INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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

Dear colleagues and friends,

Let me welcome you all and thank you for agreeing to be part of this event. This webinar is co-organized by the Pacific Community (SPC), the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) and delegates from countries around the world that have agreed to share their experiences with us throughout this series.

My name is Gloria Mathenge, I am a civil registration and vital statistics advisor here at the SPC in New Caledonia. I will be the moderator of this session.

I am here with my colleagues from the Statistics for development division here at SPC and I will give an opportunity to my colleague who is also a co-facilitator of this sessions Michael Sharp to give you a background of the work that we do here in the division and then I will proceed to introducing the agenda.

Thank you Mike

This webinar series is a part of a two phased project that SPC is implementing in collaboration with Pacific island countries. The first phase of the project aims to raise awareness of the opportunities and pre-requisites for use of registers and administrative data in census outputs, drawing on experiences of countries around the world that have applied similar methods. The second phase of the project is to work with selected Pacific island countries to move into the implementation aspects of approaches discussed the project.

We have organized a series of 6 webinars and this topic we are fortunate to have the contribution of a broad range of highly experienced speakers who will be joining us from different parts of the world to share their knowledge and experiences throughout the series.

> **Webinar 1**: International developments in Census methods in recent years: A review of the 2010 round and future prospects.
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> **Webinar 2**: What role can registers play in meeting the data requirements sought by a Population and Housing census?
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> **Webinar 3:** Understanding the key requirements for the utilisation of registers for census statistics.

Webinar 4: Register based statistics: Where a population register, and unique identification system is in place

Webinar 5: Register based statistics: In the absence of a population register or a unique identification system.

Webinar 6: which will be an open discussion Pacific Island use of admin data

Unfortunately we will not have an opportunity to do a round of introductions but we do recognised your presence as country delegates (from National Statistics, Civil registration and health departments) partners and we encourage you to engage in the discussion within the time that we have which is one and a half hours.

We will start off today's session with a presentation from Mr. Ian Cope who will provide a background to census approaches (UN), developments in traditional censuses in recent years, summary of countries using different methods.

Ian Cope is closely working with us on this project. 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

- Ian was a senior Executive in the UK Office for National Statistics, where he had worked for nearly 30 Years. He has over 15 years census experience, including being Director of operations of the 2011 Census, and Census Director for the 2021 Census. Ian was the International Census Expert on the New Zealand 2018 Census External Data Quality Assurance Panel, and will be well known to Vince.

Meryem Demirci works for UN Statistics Division as Interregional Adviser on Population and Housing Censuses since 2013. Her main responsibility is to contribute to the implementation of the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme. She has been involved in the revisions of international guidelines on population and housing censuses and the production of new guidelines on the 'Use of Electronic Data Collection Technologies in Censuses' and 'Measuring SDG Indicators from Population and Housing Census and Civil Registration Data'. She also organizes regional and inhouse training workshops and provides direct support to National Statistical Offices in planning and designing the 2020 round of censuses.

Steve Vale is the Regional Adviser in Statistics at UNECE. He has worked there for over 13 years, in various roles, including as head of the Statistical Management and Modernisation Unit, and Database Coordinator. Before that, he worked for 15 years at the UK Office for National Statistics, including secondments to Eurostat and the OECD. His main areas of expertise are modernising official statistics, data integration, the use of administrative and other non-statistical data sources, quality, and statistical business registers.

Webinars will be recorded

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