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## BACKGROUND NOTE

### WEBINAR SERIES ON UTILIZATION OF REGISTERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE DATA IN CENSUS PROGRAMMES OF PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES

*Theme: 2020+ the era of Administrative data; looking into the role of registers and administrative data in Census programmes of Pacific Island countries*

The project 'Utilization of registers and administrative data in Census programmes of Pacific Island countries' (as outlined during [the July Meeting of the Pacific Statistics Methods Board](#)) aims to raise awareness of the opportunities and pre-requisites for use of registers and administrative data in census outputs.

As part of the project SPC is holding a series of webinars to provide background, lessons learnt, and insights on the use of registers and administrative data in a variety of countries. We also hope to identify which registers or administrative data are already used in census outputs or might have the potential to be used in future. This will be covered in webinar six – where we hope to have short presentations from Pacific Island Countries on the situation in their territory.

This webinar series is open to Government Statisticians and Civil registration officials from the Pacific Island Countries, plus anyone else in their organisations they think might benefit. If Government Statisticians think it would be helpful, they should feel free to extend invites to owners of registers and administrative databases in other departments. Whilst there is a natural development through the series of webinars, it is also possible to attend individual webinars as appropriate.

The current schedule of webinar topics is outlined in the agenda – they are planned to take place every two weeks. The content and dates might be modified in the light of feedback from Pacific Island Countries following the initial webinars, and from the availability of speakers from other National Statistical Offices. SPC may open the webinars up to a wider international audience.

The webinars will start at **9am New Caledonia Time** and are expected to last for 90 minutes – with about an hour for presentations and time for questions and answers. **The webinars will start on time**; they will be recorded; and any late attendees can catch up on missed content once the recorded webinars have been posted on the SPC website. SPC will offer an opportunity to test out log-in to the webinars in advance of the first session.

SPC have secured the support of Ian Cope, who worked at the UK Office for National Statistics for nearly 30 years; was responsible for the operational aspects of the 2011 Census in England and Wales; and was, until 2018, the Census Director for the 2021 Census. He also had responsibility for the ONS' 'Admin

Data Census' which seeks to explore the use of admin data to supplement the census after 2021. From August 2018 until February 2020 Ian was one of eight members of the New Zealand 2018 Census External Data Quality Assurance Panel as their 'International Census Expert':

<https://www.stats.govt.nz/news/2018-census-external-data-quality-panel-confirmed>

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