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WTIS-25

Programme

Monday, 22 September 2025

09:30 - 09:50

WTIS 2025 opening

Speakers

Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava

Director

Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Mr Tomas Lamanuskas

Deputy Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Ms Apolonija Oblak Flander

WTIS-25 Chair

Director-General, Statistical Office
of the Republic of Slovenia

09:50 - 10:10

Group photo

10:10 - 10:55

Keynote: Keeping Pace with Digital Transformation: National Data Agencies Perspectives'

Speakers

Professor Paul Cheung

Director

Asia Competitiveness Institute

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

10:55 - 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 - 12:30

Adapting digital development statistics to evolving policy priorities

This session will bring together both users and producers of data to examine how to foster a virtuous cycle of supply and demand. Strengthening this relationship can generate sustainable investment in data collection, improve availability and quality, and ensure that evidence is fully used in decision-making. Building a strong data culture among policymakers is essential to create demand and promote effective use of statistics. Speakers will share their experiences, successes and challenges in advancing this relationship to shape digital strategies and support evidence-based policymaking.

Speakers

Ms Apolonija Oblak Flander

WTIS-25 Chair

Director-General, Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia

Dr Min Suk Lee

Executive Director, Korea Information Society Development Institute (KISDI)

Mr Alvaro Diez Soto

Head of Unit, Eurostat

Moderator

Mr Bernard Banda

Director for Economic Regulation and Consumer Protection, Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA)

12:30 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 15:45 Financing digital development statistics

Achieving universal and meaningful connectivity demands robust, timely data. The Global Digital Compact calls for investments to implement national digital inclusion surveys. This session explores financing models for ICT household surveys, showcasing global best practices, cost estimates, and collaborative funding mechanisms to bridge data gaps.

Speakers

Ms Anu Peltola

Director of Statistics, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Mr Geoffrey So

Head of Strategic Engagement , WHO Foundation

Ms Hasnae Fdhil

Director of Communication and Cooperation Division , High Commission for Planning , Morocco (Kingdom of)

Moderator

Mr Andrea Barone

Senior Economist , The World Bank

15:45 - 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 - 17:30 Expanding horizons in digital development statistics: From satellites to sub-national insights and a Report from the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators

Supply-side ICT statistics are continually evolving to provide decision makers with relevant insights into key trends. This session provides an update on the work of the ITU Expert Group on Telecommunications/ICT Indicators (EGTI), which develops internationally harmonized methodologies for ICT indicators based on administrative data. The session will explore two areas where better statistics can help connect the unconnected: satellite-based broadband access, and insights into sub-national variation in connectivity. Both topics have particular measurement challenges, and presentations aim to highlight innovative approaches and emerging trends in ICT statistics.

Speakers

Mr Bernard Banda

EGTI Chair

Director for Economic Regulation and Consumer Protection , Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA)

Ms Natalia Vicente

Vice President Public Affairs, GSOA

Mr Alan Ramírez García

Telecommunication Policy Consultant

Moderator

Mr Panayiotis Kyriakides

Economist, Office of the Commissioner for Electronic Communications and Postal Regulation (OCECPR), Cyprus (Republic of)

Tuesday, 23 September 2025

09:30 - 10:45

Shaping the future of digital development household statistics: Measuring cybercrime and a report from the ITU Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators

As digital technologies evolve, so too must the scope and methodology of ICT household statistics. This session highlights recent developments and recommendations endorsed by the ITU's Expert Group on ICT Household Statistics, showcasing innovations in survey design, data collection, and thematic coverage. Discussions will address the integration of emerging topics such as artificial intelligence and ICT skills, alongside a focused exploration of measuring cybercrime. Drawing on experiences from national statistical offices, international organizations, and research institutions, the session will present practical approaches, lessons learned, and priorities for advancing the next generation of ICT household indicators.

Speakers

Ms Linah Ngumba

EGH Chair

Head

ICT Statistics Section, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)

Mr David Rausis

Statistician, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Ms Araceli Martinez Gama

Deputy Director General of Economic Surveys, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), Mexico

Moderator

Mr Winston Oyadomari

Research Analyst, CETIC.br, Brazil (Federative Republic of)

10:45 - 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 - 12:30

Beyond access: Measuring digital well-being for all

Measuring the impact of digital technologies on well-being is essential for informed policy and programme development. This session will present recent approaches to monitoring digital well-being across populations, alongside focused efforts to assess the unique experiences, risks, and opportunities faced by children in the digital environment. Drawing on research and measurement initiatives from a range of contexts, speakers will discuss conceptual frameworks, survey methodologies, and indicators that can guide national and international strategies to promote safe, inclusive, and beneficial digital participation.

Speakers

Dr Žiga Žarnić

Head of Digital Well-being and SDGs Analytics, OECD WISE Centre

Ms Romina Cachia

Scientific Team Leader

Digital Economy Unit

Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Ms Clara Centeno

Researcher

Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Ms Sonia Livingstone

Professor

Department of Media and Communications, London School of Economics and Political Science

Moderator

Ms Farah Michelle Paredes Viera

Head

Design and Analysis Division, National Office of Statistics, Dominican Rep.

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 - 14:30

ITU@work: Datahub and Data Hackathon

Join this off-programme session to discover the ITU DataHub – the world’s most comprehensive source of digital development statistics. The ITU team will showcase the latest features and preview upcoming tools designed to make access to, and analysis of, the DataHub’s rich datasets even easier.

Please note that this session is not part of the official programme and will be conducted in English only, without interpretation.

Speakers

Mr Thierry Geiger

Senior Economist and Head of the ICT Data and Analytics Division, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

14:30 - 15:30

Broadening the scope: Monitoring global digital commitments - Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development

This session will feature discussions from the WSIS+20, focusing on how ICT measurement can support the implementation of WSIS action lines and the outcomes of the Summit of the Future. The Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development will present plans for a 2025 quantitative assessment of WSIS+20 action lines and explore how core ICT indicators can be mapped to WSIS framework, the UMC and the Global Digital Compact. The session will also consider new areas that the Partnership could include in the core list of ICT indicators to better address emerging policy needs.

Speakers

Ms Esperanza Magpantay

Senior Statistician, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Mr Alvaro Diez Soto

Head of Unit, Eurostat

Mr Michael Frosch

Senior Statistician, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Mr Oliver Lysaght

Lead

E-waste Statistics Guidelines , UNITAR SCYCLE

Mr Deniz Susar

Governance and Public Administration Officer , United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

Moderator

Ms Scarlett Fondeur Gil

Economic Affairs Officer , UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

15:30 - 15:45

Coffee break

15:45 - 17:15

Scaling use of Mobile Phone Data for Official Statistics

This session will showcase recent work under the ITU–World Bank Mobile Phone Data project, highlighting progress from Cohort 1 countries. Discussions will focus on the MPD Maturity Matrix and its Theory of Change, providing a structured pathway for countries to integrate mobile positioning data into official statistics. The session will also demonstrate innovative methods for calculating the “uncovered” population for SDG indicator 9.c.1 (mobile network coverage). In particular, the session will highlight the critical role of regulators in advancing the use of mobile phone data, ensuring that evidence-based approaches support inclusive digital development.

Speakers

Mr Trevor Monroe

Senior Program Manager
Development Data Group , The World Bank

Dr Daniel Power

Managing Director , Flowminder Foundation

Mr Paul Hamilton

GIS Expert , International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Moderator

Mr Nor Azhar Hassan

Head
Industry Research and Data Analytics Division, Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)

17:15 - 17:30

Closing of WTIS 2025

Speakers

Ms Apolonija Oblak Flander

WTIS-25 Chair
Director-General, Statistical Office
of the Republic of Slovenia

Dr Archana G. Gulati

Deputy to the BDT Director, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)