

**STATISTICS AND DATA DIRECTORATE
COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND STATISTICAL POLICY**

**DRAFT AGENDA: 20TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND
STATISTICAL POLICY**

26-27 June 2023 9h30
Paris, France

The 20th meeting of the CSSP will take place in the OECD headquarters and in hybrid format (by Zoom). Information on registration, meeting arrangements, documentation and special events is available in the CSSP Community space:

https://community.oecd.org/community/oecd_committee_on_statistics/overview

Delegates' attention is drawn to the two side events that, as indicated in the draft Agenda, will take place during the lunch breaks and that require pre-registration. More information is available in the relevant sections of the Agenda and in CSSP Community space.

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Draft Agenda: 20th meeting of the Committee on Statistics and Statistical Policy

Monday 26 June, 9:30 – 17:30

9:30 – 9:45

Introduction and adoption of the draft Agenda

[SDD/CSSP/A\(2023\)1](#)

Following his introductory remarks, **Mr. Anil Arora**, Chairperson of CSSP, will call for approval of the draft agenda. He will then welcome **Ms Fabrizia Lapecorella**, Deputy Secretary-General, and invite her to make some introductory remarks.

9:45 – 10:30

Item 1. Report from the OECD Chief Statistician

Presentation

Mr. Paul Schreyer, OECD Chief Statistician and Director of the Statistics and Data Directorate (SDD), will report on important OECD corporate developments and on implementation of CSSP's current work programme.

CSSP Delegates will be invited to provide comments and ask questions.

► *Session on Data Governance and Policy, 10:30 – 13:00*

10:30 – 11:30

Item 2. The importance of listening – How could statistical organisations become better listeners?

As part of its [Communication Strategy](#), the OECD is modernising its dissemination, communication and engagement environment. The OECD communication transformation includes the migration to a new oecd.org platform and data will play a central role in OECD engagement going forward. In this context, the OECD is faced with the challenge of better measuring its impact and understanding the value of its work through user research. It is increasingly recognised that public organisations – including national statistical offices and international organisations – are usually good at *speaking* and *disseminating*, and less so at *listening*. According to Pr. Jim Macnamara: “What to do about it? Instead of just creating an 'architecture of speaking', which is what advertising, PR, corporate communication mainly do - and what even 'social' media are used for - organisations need to create an 'architecture of listening' to achieve two-way communication, engagement, dialogue, and relationships.” Impact measurement and user research are typical activities to support such an architecture, requiring adapted skills, tools and mindset. Learning from existing good practice and experiences so far, the session aims to identify options for an ‘architecture of listening’ in statistical organisations.

Background

1. OECD's Framework derived from [AMEC](#) - including Case Studies
2. UNECE/CES report “Measuring the value of official statistics”, 2022 – [Link](#).
3. “Organizational listening - the missing link in government and business”, by Jim Macnamara, Distinguished Professor of Public Communication, University of Technology Sydney – a video intro prepared specifically for the event. -[Link to video](#)

In the session, and following a showing of the video introduction by Jim Macnamara, **Ms. Camille**

Raymond, Head of Impact Intelligence in the Communications Directorate, will present OECD’s impact measurement framework and a few case studies highlighting its focus on policy influence and qualitative impact. **Ms. Lara Ankersmit**, Director for Communication and News in Statistics Netherlands, and **Ms. Francesca Kay**, Chief Information Officer in Ireland’s Central Statistics Office will act as discussants.

The session will then be opened for a full discussion with all CSSP delegates, articulated around the following questions:

1. How do participating organisations see their maturity level in terms of being “good listeners”?
2. Which opportunities do they see in building an “architecture of listening”, especially in the areas of impact measurement and user research?
3. In this journey, what are the capabilities that would benefit from international collaboration and coordination – or even, co-investment?

CSSP Delegates will be invited to ask questions and provide comments, with a view to stimulating a discussion drawing on experiences and good practices for user engagement and identification of user needs.

Coffee break 11:30 - 12:00

12:00 – 13:00

Item 3. National statistical offices as trusted data intermediaries: Proposal for a case study by the Working Party on Data Governance and Privacy

[SDD/CSSP\(2023\)4](#)

Background documents:

[DSTI/CDEP/DGP\(2023\)7](#)

[2022 Going Digital Guide for Data Governance Policy Making](#)

The [2022 Going Digital Guide for Data Governance Policy Making](#) highlights the potential of national statistical offices (NSOs) as trusted third parties in the data ecosystem. One notable example is the *Data Integration Partnership for Australia*, which involves a significant investment to maximize the use and value of government data assets, with the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) acting as a trusted partner for data integration projects with public benefit involving government agencies, research institutions and businesses. To further explore the role of trusted data intermediaries and better understand their business model, institutional arrangements, and technological implementation, the OECD Working Party on Data Governance and Privacy (WPDGP) is considering undertaking a case study analysis of trusted data intermediaries.

In this session, the WPDGP Secretariat, **Mr. Christian Reimsbach-Kounatze**, Economist in the Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI), will present the policy discussions at the WPDGP in regard to trusted data intermediaries as well as a proposal for a case study to assess the potential of NSOs to act as trusted data intermediaries, based on specific examples from OECD Members and Partner economies. A draft questionnaire will also be presented that could be used for a brief survey of NSOs to better understand which, and how, NSOs are currently acting as trusted third parties for data access and sharing.

During the session, **Dr. David Gruen**, Chief Statistician of the ABS, and **Mr. Geir Axelsen**, Director of Statistics Norway, will act as lead discussants and make introductory remarks. The session will then be opened for a full discussion with all delegates.

CSSP Delegates will be invited to:

- Discuss the proposal including the proposed next steps;
- Comment on the draft questionnaire that is proposed to be circulated to NSOs; and
- Discuss the role of NSOs as trusted data intermediaries.

Lunch break 13:00 – 15:00
side event, 13:30 – 14:45: ‘Metadata Catalogues for Data Stewardship’ organised by Switzerland
See the [agenda](#) and [background note](#)

15:00 – 16:10

Item 4. Improving natural capital measurement in the SNA framework

[SDD/CSSP\(2023\)5](#)

Work is currently underway to update the 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA), enhancing and broadening the SNA framework to reflect changes in the economy, as well as to address important user needs. Several proposals have been put forward to improve measurement of natural capital and their depletion over time. Net Domestic Product (NDP) will include depletion of natural capital as well as depreciation of fixed assets such as buildings and machinery; and it is proposed to give greater prominence to NDP as a measure of economic growth, alongside Gross Domestic Product. While an important step forward, this also creates practical challenges for national statistical offices on developing measures of depletion of natural capital and, in some cases, improving measures of depreciation of fixed assets.

The proposals on natural capital are aligned with the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA), so countries already compiling SEEA results should be in a good position to develop estimates. However, these estimates will need to be mainstreamed within the central framework (core) of the national accounts.

In this session, **Mr. Paul Schreyer** will present the main features of the SNA update regarding natural capital accounting, focussing on the scope and nature of the planned extension, and pointing to the opportunities and challenges arising with implementation. **Mr. Jean-Luc Tavernier**, Director General of the French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE), and **Dr. Karin Orvis**, Chief Statistician of the United States, will act as lead discussants. The discussion will then be opened to the full Committee.

CSSP Delegates will be invited to:

- Comment on the importance for policy makers/users of the new measures of natural capital and its inclusion in NDP calculations;
- Consider the main practical challenges for national accounts compilers when introducing the proposed changes;
- Provide examples from experience that could be shared with national accounts compilers in other member countries;
- Take note of, and consider participating in the informal expert group of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA) to develop practical guidance on natural capital to assist countries for the implementation of the 2025 SNA.

Coffee break 16:10 – 16:30

 16:30 -17:30

Item 5. OECD's Inter-Country Input-Output (ICIO) tables – development and applications

[SDD/CSSP\(2023\)6](#)

Constructing global input-output tables is a truly international activity requiring a range of national and international collections of statistics as inputs. While this session will provide an overview of the challenges when constructing ICIO tables, it also highlights the versatility of the tool for many policy-relevant questions. Initially used for a better understanding of the collapse in international trade after the global financial crisis of 2009, and the need to create insights into the role of global value chains (GVCs) for trade, this statistical tool is now also instrumental for dealing with Trade in Embodied CO2 ([TECO2](#)), Trade in Employment ([TiM](#)) and more recently (due to COVID and the Russian invasion of Ukraine) dependencies and potential risks in regional and global supply chains.

Mr. Colin Webb, Senior Statistician in STI, will introduce the topic, outlining how national statistics are used and the estimation techniques required in the development of OECD's ICIO tables and their use in analysis.

Ms. Graciela Márquez Colin, President of Mexico's National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), and **Mr. Hirofumi Uematsu**, Deputy Director for Statistical Clearance in Japan's Office of Director-General for Policy Planning on Statistical Policy, will act as lead discussants. The discussion will then be opened to the full Committee.

CSSP Delegates will be invited to:

- Comment on the importance of the ICIO framework as a tool for providing pertinent insights to help policy makers address some of the current global challenges.
- Indicate to what extent their statistical systems are evolving to improve the availability of underlying statistics required for input into ICIO tables, and hence to improve the quality of TiVA and related GVC indicators?

Tuesday 27 June, 9:30 – 17:30

9:30 – 10:00

Item 6. Overview of WISE topics

Presentation

Ms. Romina Boarini, Director of the Well-being, Inclusion, Sustainability and Equal Opportunity Centre (WISE) will provide a brief update on WISE topics.

Delegates will be invited to provide comments and ask questions.

 10:00 – 11:00

Item 7. Joint distribution of income, consumption and wealth at the micro level (WISE)

[WISE/CSSP\(2023\)1](#)

Income, consumption and wealth (ICW) are the key components of households' economic well-being. The way these dimensions interact can provide new insights into asset accumulation, consumption behaviour and the evolution of economic inequalities. Recent economic shocks have demonstrated the importance of using multi-dimensional measures of household economic well-being to assess households' capacity to maintain their living standards in the face of income losses. However, despite the growing demand for an integrated measurement approach, studies in this field remain sparse, due to measurement issues and a lack of integrated data sets in most OECD countries.

Building on the [OECD Framework for Statistics on the Distribution of Household Income, Consumption and Wealth](#) and [Eurostat's experimental statistics](#), the work of the Eurostat-OECD Expert Group on the joint distribution of income, consumption and wealth at micro level (EG ICW) represented the first attempt to develop comparable experimental statistics on the joint distribution of ICW for OECD countries. The challenges of producing joint estimates of ICW as well as selected experimental results are discussed in a joint working paper recently published in both the [OECD WISE Centre's](#) and in [Eurostat's](#) dedicated series. While the evidence produced is based on data that date back to around 2015, it documents pre-existing fault lines and high levels of household financial vulnerability that are likely to have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent cost-of-living crisis.

In this session, **Ms. Carlotta Balestra**, Economist in WISE, will provide an overview of the work of the Expert Group, present selected experimental results, and discuss how the measurement framework can be applied in future work, to understand the impact of more recent shocks on household economic well-being. Following the presentation, **Sir Ian Diamond**, the National Statistician of the United Kingdom, and **Dr. Mariana Kotzeva**, Director-General of Eurostat will provide introductory remarks. The discussion will then be open to all Delegates.

CSSP Delegates will be invited to:

- Comment on the findings of the Eurostat-OECD Expert Group and suggest possible future developments;
- Provide examples of statistical and research work on the joint distribution of income, consumption and wealth in their country;
- Indicate interest for possible follow-up work in the future.

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

Item 8. The Patient-Reported Indicator Surveys (PaRIS); International survey of People Living with Chronic Conditions

[SDD/CSSP\(2023\)7](#)

As populations age, and more people live with chronic conditions, additional pressure is placed on primary care services, which typically are the first points of contact of patients with the health system. These services manage and treat people with chronic conditions, support self-management of their conditions and coordinate patient pathways across multiple health care services.

People with first-hand knowledge of the health system—patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers—provide valuable perspectives that are key for designing and implementing effective health care policies. In 2017, the OECD launched the Patient-Reported Indicator Surveys (PaRIS) initiative to systematically measure the outcomes and experiences of health care that matter most to people. The PaRIS survey is the first international survey of people living with chronic conditions and their primary care providers covering twenty countries. Notably, the survey collects data on how patients experience their health care and how patients assess the results of the care they receive.

In this session, **Mr. Michael Van den Berg**, Health Economist in the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, will give an overview of the design, the development and implementation of the survey in participating countries, and discuss challenges with the data collection and communication of findings focusing on privacy and data protection. This session will also discuss future directions of the survey including adding thematic topics to the next vintage. **Ms. Elena Manzanera Diaz**, President of Spain's National Institute of Statistics (INE) will make some introductory remarks. The discussion will then be open to the full Committee.

CSSP will be invited to:

- Comment on the implementation of the survey, in particular data collection and data flows of the project;
- Advise on the communication strategy of insights considering data protection and privacy (collection, exchange, and storage of data);
- Share examples of national data and information initiatives and advice on ways of creating synergies with existing national initiatives, such as integration into national surveys;
- Advise on future directions for the survey including adding thematic modules, expanding to a wider population and proposed timeline.

Lunch break 12:30 – 14:30

*side event 12:45 – 14:00: ‘Well-Being Knowledge Exchange Platform’ organised by WISE
See [an invitation from Romina Boarini](#) and the [background document](#)*

14:30 – 16:45

Item 9. Innovation in New Data and Sources

During this session, the Secretariat will present several initiatives from across the OECD that utilise new data sources and tools to enrich the breadth, timeliness and granularity of OECD analysis. The Committee will be invited to comment on the challenges and opportunities of using alternative data sources and artificial intelligence, share country experience as well as explore possibilities for collaboration.

Item 9.a. The OECD Innovation Lab

[SDD/CSSP\(2023\)8](#)

New sources and tools are explored in various parts of the OECD, and the OECD Innovation Lab is a specific effort – jointly managed by SDD and the Economics Department (ECO) – to enrich the breadth, timeliness, and granularity of OECD analysis. Recently revamped, the Innovation Lab capitalises on the OECD’s Smart Data Strategy and is designed to deliver projects that directly feed into OECD analysis and key indicators.

Ms. Annabelle Mourougane, Head of the Trade and Business Statistics Division in SDD, and **Mr. David Turner**, Head of the Macroeconomic Analysis Division in ECO, will present the Innovation Lab and its work programme.

Item 9.b. Alternative data and AI-related work by the OECD

Presentations

The Secretariat will present examples of projects using alternative data sources, including big data, and AI, focusing on the challenges of undertaking such projects. This will include:

- An Ocean of Data: the potential of data on vessel traffic, presented by **Ms. Antonella Liberatore** (Head of Trade and Business Statistics section in SDD)
 - The Automatic Identification System (AIS) is a tracking system that provides position, identification and other information about the vessel to other vessels and coastal authorities. It can be freely accessed from the UN Global Platform. As most international merchandise trade is carried by sea, these data could potentially be used to monitor global trade in a timely manner (data are provided with at most a one-week delay) and at a

relatively high level of granularity. The Secretariat will describe its approach to exploit this very rich dataset, presenting some preliminary insights, together with the needed statistical treatment and validation process.

Questions and Answers

Coffee break 15:15 – 15:45

Item 9.b. Alternative data and AI-related work by the OECD (cont'd)

Presentations

- Exploring and tracking consumer spending patterns at regional-product level using credit card data, presented by **Mr. Sebastian Barnes**, Head of Country Studies 2 Division in ECO.
 - This project, being pursued in collaboration with CFE, aims to understand how the energy price crisis is affecting OECD countries across regions and industries in close to real time and what is driving these differences. This can help with informing better targeting of government support to households and firms and also shed light on the effects of existing energy support measures. The project is part of a wider agenda with a major credit card company to explore the use of this data source to provide policy insights. The aim is to have monthly consumption indices across around 10 products at the TL3 regional and national-industry levels across a wide range of countries.
- Leveraging public data, presented by **Mr. Alexander Lembcke**, Deputy Head of Division in the Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE)
 - The CFE will present ongoing work that leverages web-based data. Examples include how “green” SMEs represent themselves based on web-scraped and AI-labelled information extracted from company websites, relating real-world company networks based on weblink connections and AI-based analysis of satellite imagery to understand the urban environment. The presentation and examples will motivate a broader discussion on opportunities public data can provide and the challenges associated with their use.

Questions and Answers

Item 9.c. Discussion and wrap-up

Mr. Anil Arora and **Sir Ian Diamond** will make some introductory remarks. The floor will then be open to all Delegates.

CSSP Delegates will be invited to:

- Share their experience on how alternative data sources can be used in official statistics and how the quality of those statistics could be ensured and assessed
- Express their views on the priority areas in terms of issues, data and techniques that could be examined and developed by the Lab, and how the latter can best inform Committee discussions around those issues.

16:45 – 17:10

Item 10. Post-accession report from Costa Rica

[SDD/CSSP\(2023\)9](#)

Ms. Asa Johansson, Deputy Director of SDD, and **Dr. Laura Solís Bastos**, Vice President of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Statistics and Census of Costa Rica (INEC), will report on progress made by Costa Rica in response to the recommendations contained in its statistical accession reports ([[SDD/CSSP/ACS\(2019\)1](#)] and [[SDD/CSSP/ACS\(2019\)1/ANN1](#)]), and in the Formal Opinion on the accession of Costa Rica to the OECD adopted by CSSP [[SDD/CSSP/ACS\(2019\)2/FINAL](#)].

CSSP Members will be asked to:

- Take note of the report;
- Assess the progress made by Costa Rica; and
- Consider whether the current level of implementation by Costa Rica is sufficient or if any further steps are required.

17:10 – 17:30

Item 11. Information items and any other business

Along with any other business, CSSP Delegates will be informed on:

- The 2023-2025 accession process
- Upcoming events and future meetings
- Result of the 2023 election process and welcome to the new Chair of CSSP