Engaging users and investing in statistics are critical to the success of a National Statistical Office. Without users and without investments, our role as official statisticians is not complete. In this session, we hear from four authors how they have responded to the needs of users and facilitated investment in official statistics. Nepal has responded by delivering the results of their economic census through a decentralized dissemination platform, Indonesia actively use YouTube and has invested in adding variables to an existing survey in order to integrate survey and administrative data to deliver policy-relevant statistics on share of manufacturing services and Indonesia’s role in global value chains, and Sri Lanka is planning to introduce official statistics into the curriculum of school age children.

In this session, authors will form a panel and reflect on their papers by

1. Sharing three tips for empowering a National Statistical Systems to be responsive to the needs of users, including needs arising from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
2. Describing how investments in their national statistical systems match the requirements for meeting demands and needs of users, and the tools and mechanisms they have developed for optimizing investment with demands and needs of their users.

This session will involve four presentations followed by question and answer. Presenters will share their thoughts on responding to user demands and balancing investment with demands following by at least 30-minutes of live question and answers. You will have ample opportunities to interact with authors.