

# UNESCAP Upcoming Stats Café: The prospect of big data for official statistics in Asia and the Pacific



## About the session:

Big data and other non-traditional data sources are an exciting prospect for national statistical offices faced with increasing demand for more statistics of greater timeliness and relevance as has been experienced in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the COVID-19 pandemic. This increasing demand often coincides with declining budgets. Big data and other non-traditional data sources can sometimes offer comparatively inexpensive solutions. Globally and regionally, activities associated with these data sources continue to grow. The opportunities for member State engagement and involvement are vast. This seminar is held as preparation for the 7th Committee on Statistics. The presentations will highlight some of the key global and regional developments to support NSOs to use big data and participants will have a chance to discuss the prospects of big data for official statistics in Asia and the Pacific.

## Agenda:

- Welcome: Gemma Van Halderen
- Big Data and official statistics – the role of the Global Working Group: Niels Ploug
- The big data regional hub of the United Nations global platform in China: Wang Wenna
- Current progress of Big Data utilization for official statistics in Indonesia: Ali Said
- Questions and answers : Tanja Sejersen

**Welcome by:** Gemma Van Halderen, Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP

## Speakers:

- Niels Ploug, Director of Social Statistics, Statistics Denmark (responsible for SDG data), and co-chair of UN Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics
- Wang Wenna, Head of the Centre on the Application of Big Data in Hangzhou, and Deputy Director-General of NBS Survey Office in Zhejiang, National Bureau of Statistics of China
- Ali Said, Director of Analysis and Development of Statistics at Statistics Indonesia, and the lead of the development of Big Data uses for official statistics in BPS
- Tanja Sejersen, Statistician, Statistics Division, ESCAP

**Date:** Monday, 17 August 2020

**Time:** 12:00-13:30 hrs. (Bangkok Time)

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