

**United Nations Statistical Commission 2020 side event:
“More and better financing of data for development”
Monday, 2 March 2020
11:15 am – 12:30 pm
Conference Room E, United Nations, New York**

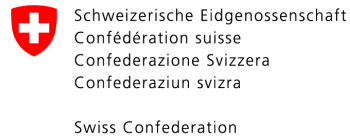
Development data are critical for policy making and planning, and for monitoring and measuring progress towards national and global sustainable development goals. If the goal of “leaving no one behind” is to be realised, more and better-targeted funding is required for National Statistical Systems to have adequate statistical evidence to inform policies and critical interventions, and to measure progress, particularly in developing countries where statistical systems are often under-resourced and under-staffed. Following the Dubai Declaration launched at the United Nations World Data Forum 2018, which calls for an increase of financing for better data and statistics for sustainable development, there has been significant progress made by the High-level Group on Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building (HLG-PCCB), as well as the Bern Network on Funding Data for Development, in developing mechanisms that can generate more funding, provide opportunities for better delivery of funds and promote mobilisation of domestic resources for data and statistics. With momentum gathering pace in the lead-up to the UN World Data Forum in October 2020, we have a significant opportunity to significantly increase and improve funding for data for development.

This event seeks to convene discussions between heads of NSOs, donors, international organisations and other key stakeholders to:

- Provide an update on the current state-of-play on financing for development data and statistics;
- Present cases where improved coordination between development partners and NSOs could be enhanced in order to ensure that additional resources are efficiently spent;
- Receive feedback from national statisticians on the progress made, and their main concerns and ideas for the way forward; and
- Pave the road to the deliberations and outcomes of the UN World Data Forum as an official ‘Road to Bern’ event.

Co-conveners: PARIS21, Switzerland, UK, UNSD, World Bank.





Agenda

11:15 – 11:25

Welcome keynote

Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to UN

11:25 – 11:45

State of play of financing for development data

Lightning presentations by:

- *Francesca Perucci, Chief, Development Data and Outreach Branch, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)*
- *Nada Hamadeh, Lead Economist and Program Manager, Development Data Group, World Bank*
- *Jurei Yada, Bern Network Coordination Lead, PARIS21*
- *Kerstin Hinds, Head, Data for Development Team, DFID*

11:45 – 12:15

Perspectives from case studies: What works and what doesn't for funding development data and how can we achieve change?

Moderated panel discussion

Panelists:

- *Ariunzaya Ayush, Chair, National Statistical Office, Mongolia*
- *Halim Brizan, Director, Central Statistics Office, Grenada*
- *Ola Awad Shakhshir, President, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics*
- *Mande Isaora Zefania Romalahy, Director-General, National Institute of Statistics, Madagascar*

Moderator: Johannes Jütting, Executive Head, PARIS21

12:15– 12:30

Way forward to UNWDF 2020

Open discussion and concluding words by Co-Chairs: Francesca Perucci, UNSD, and Benjamin Rothen, Deputy Head of International Affairs Unit, Swiss Federal Statistical Office

