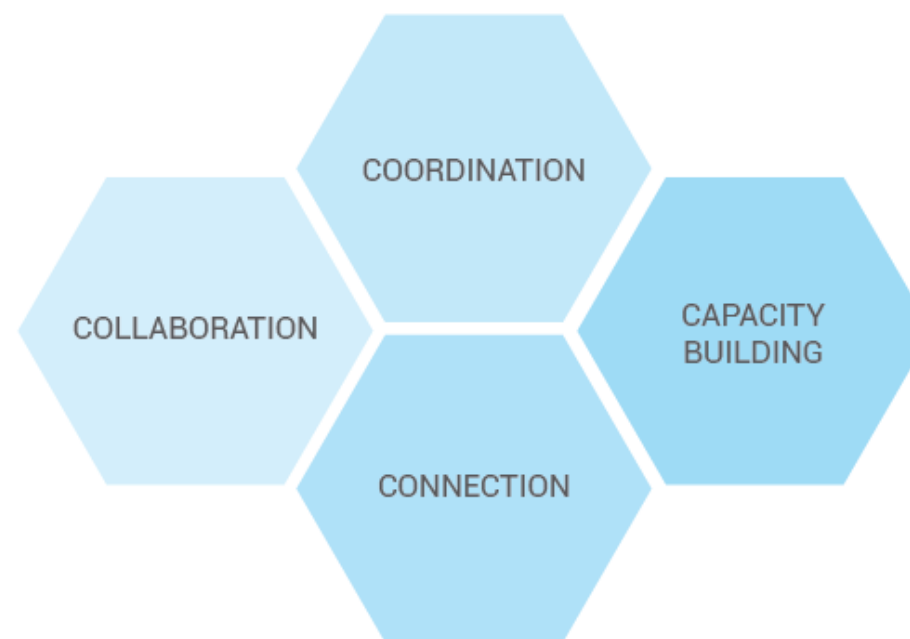
Find and propose expertise on specific topics



Connect with the global community of statisticians, geospatial data experts, and data officers



Exchange best practices, notably on the SDG Monitoring



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## Some facilitated activities

- *Building Strong Data Ecosystems for SDGs* Webinar Series
- **Trainings** on Communication for all members of the Global Network
- **#MyWork sessions** to encourage everyone to read and share their work
- **#AskMeAnything** sessions to answer questions raised by members & proactively point out resources
- **"Q&A"** with UNSD Director and other UN experts
- **Polls and surveys**

### MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- ➔ Improve coordination within NSSs, within UNCTs, between UNCTs and UN entities, within regions (via Regional Commissions), among international and regional organizations.
- ➔ Connect existing networks, initiatives, and intergovernmental bodies by providing a single and unique meeting place for the users and entities described above, the Global Network is able to provide a link between several pre-existing but not necessarily well-connected initiatives, networks, and intergovernmental bodies

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## The network in the future

- A **community of practice** around data and statistics
- **Fostered collaboration** through the creation of thematic and regional groups
- **Capacity building** in identified fields
- Improved **communication skills**
- Fruitful **collaboration** between statisticians, geospatial information experts, and RCOs / UN Country Teams
- An organically built **knowledge base**
- Provide members with an essential **training and resource environment**

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## Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians



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Statisticians Data Scientists  
Data Officers Academia Data Users  
Geospatial Information Experts



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GLOBAL NETWORK OF DATA OFFICERS ... +

Network Admins Coordination

UN Statistics Training Resources

Key Contributors

Population and Housing Census

Machine Learning for Official Statis...

Testing

All Network

+ Create a group

Discover more groups

PRIVATE MESSAGES +

Jing Zhang

Yuxi Zhang

Update Question Poll Praise Announcement

What (data) are you working on?



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Elena PRODEN – 4 hours ago – Edited

Tactical approaches to measurement-related problem solving have become ever more relevant as we are to adjust to new styles of working against the backdrop of COVID-19. **StaTact** tool that was developed by UNITAR in close collaboration with UNSD and will be presented during **UNSD Global Network Webinar** tomorrow, 8 December, from 8.30 to 9.30 am NY time, is there to support short-term, collaborative statistical problem solving and planning. This online tool has been developed for use by NSOs and Nat... expand >



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Lead

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## Global Network Webinars and Trainings

- **Building Strong Data Ecosystems for SDGs series of the Global Network Webinars:**
  - Household Surveys (28 Oct)
  - National Data and Metadata Platform (17 Nov)
  - StaTact - A tool to evaluate data governance for national action (8 Dec)
  - [Monitoring the SDGs through citizen science and citizen-generated data \(19 Jan 2021\)](#)
  - [World's Women 2020 \(9 Feb 2021\)](#)
- **Training on communication**
  - Effective webinars (25 Nov)
  - [Digital communication \(planned\)](#)
  - [Communicating data and statistics \(planned\)](#)

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## UNSD Brown Bags

- Emerged from small internal meetings at UNSD and gradually opened up to first all UN statisticians in New York and then with the pandemic to all UN statisticians worldwide
- Forum for UN colleagues to share info on new developments, publications, conferences; sometimes we invite external people to present
- All meetings are recorded and most of them are now shared publicly on the Global Network

### **Recent and upcoming topics include:**

- UNSD: AIS Big Data Hackathon (5 Nov)
- FAO: Supporting developing countries in the use of Earth Observations for agricultural statistics (12 Nov)
- FAO: Caliper – Statistical Classifications in a Linked Open World (3 Dec)
- EU JRC: Unlocking the Power of Data through Composite Indicators and Scoreboards (10 Dec)

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# Current use cases of the Global Network

## Invitations to meetings, events, webinars and following up sharing recordings and slides



Yuxi Zhang Follow – October 20 at 08:23 AM

Today (20 Oct) is day 2 of the virtual #undataforum.  
 Learn about the upcoming sessions 📌 <http://bit.ly/3mfiSK7>



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David Rausis – October 16 at 06:07 AM

The 16th session of the **Asia-Pacific Stats Café** series on "Producing Environment Statistics Using Earth Observation Data" highlighted country examples from Asia-Pacific in producing environment-related official statistics using Earth Observation data. Presentations focused on methodologies, SEEA and SDG indicators, data sharing and collaboration across institutions, and the opportunities presented by Open Data Cubes for official statistics. In addition, ESCAP launched the Guideline on Land Cover... [expand >](#)





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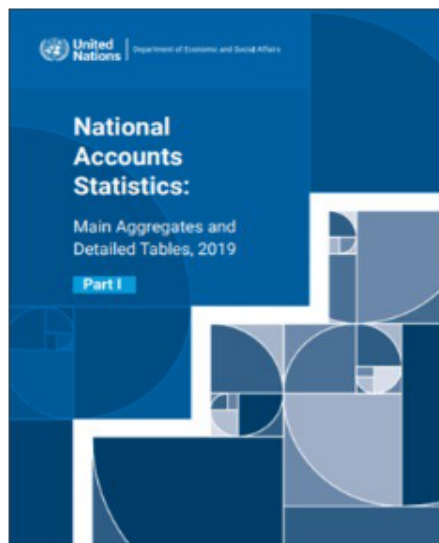
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Pedro Farinas [Follow](#) – Tuesday at 03:47 PM

The 2019 release of our Main Aggregates and Detailed Tables [MADT] publication is here!

Find detailed, official national accounts data for over 200 countries and areas for the years 2008-2019, either as a [PDF](#) or in our [searchable database](#). (The PDF comes in at just under 5,000 pages, so it makes for great reading at the beach or on your commute!)

You can also order customized data, download a sample questionnaire, or find more information on methodology [here](#).



Karoline Hassfurter – October 30 at 11:09 AM

What have we learnt? National education responses to COVID-19

Schoolchildren in the world's poorest nations have already lost nearly four months of schooling since the start of the pandemic, according to a [new report by UNESCO, the World Bank and UNICEF](#). This is compared to six weeks in high-income countries. The report, which surveyed 149 ministries of education, also found that students in low- and lower-middle income countries were less likely to have access to remote learning and were more likely to have school reopening delays.

Take a look and let us know what you think!



What have we learnt? Findings from a survey of ministries of education on national [data.unicef.org](#)

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## Advertising jobs / consultancies



Tarek About Chabake [Follow](#) – October 29 at 05:29 PM

UNHCR has a new vacancy for a P4 Senior Statistics Coordination Officer (EGRIS). The person is expected to coordinate the Expert Group on Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Statistics. This temporary appointment in UNHCR's Global Data Service is based in Copenhagen, Denmark. Vacancy note can be accessed at <https://www.unhcr.org/temporary-appointments.html>. Terms of Reference accessible at <https://www.unhcr.org/5f9ac7b34>. Closes on 12 November.

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Pedro Farinas [Follow](#) – October 20 at 01:43 PM – Edited  
 Happy World Statistics Day from the Economic Statistics Branch at UNSD!

We are working towards the final release of our new and improved SDMX national accounts data browser. (Please note the pop-up disclaimer!)

Here you will be able to find updated official data, both annual and quarterly, for main aggregates, sectoral accounts and the balance sheet and other flows, for over 200 economies. Indicators include GDP, value added by industry, output, imports/exports, population and employment.

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Stefan Schweinfest – October 16 at 11:18 AM – Edited  
 Runners for statistics – a virtual run around the world

World statistics day is about connecting the world with data we can trust, and to highlight the connection of statisticians all around the world, we invite runners to join us on a virtual run for World Statistics Day 2020!

2020 has become a year of virtual events. Virtual meetings, virtual birthdays, so why not a virtual run for World Statistics Day ...

You can run or bike anywhere and for any distance. We have set up a [Strava group](#) whi... expand >



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## Asking for feedback with polls and surveys



Caracciolo, Caterina (ESS) [Follow](#) – October 30 at 10:46 AM

Dear colleagues,

You are warmly invited to express your feedback on Caliper, an experimental platform being developed at FAO, to make statistical classifications available as open and linked data.

In Caliper you can look-up classifications and correspondences, download them in convenient formats, query them online. As classifications are also given globally unique identifiers over the web aka URIs [\*], applications can access classifications "live", online. All metadata is provided in machi... [expand >](#)



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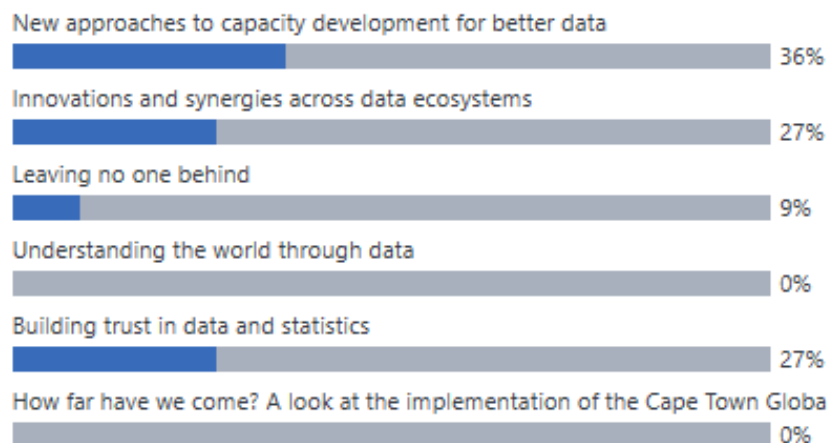
Microsoft Forms

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Yuxi Zhang [Follow](#) – October 21 at 02:20 PM

The World Data Forum #undataforum came to an end of three rich and abundant days. We would like to understand which theme you found is the most interesting to you. Please kindly select ONLY ONE out of these six themes below:



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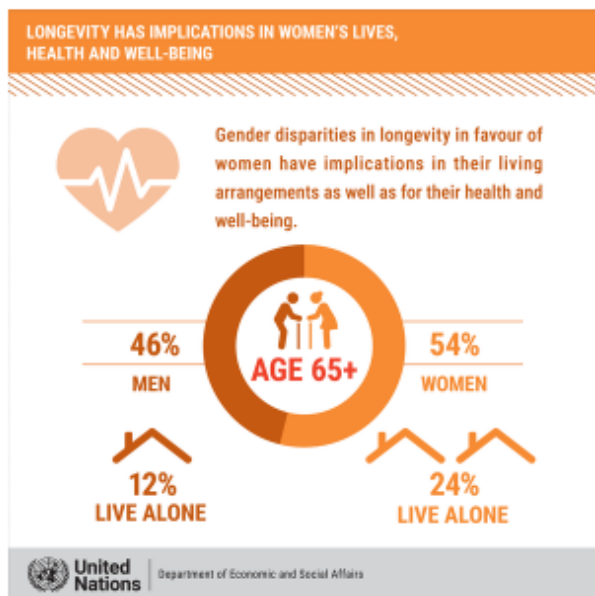
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## Announcing new publications, tools, consultations



Maria Isabel Cobos Hernandez Follow — October 26 at 05:34 PM

On average, women live longer than men. How does it impact their lives in their autumn years?  
Learn more from @UNStats latest #worldswomen report: [bit.ly/worldswomen2020](https://bit.ly/worldswomen2020)  
#data4worldswomen



Marko Javorsek Follow — Tuesday at 01:54 PM

Global Consultation on the complete draft of SEEA EA launched (deadline 30 November)

This is the last stage in the process towards the finalization of the System Environmental-Economic Accounting—Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EA) and presents an opportunity to engage not only national statistical offices but also a broader community of experts in government, academia, mapping agencies and other non-governmental organizations. The input from this broad community, which is active in the compilation ... [expand](#)



Global consultation on the complete draft |  
System of Environmental Economic  
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