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BEING COUNTED IN A DIGITAL SOCIETY

Register:

SIDE EVENT

Tenth session of the Committee on Statistics

3 December 2026, 11:00-12:00 h

MR-F, UNCC, Bangkok, Thailand

BACKGROUND

How can digital transformation help ensure everyone counts? This side event brings together national statistical offices and partners to explore how censuses, surveys and administrative data can better include refugees, internally displaced persons and stateless people. Drawing on international statistical recommendations and country experiences, the discussion will highlight practical approaches to strengthening data quality, protecting privacy and building trust in official statistics. Join us to explore how inclusive, nationally owned data systems can inform equitable policies, advance the SDGs and support solutions for displaced and stateless populations.

Moderator



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Speakers



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