

UNSC 54th Session Side Event

Positioning household surveys for the next decade

Technical Priority 1: Enhancing the interoperability and integration of household surveys

Organised by

Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys

8:30-10:00am ET, 13 February 2023 (Monday)

Remote - [Register](#)

Background

Established by the UN Statistical Commission in 2015, the [Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys](#) (ISWGHS) aims to foster improvement in the scope and quality of social and economic statistics as delivered through national, regional and international household survey programmes. Three major objectives of ISWGHS are (a) fostering coordination; (b) promoting advancement and harmonization of survey methodologies; and (c) communicating the importance of household surveys.

As a collaborative group, ISWGHS is a platform to support the exchange of knowledge and experience among international agencies, national statistical offices, academic experts, the private sector and other key players. Such exchange will improve the flow of knowledge and experience among countries and assist in the scaling up of innovative approaches in countries with lower statistical capacity.

In guiding its support to countries in adopting innovative approaches and becoming more resilient to crises such as the COVID pandemic, ISWGHS prepared a paper on [Positioning Household Surveys for the Next Decade](#) (Position Paper). In this context, ISWGHS is organizing a series of webinars around the eight technical priority areas and the enabling environment at the national and international level that are identified by the Position Paper. The webinars are to promote knowledge-sharing and encourage innovative approaches that are particularly beneficial to low- and lower-middle income countries.

The side event is the first of the webinar series, focusing on technical priority 1 on *Enhancing the interoperability and integration of household surveys*. As highlighted by the Position Paper, data integration can increase the cost-effectiveness and relevance of survey data production, while increasing accuracy and granularity (in terms of both spatial and temporal resolution). The paper highlighted 4 key areas that are important for data integration: (1) improving accessibility of other data sources for integration; (2) fostering data interoperability by design; (3) establishing a total quality framework for data integration; and (4) maintaining high ethical standards and data confidentiality. The webinar will showcase innovative approaches and foster discussions around these 4 areas.

Programme

Moderator:

Time allocation	Agenda item	Speakers
5 mins	Opening remarks	ISWGHS co-Chair
55 mins	Lightening-style presentations – 7m each (6-7 presentations)	
30 mins	Discussion	
5 mins	Closing remarks	ISWGHS co-Chair