United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa

StatsTalk-Africa:
Leveraging the UN Global Platform to foster innovation in African NSOs
18 September 2024, 16:00 EAT, 09:00 NYT

Concept Note

Background

Established in 2018 under the auspices of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science, the UN Global Platform offers a cloud-based environment designed to foster collaboration, data sharing, and the application of advanced tools and methods in the field of official statistics. The platform supports a range of initiatives, including privacy-preserving data science, vessel tracking data analysis, and the development of statistical data portals, among others.

The United Nations Regional Hub for Big Data and Data Science in Africa is a partnership between the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR), and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA).

Through this webinar, the UN Regional Hub for Africa aims to introduce the platform to African NSOs, highlighting how it can be utilized to enhance their research projects, improve data processing capabilities, and support the adoption of cutting-edge technologies in statistical analysis. By participating in this webinar, African NSOs will gain insights into the platform's features, ongoing projects, and the potential for collaboration, all of which are crucial for advancing statistical capacity and meeting the evolving demands of data-driven decision-making.

Objective

The ACS is convening the monthly webinar series – *StatsTalk-Africa* – to provide a space for a dialogue about data, statistics, and innovative tools with data experts and users. Specifically, StatTalk-Africa aims to:

1. Serve as a knowledge-sharing and exchange platform.
2. Demystify and promote greater understanding of key statistical concepts and alternative data sources that could be harnessed in the African context.

Date and Time

The Webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, 18 September 2024, from 16:00-17:30 EAT

Language

English will be the official form of communication for this webinar series.

Registration link

Register in advance for this meeting HERE

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