

Fostering inclusive statistics on migration, displacement, and statelessness: drawing lessons from national and regional experiences

Thematic area: Effective partnerships for better data and a more equitable data ecosystem

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Room: 5

Overview:

Agenda 2030's commitment to "leave no one behind" can be concretized through data systems that are inclusive of the world's most vulnerable populations. In a world where climate change, conflict and fragility cause millions of people to migrate, this commitment must consider migrant and displaced populations, as well as those who find themselves stateless.

Many governments are pioneering approaches to improve data and statistics on these groups. International Statistical Recommendations on Refugees (2018), Internally Displaced Persons (2020) and Statelessness (2023) present an important opportunity to augment this work. Through the adaptation of national census and surveys, many countries are leading the way to implement the Recommendations and improve data inclusivity. Yet, efforts to improve the timeliness, coverage and quality of data on these populations require an enhanced focus on administrative data collected through, for example, migration management systems or population/civil registration procedures.

At the World Data Forum, the Collaborative on Administrative Data and Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics, join forces to tackle an issue that lies at the inter-section of their work. Building upon the working methodology of both groups, this event will bring together national, regional and international experts to showcase diverse experiences. Regional cooperation, through the ongoing work in Latin America and the Caribbean, under the Biennial Program of Regional and International Cooperation of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the UNECLAC, will be highlighted.

Format:

- Lightning talk showcasing Colombia's national experience using different data sources to improve national statistics on migrants, refugees and IDPs.
- Moderated panel discussion drawing attention to the benefits of regional and international cooperation, lessons from working on sensitive statistical topics such as statelessness or displacement in the context of generalized violence, and opportunities to strengthen the use of administrative data for statistical purposes.
- Interactive audience participation through polls.

Outputs:

- Increased awareness of the importance of inclusive statistics for IDPs, refugees, and stateless persons in achieving the SDGs.
- Identification of lessons learned that can be applied by national statistical offices and regional bodies worldwide.
- Concrete recommendations for a capacity development roadmap that can help leverage administrative data for improved statistics on forced displacement and statelessness.

Alignment with CTGAP:

This session contributes to the CTGAP under Strategic Area 1, Objective 1.2 by:

- Sharing best practices for fostering inclusive statistics on IDPs, refugees, and stateless persons
- Highlighting collaborative efforts between governments, UN agencies, and international actors
- Promoting a data-driven approach to informing policies and achieving the SDGs for vulnerable populations

Speakers:

Name	Title	Institution	Country	Gender
Sebastián Ruiz	Head of Census and Demography Direction	National Administrative Department of Statistics of Colombia (DANE)	Colombia	Male
Eugenio Sosa	Executive Director	National Institute of Statistics of Honduras (INE)	Honduras	Male
Sharmarke Farah	Director General	Somali National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)	Somalia	Male
Vibeke Nielsen	Inter-Regional Adviser on Statistical Training and Capacity Building	United Nations Statistics Division/ United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNSD/DESA)	United States of America	Female
Natalia Baal	Head of Secretariat	Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics (EGRISS)	Denmark	Female
Oscar Rico	Head of Information Management and Innovation	Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS)	Switzerland	Man