

Commonwealth Heads of Statistics Conference

Thursday 22 – Friday 23 November 2018

The Kia Oval, Surrey County Cricket Club, Kennington, London SE11 5SS

Theme: 'Towards a Common Future'

Day 1 – Thursday 22 November 2018		
Timing	Session	Speaker/s
09:00 10:00	Registration with refreshments - Ashes Suite, Level 1	
10:00 10:05	Welcome and domestics – Ashes Suite	
10:05 10:35	Opening address	<p>John Pullinger UK National Statistician</p> <p>Rt Hon Lord Bates Minister of State, Department for International Development</p> <p>Zachary Mwangi Chege Chair of UN Statistical Commission</p>
<p>Plenary Session 1 - Leadership and Governance</p> <p>Working together to identify and manage the common challenges faced by Commonwealth Heads of Statistics.</p> <p>Objective: Share good leadership practice and draft a set of 'leadership principles' for Commonwealth Heads of Statistics.</p>		
10:35 11:15	<p>Key Note 1</p> <p>Informed by a half day 'leadership masterclass' for 30 participants, to be held on 21 Nov at ONS, London.</p> <p>Case studies on good outward reaching leadership, and how NSIs have managed change alongside delivering core products will be discussed, and draft leadership principles presented.</p>	<p>Rafik Mahjoubi, Regional Programme Coordinator for Africa and Middle East, Paris 21 (facilitator)</p> <p>Risenga Malueke Statistician-General of South Africa and Head of Statistics South Africa</p> <p>Susie Fortier Assistant Director International Statistical Methods, Statistics Canada</p> <p>Yusuf Murangwa Director General of the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda</p>
11:15 11:30	Break – Ashes Suite	

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<p>11:30 12:30</p>	<p>Leadership Panel session</p>	<p>Rafik Mahjoubi, Regional Programme Coordinator for Africa and Middle East, Paris 21 (facilitator)</p> <p>Norman Jardine Principal Adviser, HR Professionalisation for EU Commission</p> <p>Ed Humpherson Director General for Regulation, UK Statistics Authority</p> <p>Dr Philomen Harrison Director, Regional Statistics, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat</p> <p>Luise McCulloch Deputy Australian Statistician</p>
<p>12:30 13:45</p>	<p>Buffet lunch and 'Market Place' – England Suite, level 2</p>	
<p>Market Place (will be open during lunch on day one and day two and during the Buffet Reception on day one)</p> <p>Objective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To showcase interesting and useful innovative work relating to statistics through the Conference 'Market Place'. 2. To facilitate conversations between innovative organisations and Commonwealth delegations with the possibility of starting longer-term relationships. 		
<p>Market Place stands - ONS Data Science Campus; Department of International Trade; Ordnance Survey; GEO; Department for Education; UK ONS SDG team; Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence; Census outputs and Dissemination team; Office for Statistics Regulation; UN Global Platform for Data Services and Applications; Natural Capital Accounts; Titchfield City Group on Ageing; Race Disparity Unit; UN Refugee Agency (Expert Group on Refugee and IDP Statistics); 62nd ISI WSC 2019; Overseas Development Institute; Royal Statistical Society.</p>		

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Plenary Session 2 - Blue statistics: implementing the Commonwealth Blue Charter - Oceans

Objectives:

1. To promote, educate and prompt discussion on standards for ocean statistics relating to the commitments made by Commonwealth member states in the April 2018 Blue Charter and SDG 14.
2. To agree a Commonwealth approach to developing a community of practice around statistical standards for ocean statistics.

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13:45 13:50	Introduction	Jonathan Athow UK Deputy National Statistician for Economic Statistics
13:50 14:15	Key Note 2 Focus: Plastic pollution in our oceans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness of plastic pollution in our oceans and inspiring people to take action in their day to day lives. • Facing the tough realities of change, challenge and competition (linked to the leadership theme). 	Dee Caffari Skipper of Volvo Ocean Race 2017-2018's 'Turn the Tide on Plastic' team
14:15 14:30	Q&A session with Dee	
14:30 14:50	Key Note 3 Focus: Building an integrated statistical infrastructure for sustainable development of our oceans. (Informed by the Asia and the Pacific Regional Expert Workshop on Ocean Accounts – 1-3 August 2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness of recent advances in environmental economic accounting, including the UN SEEA standard. • Raising awareness of the UN Ocean Accounts Partnership and related initiatives, focused on integration of statistics to support ocean-based sustainable development. • Highlighting a range of urgent social economic and environmental challenges facing our oceans, and the role of integrated statistics to address these challenges. 	Ben Milligan Senior Research Associate Faculty of Laws UCL SLASH

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<p>14:50 15:50</p>	<p>Panel Session (facilitated by Ben Milligan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current progress and practice on integration of social, economic and environmental statistics concerning oceans. • Key national policy challenges and priorities that require data and statistics to underpin an effective response. • Next steps towards building a Commonwealth community of practice on ocean accounting for sustainable development. 	<p>Beth Stoker Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), seconded to DEFRA</p> <p>Halim Brizan Director of the National Statistics Office of Grenada</p> <p>Rocky Harris Natural Capital Accounts and Water Statistics, Natural Environment Policy, Department for Environment, Food and rural Affairs (DEFRA)</p> <p>Claudia Wells Sustainability and Environment, Office for National Statistics (ONS)</p>
<p>15:50 16:05</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>Parallel Sessions</p>		
<p>16:05 - 17:05</p>		
<p>Parallel 1 - The Inclusive Data Charter</p> <p>Claire Melamed (Moderator) Executive Director at Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, Session Chair</p> <p>Claudia Wells Sustainability and Environment, Office for National Statistics (ONS)</p> <p>Zachary Mwangi Chege (tbc) Director General, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics</p> <p>Dominic Haslam Senior Director, Sightsavers</p>		<p>India Room, level 2</p>
<p>Parallel 2 - Transforming the UK population statistics system to one led by administrative data, ONS (lead: Stephan Tietz, Senior Research Officer, Population Statistics)</p> <p>Stephan Tietz Senior Research Officer, ONS Population Statistics</p>		<p>John Major Room, level 2</p>

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17:05 18:05	The monitoring of the SDGs by small states (session for small states only)	Etienne Caruana Acting Director General, Malta
18:15 20:15	Buffet Reception and Market Place – England Suite	
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09:30 09:35	Welcome to day 2	
09:35 09:55	Key Note 4 Commonwealth collaboration	Sir David Norgrove Chair of the UK Statistics Authority Dr Nabeel Goheer Assistant Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat
Plenary Session 3 – Data Science, driving policy and services		
09:55 10:30	Key Note 5 Using admin data sources (freight information) to track in ‘real time’ trade	Tom Smith Head of ONS Data Science Campus Tom Knight Head of Profession, Department for International Trade Sonia Williams ONS Data Science Campus
10:30 10:45	Key Note 6 Enabling nations through effective policy, data sharing, technology and education – an OS / DFID collaboration with the United Republic of Tanzania and Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar	Bart Chudas Ordnance Survey International
10:45 11:00	Q&A (facilitated by Tom Smith)	
11:00 11:15	Break - Ashes Suite	

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Parallel sessions	
11:15 – 12:15	
<p>Parallel 3 - Rural Household Multi Indicator Survey (RHOMIS) -The use of an advanced data collection tool in rural households to support data-based interventions</p> <p>Kate Robson Brown Jean Golding Institute Director, University of Bristol</p> <p>Jim Hammond International Livestock Research Institute</p> <p>Leo Gorman ILRI/University of Bristol</p>	India Room, level 2
<p>Parallel 4 - Earth observations for statistical indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Using satellites to support the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ii. New environmental data from both ends of the telescope – from space observations to genetic analysis iii. Using geospatial frameworks to help governments prepare, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters <p>Chris Gale (i) Office for National Statistics</p> <p>David Askew (ii) Natural England's Director of Evidence</p> <p>James Norris (iii) Inter-Governmental Group on Earth Observations</p>	John Major Room, level 2
12:15	Buffet lunch and 'Market Place' – England Suite
13:30	
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Following CHOGM 2018, the Heads of Commonwealth member states agreed the implementation of specific actions to provide the opportunity for at least 12 years of quality education for all children by 2030. The session will present the developing international standards, and facilitate the sharing of experiences about the tracking of children through education systems and measuring education quality.

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13:30 13:35	Introduction	Neil Mclvor Chief Data Officer and Chief Statistician, Department for Education
13:35 13:50	Key Note 7 12 years of quality education for all by 2030 - a Commonwealth perspective	Professor Pauline Rose Cambridge University, Research for Equal Access and Learning (REAL) Centre
13:50 14:05	Country case study Education - Data Quality – a case study from Papua New Guinea	Maria-Louise Wau First Assistant Secretary, Department of National Planning and Monitoring, Papua New Guinea
14:05 14:20	Country case study UK Department for Education – approaches to tracking children through education	Gary Connell Department for Education (DFE) Data Modernisation Division
14:20 14:35	Country case study Recent developments and challenges in the collection and compilation of education statistics in Malta	Etienne Caruana Acting Director General, Malta
14:35 15:15	Q&A (facilitated by Neil Mclvor)	
15:15 15:20	62nd ISI WSC 2019 announcement – Ibrahim Jantan , Deputy Chief Statistician Malaysia (Programme Economy)	
15:20 15:35	Refreshments	

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Plenary Session 5 – The future - How should the Commonwealth Statistics Group work together in the future to enhance productivity and performance

Objective: Discuss the benefits of spending quality time together as a group. And produce a statement that records how the Commonwealth Heads of Statistics will work together in the future.

(A closed session for National Statistical Offices only)

15:35 15:40	Introduction to Session 5	
15:40 16:00	Panel Discussion	Panel tbc (regional mix of countries tbc)
16:00 16:50	Open Discussion	<i>Facilitated by John Pullinger</i>
16:50 17:00	Closing remarks	John Pullinger & Yusuf Murangwa DG, NIS Rwanda