STATS CAFÉ Unlocking the value of data for all
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Agenda

- Welcome remarks: Rachael Beaven, ESCAP
- Data in Action - Recommendations and findings from the Data Values project: Shruti Viswanathan, Athena Infonomics
- Panel discussion on how to unlock sustained data use by decision-makers
  - Battavaa Batmunkh, NSO Mongolia
  - Gogita Todradze, NSO Georgia
  - Karan Nagpal, IDiSight
  - Shruti Viswanathan, Athena Infonomics
- Q & A and discussion
- Wrap-up and concluding remarks: Martina Barbero, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data

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1. Welcome remarks
2. Housekeeping and session overview
3. The Data Values Project
4. Panel discussion
5. Closing remarks
About the Data Values Project
The Data Values Project is a policy advocacy campaign to develop a common agenda for data norms, rights, and governance issues and to influence decision-makers at national, regional, and global levels.
Led by the Global Partnership’s Technical Advisory Group, 145+ organizations and 250+ individuals from 55+ countries contributed to this project from July 2021 to present.

- 40+ blog posts
- 4 long-form publications
- 10+ events
- 6 #DataValues Fireside Chats
- 25+ editions of the Data Values Digest

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The potential of data to change development outcomes and ultimately redress power imbalances lies in its **effective use** to inform decision making and produce fairer policies.

Sustained data use by decision makers is not a given. **Individuals, and not platforms or technical data pipelines, are at the heart of data sharing and use.**

Effective data use requires **human interoperability**—the idea that data doesn’t come together on its own, but requires people partnering from different parts of government, sectors, and communities.

**Equipping people with the skills** to understand, analyze, and use data is also essential to increasing data use for public benefit.
Data in action

Recommendations for government departments and agencies

1. Promote cultures of data sharing and use by improving access to non-traditional data sources, reducing duplication of data collection efforts, and reviewing legislation to strengthen cross-government data flows.

2. Invest in public officials’ acquisition of the necessary skills to use data critically and effectively.

3. Promote data and information literacy in the population at large.
Recommendations for donors and international organizations

1. Align projects and goals with national priorities and commit to longer time horizons for funding.

2. Stop funding new datasets and invest in sustainable national data systems.

3. Invest in data literacy, knowledge, and skills and incentives for data use.

4. Strengthen capacity and data-related competencies among their own staff.
Data in action

Recommendations for private companies

1. Seek out partnerships that involve a range of actors from across sectors to crowd-in diverse perspectives.

2. Explore how to transfer skills and strengthen capacities for data analysis and use to public sector partners.

3. Seek to collaborate with the public sector to explore and test different business models for business to governments data sharing.
Data in action

Recommendations for civil society organizations

1. Focus on connecting data to citizens, building data literacy skills, and investing in creating links to drive greater impact and sustainability.
Your feedback and next steps
The public consultation

Do you want to provide further input? We would be delighted to hear more from you!

Our public consultation survey is now open, you have until the 20th of May to share your thoughts through this link.
Panel discussion questions
What is the role of National Statistical Offices in embedding data use in decision making?

What are some examples of the barriers which hinder data use and how have these been overcome in different contexts?

How can multi-stakeholder approaches help drive effective and sustained data use?

Which skills are required for sustained data use by decision makers and how can NSOs support data literacy?
Thank you!