F No- Y-18020/11/2023-IIICU Government of India M/o Statistics & Programme Implementation IIIC Unit

KL Bhawan, Janpath Dated: 28th December, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Call for Programme Proposals for the 5th Forum of United Nations World Data Forum

The undersigned is directed to state that the 5th United Nations World Data Forum (UNWDF) will be held in Medellin, Colombia on 11-14 November 2024. The UNWDF 2024 will bring together data leaders from diverse range of stakeholders such as governments, civil society, the private sector, donor and philanthropic bodies, international and regional agencies, the geospatial community, the media, academia (including students), and professional bodies; to exchange ideas, showcase innovations, identify solutions, discuss future strategies, and provide mutual learning opportunities on a wide range of specific topics organized across four Thematic Areas of the Forum namely. (a) Innovation for better and more inclusive data. (b) Maximizing the use and value of data for better decision making, (c) Building trust, protection and ethics in data and (d) Effective partnerships for better data and a more equitable data ecosystem.

2. In this regard, the Programme Committee of UNWDF has opened the call for Programme Proposals for inclusion in the UNDWF 2024 programme and the last date for submitting proposals to the Committee is 12 January 2024. Detailed information on the call for programme proposals is placed at Annexure I and is also accessible at

 $\frac{https://unstats.un.org/unsd/undataforum/programme/call-for-programme-proposals.html\#information}{}$

3. In view of the above, it is requested to kindly provide a comprehensive proposal as per format placed at Annexure II latest by **04.01.2024 (Forenoon)** for further processing and onward transmission to the Programme Committee of UNWDF. While drafting the proposal, it may be noted that the willingness and availability of speakers to attend the Forum to participate has to be confirmed before proposing their names. It may also be noted that the travel, accommodation and any other related expenses for participation of organisers, speakers and other participants are to be borne by the concerned Ministry submitting the proposal.

Encl: As above

Shrutimala Rajbongshi Deputy Director

To.

1. Secretary, M/o Labour & Employment

- 2. Secretary, M/o Health & Family Welfare
- 3. Secretary, D/o Drinking Water & Sanitation, M/o Jal Shakti
- 4. Secretary, M/o Housing & Urban Affairs
- 5. Secretary, D/o Telecommunications, M/o Communications
- 6. Secretary, M/o Electronic & Information Technology
- 7. Secretary, M/o Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- 8. Secretary, M/o Tourism
- 9. Secretary, D/o Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, M/o Social Justice and Empowerment
- 10. Secretary, M/o Earth Sciences
- 11. Secretary, M/o Panchayati Raj
- 12. Secretary, M/o Women and Child Development
- 13. Registrar General & Census Commissioner, M/o Home Affairs
- Senior Advisor, Governance & Research, Sustainable Development Goals, NITI Aayog
- 15. Director, National Crime Records Bureau, M/o Home Affairs
- 16. Addl. Director General, Social Statistics Division, MoSPI
- 17. Addl. Director General, Computer Centre, MoSPI
- 18. Addl. Director General, Survey Coordination Division, MoSPI

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Introduction

On behalf the Programme Committee (https://unstats.un.org/unsd/undataforum/partners/programme-committee.html) for the UN World Data Forum to be held in Medellín, Colombia between 11 and 14 November 2024 (UNWDF 2024) and the UN Statistical Commission's High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building (https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/hlg/) for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (HLG-PCCB), we are pleased to announce the opening of the **Call for Programme Proposals**.

The aim of the UN World Data Forum is to spur data innovation, nurture partnerships, mobilize high-level political and financial support for data, and build a pathway to better data for sustainable development. Since the first Forum (https://unstats.un.org /unsd/undataforum/capetown-2017/) in January 2017, the audience for the Forum has grown from 2,000 people to active stakeholder group of over 20,000. The UNWDF 2024 will bring together data leaders from diverse range of stakeholders such as governments, civil society, the private sector, donor and philanthropic bodies, international and regional agencies, the geospatial community, the media, academia (including students), and professional bodies; to exchange ideas, showcase innovations, identify solutions, discuss future strategies, and provide mutual learning opportunities on a wide variety of topics organized across four Thematic Areas of the Forum (https://unstats.un.org /unsd/undataforum/programme/).

Scope of programme proposals

The Programme Committee aims to have imaginative programme proposals that address issues of interest to our broad community, incorporate innovative approaches to data and statistics and include concrete recommendations or announce new initiatives. Over the course of the three-day Forum, there will be opportunities to engage in a programme that focuses on the opportunities and challenges in data production and use in a changing data landscape and sharing ideas for solutions and strategies for the way forward.

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We welcome proposals that cover a full-length session¹, shortened session² or feature as a special format³ in the programme. As in previous years, the Programme Committee welcomes full session proposals that demonstrate collaboration and joint work among a mixed group of data communities but this year, the Programme Committee are also interested in receiving more specialised proposals from the wider user and producer community to feature on the programme as sessions or appear in a special format.

This will be an in-person event to enable more creative formats and ensure high levels of engagement and networking at the venue. Only by special exception will any virtual or hybrid mode of delivery be permitted. Due to the limited capacity at the venue and expected number of submissions, not all proposals will be accepted. There will be approximately seventy 60-minute time slots in the programme to accommodate either full-length sessions or combinations of shortened sessions and special event proposals. The Programme Committee also makes significant efforts to request proposals with complimentary content and/or with the similar speakers are combined or at least matched with a stronger proposal. This means that potentially more than 70 session proposals can be accepted from the call. The number of special format proposals accepted will depend on the type of proposals received and the logistical capacity to accommodate them in the programme.

Information required to submit a proposal

¹ Full-length sessions are usually 60 minutes in duration with between 4 and 6 speakers, including moderators/ facilitators.

² Shortened sessions can be a 20-minute ignite/lightning talk with a single speaker on an issue which the Programme Committee can try and match with another full-length session or combine shortened sessions to make a full-length session.

³ Special formats being considered are for press-style announcements, activity areas with interactive events like workshops and demonstration areas to show the latest data solutions.

SUBMIT PROGRAMME PROPOSAL

Online Submission Form (https://input.un.org/EFM/se/3995D1A47A5B403D)

Sample Form (PDF) (./UNWDF2024 - Call for programme proposals - SAMPLE submission form_20231221.pdf)

Please note: Incomplete submissions/ forms will not be considered. If you have any questions about the call or submission process, please email dataforum@un.org (mailto:dataforum@un.org).

Question	Information request	Fields (validation)
1	Submitter details	Name, email, alternate email, affiliation and number of organisations supporting the proposal choose between 0 and 7+. Note: this information will be used as primary contact for future correspondence
2	Proposal title	Provide a succinct and meaningful title for the proposal (maximum 255 characters)
3	Proposal description	Provide a short description (maximum 3,000 characters) on the focus, scope, and main expected output of the proposal.
4	Format	Select ONE option from (see the submission form for a detailed description of each format): • Full-length session format 1: panel discussions (60 minutes) • Full-length session format 2: open format (60 minutes), please specify details • Shortened session: Ignite/lightning talks or other (20 minutes) • Special format 1: announcement or launch (20-30 minutes) • Special format 2: interactive learning activity (60 minutes, limited capacity group) • Special format 3: demonstration or interactive exhibit (20-30 minutes)
5	Thematic Area	Association with a Thematic Areas: TA1 - Innovation for better and more inclusive data TA2 - Maximizing the use and value of data for better decision making TA3 - Building trust, protection and ethics in data TA4 - Effective partnerships for better data and a more equitable data ecosystem
6	Outcome	Provide a short description (maximum 1,000 characters) on the main contribution/ key message or expected outcome towards the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan

		(CTGAP) for sustainable development data (https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/hlg/Cape-Town-Global-Action-Plan/) and data as a public good.
7	Presented previously	Indicate whether previously presented at UNWDF or other venue/forum/meeting/workshop and provide details
8	Key topics	Association with up to 3 key topics ⁴ .
9a	Speaker number	Number of speakers includes the chair, moderator and/or facilitator (assume only ONE speaker if shortened session option chosen in previous question)
9b	Speaker list	For each speaker: Please confirm their willingness and availability to attend the Forum to participate in your proposal before providing their name, gender, job title, affiliation/ organisation name and type, country or area of residence and email contact. The submission form allows up to 7 speakers to be recorded.
10	Supplemental organiser details	For each organisation (skipped if "0" recorded in Q1 for supporting organisations): provide name, type, location (country or area) and primary email contact. The submission form allows up to 6 organisations to be recorded.
11	Additional support request	Provide details (maximum 2,500 characters) of any additional logistical or other types of support needed to deliver the proposal, including the IT requirements and room setup.
12	Mail list	Indicate whether to join the main UNWDF mailing list to be kept informed about future events

⁴ List of key topics are: Administrative data; Ageing; Agriculture and food [SDG2]; Capacity development; Census; Children and Youth [SDG4]; Citizen Generated Data; Citizen Science; Climate and environment [SDG13]; Data and statistical standards; Data science, including AI and ML; Digitalisation and modernisation; Disability; Dissemination platforms and visualisation; Earth Observation data; Ethnicity; Gender [SDG5]; Geospatial; Health and disease [SDG3, Covid-19]; Household Survey; Humanitarian and disaster response; Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs); Labour Market and entrepreneurship [SDG8-9]; Legal Identity and CRVS; Life below water and on land [SDG14-15]; Macroeconomy and finance [SDG10]; Microdata; Mobile phone and social media data; Open Data; Peace, Crime and Justice [SDG16]; Population and migration; Prosperity, inequality and poverty [SDG1,10]; Regional initiatives; Sustainable production, consumption and energy [SDG 7,12]; Tourism; Urbanisation and smart cities [SDG11]; User engagement and Data literacy; Water and sanitation [SDG6].

Proposal selection criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by the Programme Committee against a set of criteria to ensure that there is a balance across the Thematic Areas, a wide range of topics are covered and different formats are offered under each area.

- 1. **Relevance and impact** the proposal is aligned with the specific topics requested and contributes to the overall objectives of the Forum
- 2. **Data Innovation showing a fresh approach** the proposal presents innovative ideas through the combined use of data sources, methods and partnerships
- 3. **Demonstrates concrete and practical experiences** the proposal showcases and discusses concrete experiences with data production and data use and offers concrete recommendations or the launch of new initiatives and partnerships.

For full-length session proposals, the following additional criteria are considered

- 4. **Creativity in format** creative session designs are encouraged besides panel discussions to foster better engagement/interaction with the audience and for the Forum to be as participatory as possible.
- 5. **Diversity of speakers** a mix of data communities, different geographical regions and balanced gender representation is required among the speakers, presenters and moderators; where an emphasis on engagement with policy makers and the inclusion of high-level speakers will be considered an asset.

Timeline from proposals to programme publication

Date/ deadline	Event
Thursday, 7 December 2023	Open of the call for programme proposals
Monday, 29 January 2024	Close of the call for programme proposals
Wednesday, 8 May 2024	Inform proposers of the status of their submission with initial acceptance decisions
Wednesday, 29 May 2024	Deadline to submit finalised proposal details: reconfirm title, provide short description and speaker list, adjusted for any feedback from the Programme Committee
June 2024	Final decision communicated prior to announcement of the UNWDF 2024 Programme
July 2024	Organisers to submit final confirmation of proposals details (including adjustments requested): • Speaker bios and photos • IT requirements
September 2024	Organisers to submit presentation files and other media.
Monday, 11 November 2024	Opening ceremony of the UN World Data Forum

Terms and conditions

Decisions about the inclusion of a proposal in the UNWDF 2024 programme will be based

on its content and composition assessed against the evaluation criteria, described above, while also ensuring a balance across the programme in terms of topics, formats and speaker representation. Initial acceptance decisions will be communicated based on the Programme Committee's evaluation. Final decisions will be made once the finalized proposal details are submitted and the final programme is approved by the UN Statistical Commission's High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (HLG-PCCB) (https://unstats.un.org/unsd/undataforum/partners/HLG-PCCB.html).

In the initial acceptance decision, the Programme Committee or the HLG-PCCB may request revisions to the proposal or have proposals with similar content and/or with the same speakers be combined or at least matched with a stronger proposal. These revised proposals are subject to the approval of the Programme Committee and/or HLG-PCCB. Following final acceptance, if significant changes are made to the proposals, the Programme Committee and/or HLG-PCCB reserve the right to cancel sessions. While creative formats of delivery are encouraged to ensure that the Forum is as participatory and interactive as possible, the venue might not be able to accommodate all proposed formats, or, in case they require particular logistical arrangements, they can only be accommodated at the organisers own cost.

As an organiser whose proposal is selected, you will be responsible for:

- conducting your event within the appropriate time slot, based on Medellín local time,
 given by the Forum organisers
- adhering to all guidance shared by the Forum organisers and responding to any information requests from them in a timely manner
- ensuring good communication with all persons featuring in your event that they will attend in-person thereby registering for the Forum by the deadline and prepared to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements (as applicable)
- ensuring responsibility for the organization and logistical support of a compatible virtual meeting platform for any persons who will appear in your event virtually
- preparing a short summary of the session to be submitted after the event to dataforum@un.org (mailto:dataforum@un.org)

Neither the Programme Committee nor the United Nations offer supporting funds to facilitate the travel and participation of organisers, speakers or other participants. Their involvement must therefore by completely self-financed, including travel, accommodation and any other related expenses. There are no registration fees to be a participant or speaker at the Forum.

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BACKGROUND

Following one of the main recommendations contained in the report entitled "A World That Counts", presented in November 2014 by the United Nations Secretary-General's Independent Expert and Advisory Group on Data Revolution for Sustainable Development, the Statistical Commission agreed that a United Nations World Data Forum on Sustainable Development Data (UN World Data Forum) would be the suitable platform for intensifying cooperation with various professional groups, such as information technology, geospatial information managers, data scientists, and users, as well as civil society stakeholders.



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United Nations World Data Forum 2024: Call for Programme Proposals Submission form (version as of 21 December 2023)

You are invited to submit a programme proposal for consideration by the Programme Committee for inclusion in the UNWDF 2024 programme. The Programme Committee is seeking proposals inspired by the following Thematic Areas (TA):

- TA1 Innovation for better and more inclusive data
- TA2 Maximizing the use and value of data for better decision making
- TA3 Building trust, protection and ethics in data
- TA4 Effective partnerships for better data and a more equitable data ecosystem

IMPORTANT NOTICES: Incomplete online submissions/ forms will not be considered. Please return your completed submission by **29 January 2024 12 January 2024 (noon, Eastern Time/New York).**

You can find more background information about the Call for Programme Proposals including the selection criteria by which submissions will on the UN World Data Forum website.

Thank you for your interest in the UN World Data Forum.

Q1 Please enter the contact information of the focal point for this submission
First name
Last name
Primary email address
Primary email confirmation
Secondary e-mail address (optional)
Affiliation(s)
Number of organisations supporting this submission
Q2 Proposal title
Q3 Provide the main description of the content as they relate to the selected topic (3,000 characters) Include a short description of the proposed session including focus, scope and objectives



Q4 Choose the format you will conduct your proposal in? (Select only ONE that best applies)

- Full-length session format 1: panel discussions (60 minutes)
- O Full-length session format 2: open formats (60 minutes), please specify details
- Shortened session: Ignite/lightning talks or other (20 minutes)
- O Special format 1: announcement or launch (20-30 minutes)
- O Special format 2: interactive learning activity (60 minutes, limited capacity group)
- O Special format 3: demonstration or interactive exhibit (20-30 minutes)

Full-length	This format consists of a moderator who in 60 minutes will introduce and ask a
session format 1:	recommended panel size of between 2 and 5 speakers to make some brief
panel discussions Full-length	remarks or conduct a debate followed by a Question & Answer (Q&A) session. A single panel rather than multiple panels in the time provided is encouraged. The Q&A can use questions collected from the in-person audience or through the chat/Q&A feature in the online event platform. A polling feature could also be used to engage with the audience, subject to availability in the online event platform. The moderator will summarize the key points from the discussion at the end. This format consists of any non-panel open discussion format where in 60
session format 2:	minutes the audience participation takes up more than two-thirds of the time and
open format	this participation is encouraged by sub-dividing the audience or arranging them
(please specify	into smaller groups such as in a beehive or fishbowl format or holding bilateral
details)	conversations. Please provide exact details of the proposed format in this answer.
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Shortened	This format consists of a SINGLE speaker giving a short talk for up to 20
session:	minutes on a key idea or topic. Up to 3 talks will feature in a full-length session
Ignite/lightning	slot on the programme. There will be no extra time given to take questions from
talks or other	the audience, but speakers can respond to questions posted on the chat/Q&A
(please specify	feature in the online event platform either before or after the talk.
details)	
Special format 1:	This format will be conducted for between $20 - 30$ minutes in a dedicated area of
announcement or	the Forum venue and may be grouped within a time slot with others of the same
launch	format. They can be announcements or press style launch and can include book
	readings by authors, short presentations on newly released reports and static
	demonstrations of knowledge sharing platforms.
Special format 2:	This format will be conducted for up to 60 minutes in a dedicated area of the
interactive	Forum venue with a limited capacity participation in workshops, data labs or
learning activity	competitions to promote new skills or offer collaboration on a new data initiative.
	These activities will be facilitated by organizers based on a set of presentations
	and/or training modules and hands-on exercises and participants would bring
	their own devices as appropriate to fully participate. The format can include
	participants voting on preferred solutions or use of a panel of judges. This format
	may require the provision of some funds from a specific entity.
Special format 3:	This format will be conducted for between 20 and 30 minutes in a dedicated area
Special format 5.	This format will be conducted for between 20 and 30 initiates in a dedicated area



demonstration or
interactive exhibit

□ Agriculture and food

SDG2

of the Forum venue and may be grouped within a time slot with others of the same format. They can be demonstrations of data visualizations or show other audio-visual displays such as a short film or documentary on data use and innovation to transforms lives. These displays should be a creative combination of art, data science and storytelling while also functional and able to communicate important data or information clearly and effectively to the audience. They can be an outcome of a documentary competition organized and concluded prior to the Forum.

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■ Population and migration

☐ Prosperity, inequality

Q5 Proposal relevance to the UNWDF Thematic Areas (Select only ONE option)

- TA1 Innovation for better and more inclusive data
- TA2 Maximizing the use and value of data for better decision making
- TA3 Building trust, protection and ethics in data
- TA4 Effective partnerships for better data and a more equitable data ecosystem

Q6 From the work presented in your proposal, please describe its main contribution/ key message or expected outcome towards the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan (CTGAP) Cape Town Global Action Plan (CTGAP) for sustainable development data and data as a public good? (1,000 characters)

The CTGAP currently contains 6 strategic areas, 14 objectives and 66 key actions. The UN General Assembly welcomed the document in its resolution (A/RES/71/313) on 7 July 2017. Its objectives can be summarized as: Strengthen coordination within and between national, regional and international statistical and data systems; Develop and strengthen partnerships between statistical ll groups and use

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https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/hlg/Cape	-Town-Global-Action-Plan/ for further de	etails	
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Q7 Has your session propoplease explain in the space	sal been presented at another v provided.	enue/forum/meeting/workshop	? If 'yes',
O Yes, please specify			
O No			
Q8 Key topics associated w	ith the proposal (Select no mor	e than THREE that best apply)	
☐ Administrative data	☐ Earth Observation data	☐ Peace, Crime and Justice	
□ Ageing	☐ Ethnicity	[SDG16]	

☐ Gender [SDG5]

Geospatial



☐ Capacity development	☐ Health and disease	and poverty [SDG1, 10]				
☐ Census	[SDG3, Covid-19]	□ Regional initiatives				
Children and Youth	☐ Household Survey	Sustainable production,				
[SDG4]	Humanitarian and	consumption and energy				
☐ Citizen Science	disaster response	[SDG 7,12]				
Citizen Generated Data	☐ Internally Displaced	☐ Tourism				
Climate and environment	Persons (IDPs)	Urbanisation and smart				
[SDG13]	Labour Market and	cities [SDG11]				
Data and statistical	entrepreneurship [SDG8-9]	☐ User engagement and				
standards	Legal Identity and CRVS	Data literacy				
Data science, including	☐ Life below water and on	□ Water and sanitation				
AI and ML	land [SDG14-15]	[SDG6]				
Digitalisation and	□ Macroeconomy and	☐ Other (please specify)				
modernisation	finance [SDG10]					
☐ Disability	☐ Microdata					
☐ Dissemination platforms	Mobile phone and social					
and visualisation	media data					
	☐ Open Data					
Q9a How many speakers are in your proposal? Number of speakers (including any chair/moderator/facilitator) Before submitting a speaker list please confirm their willingness and availability to attend the Forum and participate in your event.						
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Q9b Please submit the confirmed speaker list (up to 7 speakers)

Before submitting a speaker list please confirm their willingness and availability to attend the Forum and participate in your event.

	Full Name	Gender ¹	Position/	Affiliation/	Affiliation	Email
			Job title	Organisation	type ²	contact
Speaker 1:						
Moderator/Single						
speaker						
Speaker 2:						
Panelist/Other						
Speaker 3:						

¹ Options are Female/Male/Prefer not to say/Other

² Options are Academia / Professional association, Civil society / Non-Governmental Organization, Donor / Philanthropic foundation, National Statistical Office (NSO), National Statistical System (NSS), National Geospatial Information Authority (NGIA), Other Government, Media, Private sector, United Nations, Other international agency.



Panelist/Other Speaker 4: Panelist/Other Speaker 5: Panelist/Other Speaker 6: Panelist/Other Speaker 7: Panelist/Other	up to 6) organisatio	ns supporting t	his submission		
	Name	Type ³	Location (country or area) ⁴	Email contact	
Organisation 1					
Organisation 2 Organisation 3					
Organisation 4					
Organisation 5					
Organisation 6					
Q11 What additional support would you need for your content to appear at the Forum? (2,500 characters) When completing this question please bear in mind as an organiser whose proposal is selected, you will be responsible for: (1) conducting your event within the appropriate time slot given by the Forum organisers (2) adhering to all guidance shared by the Forum organisers and responding to any information requests from them in a timely manner (3) good communication with all persons featuring in your event ensuring they complete Forum registration by the deadline and make their own travel and accommodation arrangements (4) preparing a short summary of the session to be submitted after the event					
Q12 Would you O Yes O No	like to hear from us	about future U	N World Data Forum e	vents?	
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³ Options are Academia / Professional association, Civil society / Non-Governmental Organization, Donor / Philanthropic foundation, National Statistical Office (NSO), National Statistical System (NSS), National Geospatial Information Authority (NGIA), Other Government, Media, Private sector, United Nations, Other international agency.

⁴ Options given by a list of countries and areas.