This special webinar is organized in the context of the 7th session of the Committee of Statistics to commemorate the golden jubilee of the Institute, six alumni of the Institute will share:

- their journey from entry in the national statistical systems to becoming Chief Statistician in their country;
- how SIAP has helped them in serving their organization and the country better and how this has helped in achieving their career goal; and
- how UNSIAP can help national statistical systems to meet the challenge of deluge of data demand and the restriction being experienced in the statistical activities due to COVID-19.

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