

Side Event: Measuring Progress Beyond GDP

17 February, 9pm-10:15pm, (New York Time)

18 February, 9am-10:15am (Bangkok Time)

Organizers:

UNESCAP and UNECLAC



Overview:

Simultaneous global challenges (COVID-19, the climate, biodiversity, and pollution crises, extreme inequalities, shifting globalization dynamics, financial volatility and vulnerability, rapid digital transformation and the digital and data divides – to name a few) have ignited a broad rethinking of business-as-usual practices in evaluating the wellbeing of people and planet. In this context, the United Nations is evaluating approaches to measure progress beyond GDP. This effort will feed into follow-up processes to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the proposed Summit of the Future to be held in conjunction with the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly in 2023. Additionally, the knowledge will likely support ongoing related processes, in particular the multi-year update of the System of National Accounts by the Statistical Commission, to be completed by 2025.

Scope and Purpose:

This side event will showcase work already underway within the statistical community on Measuring Progress Beyond GDP as well as exploring how to overcome barriers to using these types of data for decision making. Discussions from the side event will feed into deliberations under the “Beyond GDP” Sprint of agenda item 3(o) of the 53rd session of the United Nations Statistical Commission.

Side Event Format:

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00-9:05 (5 mins)	Welcome and Overview of Agenda	Anthony Dvaskas , Regional Adviser, Statistics Division, UNESCAP
9:05 – 9:15 (10 mins)	Opening Remarks from the ECLAC and ESCAP Regional Perspectives	Rachael Beaven , Director, Statistics Division, UNESCAP Rolando Ocampo , Director, Statistics Division, UNECLAC

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9:15 – 9:25 (10 mins)	<p>Overview: Brief overview of work done by OECD and their framework with three spheres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production-economic performance at aggregate level • Well-being -the economic and non-economic outcomes that matter most to people • Sustainability –the capacity to generate well-being outcomes over time 	Martine Durand , former OECD Chief Statistician, Member of the French Statistics Authority
9:25-9:45 (30 mins)	<p>Experiences Moving Beyond GDP: Country Panel</p> <p>Johnny Aguilar Madrigal, Economist, Central Bank, Costa Rica</p> <p>Mark Turner, Senior Advisor – Indicators Aotearoa, Statistics New Zealand</p> <p>Graciela Márquez Colin, President, INEGI, Mexico</p>	Anthony Dvarskas, Regional Advisor, UNESCAP (moderator)
9:55 - 10:10 (15 mins)	Discussion session with panel and audience	
10:10 – 10:15 (5 mins)	Conclusion: Final remarks and summary	Rolando Ocampo , Director, Statistics Division, UNECLAC

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