Expert meeting on data governance in Asia-Pacific
5-7 September 2023
Meeting Room H, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

Programme (updated as per 31 August 2023)

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| 9:00 – 10:30  | **Opening session**  
Session Chair: Mr. Batdavaa Batmunkh, Head of NSO Mongolia & Chair of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics  
- Welcome, by Mr. Batdavaa Batmunkh  
- Overview of meeting objectives, expected outcomes and programme, Rachael Beaven, Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP  
- Introducing participants & adjusting expectations, Rikke Munk Hansen, Chief, Economic and Environment Statistics, ESCAP |
| 10:00–12:30  | **SESSION 1 Global and regional initiatives on data governance** (see details below)  
Session Chair: Ms Hataichanok (Puckcharern) Chinauparwat, Director of Statistical Forecasting Division, NSO Thailand |
| 10:30 – 11:00| **COFFEE BREAK & GROUP PHOTO** |
| 11:00 – 12:30| **SESSION 1 (continued) Global and regional initiatives on data governance**  
World Café style session, with tables hosted by relevant experts:  
- Data governance and big data initiatives by the ESCAP Committee on Statistics, Mr Batdavaa Batmunkh and Mr. Gogita Todradze, Head of NSO Georgia & former Chair of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics  
- Data governance and big data initiatives by ASEAN, Mr. Anang Laksono, Head of Statistics Division, ASEAN  
- The ECE Task Force on Data Stewardship, Mr. Taeke Anton Gjaltema, Head, Statistical Modernization and Management Unit, Statistical Division, UN-ECE  
- The UNSC Working Group on Data Stewardship, Mr. Ralf Becker, Chief of Section, UNSD  
- Data governance and the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, Mr. Gabriel Gamez, Inter-Regional Adviser, UNSD |
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<td>Session Chair: Ms. Filomena Browne, Head of Corporate Services, NSO Fiji, member of the Bureau of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics</td>
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<td>Short plenary presentations:</td>
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<td>- Models of organization and governance of National Statistical Systems, Mr. Gabriel Gamez, UNSD</td>
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<td>- Data governance practices in China, Mr. Mao Youfeng, Deputy Commissioner of NBS China</td>
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<td>- Data governance practices in Nepal, Mr. Hem Raj Regmi, Deputy Chief Statistician, National Statistics Office, Nepal</td>
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<td>- Data governance practices in Kazakhstan, Mr. Zhandos Shaimardanov, Head, Bureau of National Statistics of the Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms of the Republic of Kazakhstan</td>
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<td>Introduction to group discussions: Group assignments and composition, Mr. Neil Jackson</td>
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<td>Group discussions on the draft data governance framework.</td>
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<td>Participants will be organized in 5 groups. Each group will focus on two data governance country practices, which have been documented using the draft data governance framework.</td>
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## Wednesday 6 September

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| 9:00 – 10:30  | 9:00-9:30 Plenary recap of day 1 9:30-10:30  
SESSION 2 (continued) Towards a data governance compendium for Asia-Pacific  
Report to plenary from the group discussion. Each group will report highlights from their discussion, including 3 differences and similarities identified between the two country data governance practices discussed by the group.  
Plenary reflection on group discussion outcomes. |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | COFFEE BREAK                                                               |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | SESSION 3 Data governance and big data  
Session Chair: Mr. Zokhidjan Ziyaev, Deputy Head of NSO Uzbekistan, member of the Bureau of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics (tbc)  
World Café style session, with tables hosted by relevant experts:  
- Data governance and big data in Indonesia: Big Data Hub, Mr. Imam Machdi, Deputy Chief Statistician, BPS – Statistics Indonesia  
- Data governance and big data in New Zealand: The five safes, Mr. Gary Dunnet, Deputy Chief Methodologist, Statistics NZ  
- Data governance and big data in Australia, Mr. Marcel van Kints, General Manager, Australian Bureau of Statistics  
- Data governance and the work of the CEBD, Mr. Ralf Becker, UNSD  
- Data governance and the work of the HLG-MOS, Mr. Taeke Anton Gjaltema, UN-ECE  
Each table host will provide a 2 min introduction pitch to their topic before participants start circulating. Participants will be grouped and asked to move to the next table every 10 minutes.  
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| 13:30 – 15:00 | **SESSION 4 Information brief on data governance for big data in official statistics**  
Session Chair: Ms. Minerva Eloisa Esquivias, Deputy Head, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the Philippines (tbc)  
13:30-14:00  
Presentation of the draft information brief, *Mr. Neil Jackson*  
14:00-16:00  
*Group discussions on issues raised in the draft information brief - identifying and discussing, where applicable, country practices in dealing with them, as well as identifying any issues that may currently be missing.* |
| 15:00 – 15:30| **COFFEE BREAK**                                                        |
| 15:30 – 17:00| **SESSION 4 Information brief on data governance for big data in official statistics, continued**  
*Group discussion continued*  
16:00-17:00  
Report to plenary from the group discussion  
Plenary reflection on group discussion outcomes:  
What are the priority gaps in the draft information brief in the form of challenges, emerging practices or other?  
What are the potential uses of the information brief? How can we maximize utility of the information brief? Etc. Etc. |
### Thursday 7 September

**9:00 – 10:30**

9:00-9:30

Plenary recap of day 2

9:30-10:30

**SESSION 5** Collaboration on data governance, data stewardship and the use of new technology and data for official statistics: **Where to next for Asia and the Pacific?**

*Session Chair: Mr. Koh Eng Chuan, member of the Bureau of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics*

World Café style session, with the following tables:

- Needs for further **development of the data governance profiles**. How to include more countries, how to keep the compendium up to date?
- Ideas for **use of the data governance profiles**.
- Needs for further **development of the big data information brief** to progress data governance and the use of new technology and data for official statistics.
- Ideas for **use of the big data information brief**
- Priority topics for **future expert dialogues** on data governance in Asia and the Pacific; Asks to development partners; Any other ideas?

Each table host will provide 2 minutes’ reflection on their topic before participants start circulating. Participants will be asked to circulate to another table every 10 minutes.

**10:30 – 11:00**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00 – 12:30**

**SESSION 5 (continued)** Collaboration on data governance, data stewardship and the use of new technology and data for official statistics: **Where to next for Asia and the Pacific?**

Report to plenary from the World Café table hosts. Each table host presents the 3 most excellent ideas generated by table visitors.

Plenary reflection on group discussion outcomes (voting with 3 stickers for favorite ideas), with a view to summarizing meeting conclusions and recommendations.

12:00-12:30

**Closing session**

*Session Chair: Mr. Batdavaa Batmunkh, Head of NSO Mongolia & Chair of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics*

Summary conclusions and recommendations, **Rachael Beaven, ESCAP**

Farewell and thank you, **Mr. Batdavaa Batmunkh**