

From Insights to Action: Shaping the Future of Citizen Data

Date: 26 February 2024, 6:15-7:50pm (EST)

Venue: Ford Foundation

Registration Link

Background

Citizen participation throughout the data value chain is increasingly recognized in addressing data gaps for marginalized communities and enhancing data fairness, inclusiveness, openness, accountability and transparency. As the global community strives to meet the Sustainable Development Goals and increase the impact of data, the insights derived from the lived experiences and perspectives of citizens are indispensable in decision-making. However, leveraging citizen data and making it fit for policymaking encounters various challenges. These include the lack of trust between state and non-state actors, data quality and sustainability, and capacity constraints faced by civil society organisations and communities in data production.

To address these challenges, the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), in collaboration with its partners, established the Collaborative on Citizen Data (the Collaborative) in April 2023 at the Fourth World Data Forum. A key achievement of the Collaborative was the development of the Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data. The Framework defines citizen data, establishes guiding principles, and offers a supportive structure for the coordination, production and use of citizen data. It also presents a road map for the implementation of the Framework. Following the expert review at the [UN Expert Group Meeting on Citizen Data: a Conceptual Framework](#) in September 2023, the draft [Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data](#) is now available to the [55th session of the Statistical Commission](#).

As the Collaborative advances in refining, testing, and implementing the Copenhagen Framework, we are committed to fostering a collaborative environment that brings together all relevant parties within the national data ecosystem. This includes CSOs involved in data generation or usage, human rights organizations, researchers, and both public and private institutions that can forge partnerships with or support National Statistical Offices (NSOs) to drive inclusive data practices.

Objective

In connection with the presentation of the Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data at the 55th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, the side event aims to facilitate an exchange of experiences and insights on the production and use of citizen data for impact, with a special focus on marginalized populations. The session will serve as a platform for gathering feedback on the draft Copenhagen Framework and discussing the strategic roadmap for its implementation. Key focus areas of the session will include:

- (a) evaluating the practicality and relevance of the Framework in diverse contexts;
- (b) identifying critical elements necessary to create an enabling environment for leveraging the power of citizen data; and

- (c) exploring how the Collaborative can leverage the Copenhagen Framework to influence the evolution and utilization of citizen data.

Agenda

| Time | Agenda Items |
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| 18:15-18:30 | Reception |
| 18:30-18:40 | Opening and welcome |
| 18:40-18:50 | Presentation of the Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data, focusing on the framework and the roadmap for its implementation |
| 18:50-19:30 | Panel discussion with representatives from NSOs and CSOs to share (a) their experiences with the production and use of citizen data; (b) strategies to building trust and foster collaboration among different stakeholders; (c) feedbacks on the Copenhagen Framework; and (d) suggestions to turn the Framework into action. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CSOs: Persons with disabilities & LGBTQi- NSOs- The citizen science community |
| 19:30-19:45 | Game playing and input from the floor |
| 19:45-19:50 | Closing Remarks |