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ANA CARMEN SAURA VINUESA, NATIONAL STATISTICS INSTITUTE SPAIN (SESSION CO-CHAIR)

Ana Carmen Saura Vinuesa is deputy director of International Relations and 2030 Agenda in the National Statistics Institute of Spain. She has a degree in Mathematics, an Advanced Studies Certificate in Computational Mechanic and a Master's Degree in Public Management and Leadership. Ms. Saura belongs to the Higher State Statisticians body since 2004. She has 20 years of experience on international relations. She is also responsible for the coordination of the 2030 Agenda indicators in Spain and for the update of the national reporting platform. She is a member of several national and international groups (Eurostat, UNECE and the United Nations) related to statistics for SDGs.

ARMAN BIDARBAKHTNIA, UN ESCAP

Arman Bidarbakht-Nia is the head of Statistical Data Management Unit at Statistics Division of UN-ESCAP. Before joining ESCAP, he worked at the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) and the Statistical Centre of Iran (SCI). His professional interests include measuring sustainable development, poverty analysis, consumer demand analysis, and survey methodology. Arman is leading the work on sustainable development goals (SDGs) data analysis and progress assessment in Asia and the Pacific region.

NINA NOVIKOVA, CIS-STAT

Nina Novikova is the Head of the Department of Population and Labour Statistics of the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-Stat). Her professional interests include issues of employment, unemployment, labour migration, labour costs, demography, migration, health care, disability and work-related accidents. Nina has been responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the "Monitoring of the state of national labour markets of the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States" since 2013 and is the curator of monitoring indicators for the achievement of SDGs 3, 5, 8 and 10 in the CIS countries. Nina studied statistics at the Russian State Social University.

ERIC RODRIGUEZ, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS AND GEOGRAPHY MEXICO

Eric Manuel Rodriguez Herrera is the Director of Technical Analysis and Planning in the Vice Presidency responsible for the National Subsystem of Demographic and Social Information at the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) and a Professor at the Universidad Panamericana.

At INEGI he coordinated the course Statistics based on administrative records, the Gender Atlas with statistical information disaggregated by sex and by federal entity, and the Data Documentation Initiative promoted by the World Bank to facilitate access to statistical data generated through censuses, surveys and the use of administrative records.

By training he is an Actuary and graduated from the Faculty of Sciences of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, with master's studies in Economics at the Center for Economic Research and Teaching and master's studies in Official Statistics Sciences at the Center for Research in Mathematics.

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KRISTÍN ÓSK INGVARSDÓTTIR, STATISTICS ICELAND

Kristín Ósk Ingvarsdóttir is a project manager for SDG indicators within the directorate of Communication at Statistics Iceland. She oversees the monitoring of SDG indicators and provides data-driven insights to policymakers, supporting evidence-based decision-making in sustainability and well-being. Holding a PhD in Cognitive Science, Kristín brings an interdisciplinary approach to her role, combining her expertise in data analysis with her commitment to sustainability and well-being. Her professional focus includes indicator development, promoting data literacy, and driving forward new approaches to enhance the use of official data to support societal progress.

PEDRO REVILLA, NATIONAL STATISTICS INSTITUTE OF SPAIN

Pedro Revilla is working as Senior Advisor to the President of National Statistics Institute of Spain. Previously, he was the General Director of Methodology, Quality and IT, and Director of Industrial Statistics and an Associate Professor at the Carlos III University and the University of Salamanca.

He participates in international cooperation missions (e.g. Project leader in the EU Phare Programme "Twinning Project on the Development of the

Hungarian Agricultural Statistics") and represents Spain in international meetings at the UN, Eurostat and OECD (e.g. IAEG-SDGs).

Pedro Revilla has a PhD in Economics from the University of Alcalá, Spain and has a post-graduate degree in Econometrics and Time Series Analysis, Bank of Spain Training Centre. He authored research papers in journals on survey methodology, time series modelling and TQM (e.g. Journal of Official Statistics, Optimization).

ELENA KUKHAREVICH, NATIONAL STATISTICAL COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

Ms Elena Kukharevich's work record in statistics is over 35 years long, with 16 years in high managerial positions. She currently works as the Deputy Chairperson of the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus. She is a member of the National Council for Sustainable Development and heads the SDG Monitoring Team.

Under her leadership, the National Reporting Platform for SDG indicators and the Regional Reporting Platform for SDG indicators were launched, SDMX for sharing data on SDG indicators was introduced, and approaches to the assessment of the country's progress towards the SDGs were developed and carried out.

Within Belstat, Ms Kukharevich also supervises the issues of planning and coordination of the national statistical system, quality management, social statistics, and living standards statistics.

NAMEETTA NIERAKKAL, GENEVA GRADUATE INSTITUTE

Nameetta Nierakkal is an experienced consultant and researcher with a background in gender, private sector development, and evaluations. Currently, she serves as a Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant at the World Economic Forum, where she contributes to the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation. She has also worked with the Inter-American Development Bank, Raiffeisen Bank, and the United Nations, focusing on delivering data-driven insights and solutions for global development.

JESSICA CURRY, GENEVA GRADUATE INSTITUTE

Jessica Curry is from Scotland, The UK, and holds a master in international and development studies from the Geneva Graduate Institute. Her specialisation was in Gender, Race and Diversity and she is interested in cross cutting issues of identity, human rights and development.

FRIDERIKE OEHLER, EUROSTAT

Friderike Oehler has been a statistical officer at Eurostat (EC) since 2012, in different social and environmental domains. She is currently working as team leader of the Sustainable Development Indicators team, responsible for monitoring the EU progress towards the SDGs. Experiences prior to 2012 involved working in academia, at the UN Food and Agriculture

Organisation and at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. Friderike holds a PhD in Forest and Environmental Sciences.

VALERIE BIZIER, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Valerie Bizier is a Senior Statistician in FAO's Statistics Division. Since 2018, she is responsible for the coordination and quality assurance of FAO's statistics and data, including for fulfilling FAO's role as a custodian agency for 21 SDG indicators. She also led the development of a core set of food and agriculture indicators to measure the contribution of the private sector to the SDGs. Before joining FAO in 2016, she worked more than 15 years in Statistics Canada, where she accumulated extensive work experiences in measuring different aspects of Canada's economy and society as well as in managing the International Statistical Fellowship Programme.

GIZEM UMUT DOGAN, TURKISH STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

Dr. M. Gizem Umut Dogan has been with the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) since 2006, specializing in data analysis techniques and national accounts. For over a year and a half, she has served as the Head of the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Indicators Group. Dr. Umut Dogan leads efforts to improve the measurement and reporting of SDG indicators, as well as the preparation of emissions of greenhouse gases news bulletin and National Inventory Report. The work of her group supports evidence-based decision-making for sustainable development and climate change in Türkiye. At this workshop, Dr. Umut Dogan will present TurkStat's experiences related to SDG activities.

JOSÉ ARTURO BLANCAS ESPEJO, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS AND GEOGRAPHY MEXICO

José Arturo Blancas Espejo's career in statistical and geographical information generation programs supported the ratification of the Senate of the Republic, to fill the vacancy of Vice Presidency in the Governing Board.

Since March 2009, he held the position of General Director of Economic Statistics, a role he performed until September 2023. He directed the programs related to the generation of the country's economic statistical information, including National Accounts, Price Indexes, Economic and Agricultural Censuses, National Economic Surveys, and the analysis of economic administrative records.

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ELSA DHULI, INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS ALBANIA

Mrs. Elsa Dhuli holds a Doctorate in Statistics from the University of Tirana, Faculty of Economics. Her expertise spans 30 years in the realm of economic statistics. Throughout her career, she has held various pivotal roles, including Director of the General Directorate of Statistical Production, Coordinator of Statistical Quality, Director of Economic Statistics, and Head of Short-Term Statistics

As the General Director of the Albanian Institute of Statistics (INSTAT), she has led efforts to enhance the quality of statistical data and to the implementation of European and international standards for statistical development in Albania.

Currently, Mrs. Dhuli serves as the Chair of the National Nomenclature Commission, negotiator for Chapter 18 "Statistics," and leads the efforts for the Population and Housing Census 2023.

Internationally, she plays a crucial role as a member and co-chair of the United Nations High-Level Group on Cooperation, Partnership, and Capacity Building in the Statistics Division (UNSD-HLG-PCCB), as well as a member of the Programme Committee for UNWDF in 2021, 2023, and 2024. Additionally, she has been elected as a member of the Executive Committee (ExCo) of UNECE for CES 2023-2025 and the ExCo of IAOS for ISI. Mrs. Dhuli also coordinates the e-GDDS platform (NSDP-IMF) and contributes to the Strategy for Southeast Europe (SEE 2030).

Her dedication to ethical leadership is evident through her involvement in the Ethical Leadership Task Team within the UNECE High-Level Group for the Modernisation of Official Statistics (HLG-MOS). Furthermore, Mrs. Dhuli shares her extensive knowledge and experience as a lecturer at Tirana University, Economic Faculty, specializing in the Master of Science of Official Statistics and Data Science."

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Bo Hoogerwerf is the program manager for well-being and the SDGs at Statistics Netherlands. Bo has a background in transition studies, focusing on a transition to a sustainable society. Her work at Statistics Netherlands is focused on continuing the development for a monitoring system (national and regional) regarding well-being and the SDGs. This also includes developing SDG monitoring further for the Caribbean Netherlands and coordinating the efforts to develop more of the global indicators for the European part of the Netherlands. As the national SDG focal point, she is also responsible for coordinating SDG monitoring with the ministries and the custodian agencies.

ÖVÜNÇ UYSAL, EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (SESSION CO-CHAIR)

Övünç Uysal is a national expert, seconded to the European Environment Agency (EEA) for the past three years. His work focuses on the intersection of SDG indicators, sustainability transitions monitoring, and new economic models, all contributing to the publication of EEA assessments. With an academic background in economics, he has been employed by TurkStat since 2006, where, prior to his secondment to the EEA, he started working in population, price and business statistics. Over the past decade, he has concentrated on wellbeing, sustainability, and SDG indicators, both at the national and the international level within the SDGs, OECD, UNECE frameworks.

TIINA LUIGE, UNECE

Tiina Luige is the Director of the Statistical Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). In her previous role as Section Chief of the Environment and Multi-domain Statistics Section of the Statistical Division, she served as Secretariat to the Conference of European Statisticians (CES), the highest statistical body of the UNECE. For many years, Tiina provided the secretariat for the UNECE Steering Group on Statistics for the SDGs and has been working on measuring sustainable development since 2005. During her 30 years of work at UNECE she has covered different topics from statistical IT to economic, social and environment statistics.

JOSÉ LUIS CERVERA-FERRI, INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION

José L. Cervera-Ferri is the Senior Project Manager at ITU of the EU-financed project "Promoting and Measuring Universal and Meaningful Connectivity". He has contributed to setting international statistical standards as author of UNCTAD's "Manual on Measuring the Digital Economy" and co-author of the ITU "Manual on Measuring ICT access and use by households and individuals". For more than 20 years he has managed and been involved as expert in technical assistance projects financed by the World Bank, the European Commission and other international agencies to improve the statistical capacity of developing and transition countries in more than 30 countries. Before joining the ITU, he worked at the Spanish National Statistical Institute, founded and managed the consultancy company DevStat. He also recently evaluated the UNECE project "Modernising Statistical Production Phase 3". José L. holds a MSc in Mathematics (Statistics and Operations Research) by University of Valencia (Spain).

DENYS NIZALOV, DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY

Dr. Denys Nizalov is a Senior Lecturer at De Montfort University, UK and a Senior Land Governance Adviser for Prindex Project (a joint project by the Global Land Alliance, USA and the Overseas Development Institute, UK) where he supports research and country engagement in the field of land and housing tenure security and assessment of related SDG indicators. Recently, Denys has joined the UN4UkrainianCities Project supporting establishment of Ukrainian Urban Planning Cadastre and facilitating rebuilding of war-affected Ukrainian cities.

Before taking the current positions, Denys worked as a Program Director for "Supporting Transparent Land Governance in Ukraine", World Bank where he was involved with design and implementation of the agricultural land reform. Denys works in the field of Agricultural/ Rural/ Regional Development and Impact Evaluation for more than 20 years in countries such as Georgia, Ukraine, USA, Colombia, India, Nigeria and Croatia.

Denys completed a PhD program in Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University in 2006 and held professorship and administrative positions at the Kyiv School of Economics, Ukraine.

MILORAD BJELETIC, BELGRADE OPEN SCHOOL

Milorad Bjeletic is Executive Director of the Belgrade Open School. Apart from his daily managerial duties, he coordinates many projects, mostly on role of the civil society in the European accession process and related reforms. Since 1998, he participates in programmes and projects in Serbia and the former Yugoslavia, contributing to the civil society development, management in non-governmental organisations, public participation in decision-making, European integration, transparency and accountability in public spending, policymaking and advocacy. Milorad coordinates projects focused on sustainable development and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – environmental pillar at the Belgrade Open School, while also supporting the implementation of various other initiatives. He is one of the main

editors of the annual Monitoring Reports, which assess Serbia's progress towards the implementation of the Agenda 2030.

IVONA GVOZDENOVIĆ, ANA AND VLADE DIVAC FOUNDATION

Ivona Gvozdenovic is a Senior Project Manager at the Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation, where she oversees advocacy activities within the Social Pillar of the Society-Wide Dialogue Platform SDGs for All. She has 15 years of experience in designing, managing, and overseeing long-term projects focused on social and employment policy development, particularly within the framework of EU integration in Serbia and the Western Balkans.

Over the past five years, she has led capacity-building initiatives and managed CSOs' networks, including her work with the National Convention on the EU, the largest formal CSO network involved in Serbia's EU accession negotiations. Her areas of expertise an independent consultant include fundraising, strategic planning, financial sustainability, advocacy, grant making, networking, and organizational development. She is the author of numerous research studies in the field of women's and social entrepreneurship. Additionally, she is a member of various government working groups responsible for developing national strategies and action plans, where she represents civil society, and serves on the Managing Board of the UN Global Compact in Serbia. Ivona holds a degree in Anthropology from the University of Belgrade.

LANA HADŽI-NIKOVIĆ, CENTER FOR ADVANCED ECONOMIC STUDIES

Lana Hadzi-Nikovic is a Researcher and Project Coordinator at the Center for Advanced Economic Studies (CEVES), a prominent think tank based in Belgrade. She holds an LL.M. in International and European Law and a BA in International Relations.

At CEVES, Lana coordinates projects focused on sustainable development and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while also supporting the implementation of various other initiatives, mostly related to small and medium-sized enterprises. As a researcher, she contributes to the preparation of the annual Monitoring Reports, which assess Serbia's progress towards achieving the SDGs.

DORIAN KALAMVREZOS NAVARRO, FAO

Dorian Kalamvrezos Navarro is currently Statistician with FAO's Statistics Division in Rome Headquarters. He joined FAO in 2013 to support the Organization's engagement in the Post-2015 process, which culminated in the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Since 2015, he has supported FAO's Chief Statistician in discharging FAO's responsibilities as a custodian agency of 21 SDG indicators, including their annual reporting, methodological development and capacity development. He regularly represents FAO at meetings of the Interagency and Expert Group on SDG indicators (IAEG-SDGs) and has delivered training and technical assistance in numerous countries and regions, with a focus on Europe and Central Asia.

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Antoaneta Ilkova has a long career in the National Statistical Institute of Bulgaria as she has a long experience in statistics, having held various positions in BNS over the last 20 years. Antoaneta has been responsible for different domains of statistics: communication and dissemination of statistical information, quality management, development of new methods and technologies for production of official and experimental statistics, implementation of GSBPM, regional statistical data, implementation of SDG 2030 at national level, etc. Her current position is Director of 'Multi-Domain Statistics, Methodology and Registers' Directorate. Antoaneta represents the BNSI in the European Statistical System on a number of statistical working groups concerning methodology, statistical registers and communication.

HAJNALKA BERTÓK, HUNGARIAN CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE

Hajnalka Bertók is the Head of the Data Department of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office. She supervised the domain of sustainable development since 2023 giving me the opportunity to deepen my understanding of the topic and the statistical processes behind. As a database expert with 20+ years of experience she supported the data sourcing, elaboration, and provision processes run by my team. As a private person she is also very much committed to the values of sustainable development.

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BOJANA RADOJEVIC, STATISTICAL OFFICE OF MONTENEGRO

Bojana Radojevic worked in several domains, in Statistical office of Montenegro since 2002, ranging from national accounts, foreign trade statistics, coordinator of census population and coordinator of quality of official statistics. The past 10 years she has been active as Head of Department for National coordination of statistical source of data. Her focus has expanded to organization for the production of statistics in the statistical system, coordination of statistical activities, minimizing the reporting burden on respondents, legislation in the field of statistics and statistical standards.

She was a member of the EMOS board (European Master in Official Statistics), two mandates, (2018 - 2020 and 2021-2023.) and she is currently a member of EU working groups related quality in statistics and confidentiality.

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