



The Role of National Statistical Agencies in Implementing Digital Agenda

A Side Event

**On the margins of the 50th session of the United Nations Statistical
Commission**

Tuesday, 5 March 2019, 13:15 – 14:30

Conference Room 12, UNHQ

Light lunch will be served following the conclusion of the event

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Concept Note

In implementing digitization strategies, national governments are taking steps for enhancing data digitization and transmission processes to advance transition to digital economy and promote e-government.

Held on the sidelines of the 50th session of the UN Statistical Commission, the event will look into the role of national statistical agencies in the implementation of digital agenda. In particular, the discussion will aim to address the following questions:

- What is the role of national statistical agencies in shaping and implementing digital agenda? What are the risks, challenges and the opportunities for the national statistical agencies in this process?
- What role should national statistical agencies play in managing both public and private data? How can big data and non-traditional data sources be integrated in the production of official statistics and how can such innovative use of data improve the outcomes of the Sustainable Development Goals?

The event will be held in the form of an interactive panel and will provide a platform for exchange of views and experience, with the participation of representatives of national statistical agencies, also, in the context of the digital agenda carried out by the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU). Digital agenda is a program of digital transformation involving synchronization of statistical capacity development. The EAEU Integration Statistics Programme for 2016–2020 sets out a list of actions for the implementation of international standards for data exchange and SDMX. Expanding the use of digital technologies in statistics is a key priority identified in EAEU's new Strategic Programme for Statistics for the years 2021-2025

Intended to bridge innovation, public administration and statistics, the event will be held in the framework of Armenia’s chairmanship in the EAEU assumed from January 2019.