



# **First UN World Data Forum: Lessons learnt and update on follow-up activities**

United Nations Statistics Division



# *A few lessons learnt*

- More sessions should have clear desired outcomes and deliverables
- More detailed guidance to the PC members on structure and timing of the thematic areas/sessions
  - More diverse representation of speakers (e.g., draw from multiple stakeholder groups, better regional and gender balance)
  - Ensure that all thematic areas include the different session formats (data labs, knowledge sharing, etc.) and do not use all spaces as simple panels
  - Develop descriptions of room layouts (e.g., beehives)
  - Require to have one unique breakout such as beehive under each thematic area



## *A few lessons learnt (cont.ed)*

- Important role of PC co-chairs and secretariat to ensure overall balance, adequate representation of all stakeholders, adequate regional representation, gender balance in each sessions, etc.
- Engage more policy makers – stronger link between the data and policy worlds
- Clarify oversight role of the HLG on the work of the PC, including regular updates from Secretariat and PC to the HLG
- Better coordination of communication strategy between secretariat, host country and partner organizations (commonly agreed key messages from day 1)



## *A few lessons learnt (cont.ed)*

- Planning and organizing time should not be less than a year
- Budget should be clearly defined from the beginning to address the multiple requests from unfunded speakers
- Communication specialists were very effective/needed
- Additional staff needed at Secretariat side – event planner only needed from the side of the host country

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The purpose of this Virtual UN World Data Forum is to allow participants of the first UN World Data Forum, as well as other members of the global data and statistics community, to carry forward the conversations around innovative data solutions and initiatives that were started at the Forum in January 2017 in Cape Town, South Africa.

This Virtual UN World Data is organized around the six main thematic areas of the Forum.

It is a platform to facilitate the continuation of conversations and provide a space to share ideas and resources. It offers an opportunity to the more than 2,000 registered participants of the UN World Data Forum to share their takeaways, suggest follow-up questions for further discussion, and dive into practical implementation challenges around the 6 main thematic areas of the Forum.

This Virtual UN World Data Forum is maintained by the United Nations Statistics Division in its capacity as Secretariat to the UN World Data Forum, and is coordinated with the support of partners.

**UN World Data Forum** Owner  
Below, you will find a few guidelines when interacting on this Forum:

**Akhilesh Patel** TA1 - New approaches to capacity development for better data collection  
Hi, I have heard that some agencies used OMR readable formats for data collection. I want to learn about their experiences and any info/resource where I can read about using OMR in development.  
Regards.

**Olga Kononykhina** TA4 - Understanding the world through data  
Guide to Data Innovation for Development - From idea to proof-of-concept, provides step-by-step guidance for development practitioners to leverage new sources of data. It is a result of a collaboration of UNDP and UN Global Pulse with support from UN Volunteers, led by UNDP innovation teams in Europe and Central Asia and Arab States.  
The Guide builds on successful case trials and provides practical guidance for jump-starting a data innovation project, from the design phase through the creation of a proof-of-concept.

A Guide to Data Innovation for Development - From idea to proof-of-concept

**Kimo Goree** General Discussion  
Hope that you will visit our website for the UN World Data Forum at <http://www.iisd.ca/undata/forum1/> and read our final report at <http://www.iisd.ca/undata/forum1/html/enplus232num1e.html>. If you would like to use any of our photos on your own website or publications, here is the link to all our photos and instructions for how to use them <http://www.iisd.ca/undata/forum1/attrib/>

**Yann T.** General Discussion  
Open data for sustainable energy - SDG+16  
Dear colleagues,  
The World Bank Group is looking forward to launch [www.energydata.info](http://www.energydata.info), an open data and analytics platform for the energy sector. Conceived as a collaborative tool, the platform is available to governments and partners to make energy related data and analytics increasingly available.

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TA2 - Innovations and synergies across data ecosystems

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Take a look at some of the highlights from the Twitter chat held on 11 January 2017, ahead of the first-ever UN World Data Forum...  
How can we achieve better data for all? (with images, tweets) · UNDataForum  
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## *Work streams from the first forum*

- New **partnerships**
- Consensus on **data principles** and other policy issues (**open data, work on FPOS**)
- Launch concrete solutions for innovative ways to use the **new sources (data interoperability)**
- Not a one-time event, but the beginning of a new process involving **actors in all data communities (create workstreams)**
- Launch of the **Global Action Plan (implementation)**



# ***48<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Statistical Commission***

- Exhibit on the 1st UN World Data Forum
- Side event Wednesday night hosted by the Permanent Mission of the UAE
  - Highlights from 1st Forum
  - Presentation on the 2nd Forum
  - Introduction by Stefan Schweinfest
  - Speakers: Ola Awad (HLG), Hernán Muñoz (PC), DG of FCSA UAE