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Registration: bit.ly/CitizenData-HLPF

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Background

In March 2025, the [56th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission](#) endorsed the [Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data](#). This marks a major milestone signaling global recognition of citizen data as a key resource within the national data ecosystem and highlights the Framework's importance as a guiding tool for countries to sustainably produce and use citizen data for more inclusive data systems and decision making.

The Framework was produced by the [Collaborative on Citizen Data](#), established in April 2023, by the United Nations Statistics Division and its partners. The Collaborative brings together international, national and local actors to support more strategic, coordinated and inclusive efforts around citizen data.

Challenge and objective

Despite growing recognition of the importance of data to reflect the complex, lived realities of marginalized populations, persons with disabilities, women and girls, and others experiencing multiple forms of disadvantage are frequently left out of data design, governance, and use. While citizen data offers critical opportunities to surface voices and experiences that are typically invisible in official statistics, its potential remains underutilized.

Further challenges include persistent challenges about the quality and comparability, given its wide variation in type, objectives, and the methods that data are generated. Integration of multiple data sources—including citizen data, administrative records, and geospatial data—remains a promising but underdeveloped area, with few documented case studies to guide practice.

This one-day workshop aims to bring together National Statistical Offices (NSOs), civil society organisations (CSOs), national human rights institutions, academia and other stakeholders to strengthen citizen data production and use and exchange knowledge and experience. It will present practical tools and approaches that address key challenges, with a focus on quality, inclusiveness, and integration. The workshop will cover:

- The Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data and its implementation, including the conversation around data quality and citizen engagement
- Gender and citizen data for transformative action
- Intersectional and disability data: data sources for more equitable and inclusive data systems
- Integration of citizen data with other data sources

Solutions

- [Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data](#): a guiding tool that supports the structured, ethical, and impactful use of citizen-generated data.
- [Participation for Transformation Model](#): a framework for transformative production, use and reuse of gender data.
- Gender and Citizen Data Working Group within the [Collaborative on Citizen Data](#)
- Case studies from Ethiopia, Senegal, and Mexico
- [Intersectional framework for data](#): a guiding toll on how to translate the intersectionality concepts into practical steps
- Data sources: household surveys, citizen data and other data sources which help with better capturing the intersecting identities and marginalization
- Inclusive data practices: CBM Global – Examples from organizations of persons with disabilities (OPD)
- Integration of citizen data with other data sources: participants will learn how citizen data could be integrated with other data sources for a comprehensive picture of citizens and communities

Format and audience

This full-day hybrid session (in-person and webinar) is designed for a diverse audience of data producers and users, including participants from NSOs, CSOs, Indigenous groups, national human rights institutions, academia and development organisations, mainly but not limited to these.

Each session lasts 75 minutes and follows a consistent format: a brief moderator introduction, speaker presentations, a panel discussion, and a Q&A segment to encourage audience interaction. This design promotes both learning and the exchange of practical insights and applications of citizen data tools and approaches.

The workshop will begin with a presentation on the workshop objectives and agenda, followed by thematic sessions highlighting practical tools and case studies related to gender-sensitive citizen data, intersectionality and disability data, and integration of citizen data with official sources. It will conclude with key takeaways and next steps for continued engagement.

Interactive elements include live Q&A and moderated discussions in each session to deepen learning and peer exchange. Participants will explore frameworks such as the Copenhagen Framework and the Participation for Transformation Model, guided by facilitators using targeted prompts to reflect on lessons learned and adaptation opportunities.

The format is tailored for participants attending the HLPF, who are expected to bring knowledge of national data systems, policy needs, and stakeholder engagement. Active participation and sharing of experiences are encouraged to foster cross-country learning.

Pre-workshop materials and guiding questions and background readings will be shared in advance. A short post-workshop summary will provide key takeaways, resources, and opportunities for continued engagement through the Collaborative on Citizen Data and its working groups.

Resources

For more resources visit: <https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/citizen-data/>

Additional information

For more information and to sign up to attend, please visit the pages below:

Event page: <https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/citizen-data/events-details/CGD-Advancing-Inclusive-Data-Systems>

Registration form: <https://bit.ly/CitizenData-HLPF>

For any additional questions, please contact the session organizer: Haoyi Chen (chen9@un.org).

Programme

Time	Agenda item and speaker
09:15 – 09:45	Arrival & Registration
09:45 – 10:00	Opening remarks, overview of the workshop objectives and agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">Peter Koblowsky, Co-Chair, Collaborative of Citizen Data; International Civil Society Centre
10:00 – 11:15	<p>Session 1. The Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data and its implementation</p> <p>This session will present the Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data, adopted by the UN Statistical Commission in 2025, which guides the responsible production and use of citizen data for decision-making. Participants will gain insights into the definition of citizen data, core principles, and hear practical experiences from countries and organizations that have practical experience with citizen data. The session will also provide an update on the implementation of the Copenhagen Framework, tools to be provided, and activities covered.</p> <p><u>Opening/Moderator:</u> Ravi Kumar, World Bank</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Haoyi Chen, UN Statistics Division – The Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data and its implementation- Al Kags, Open Institute – eLearning course on the Copenhagen Framework,- Liliana Suchodolska, PARIS21 – eLearning course on evidence-driven and inclusive VNR development, the role of citizens,- Rachel McSweeney, UK Office for National Statistics – Exploring Citizen Data to Strengthen Trust in Population Statistics <p><u>Q&A</u></p> <p><u>Conclusion/next steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jessamyn Encarnacion, UN Women

11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:45	<p>Session 2. Gender and Citizen Data for Transformative Action</p> <p>The session explores how gender-sensitive citizen data, centered on participation, co-creation, and inclusion can drive meaningful change in data ecosystems, challenge existing power imbalances in data production, and inform more responsive and equitable policymaking. The session will spotlight practical experiences, discuss enabling conditions such as frameworks and guidance for data production and uptake, and share case studies and key lessons from the Gender and Citizen Data Working Group.</p> <p>Moderator: Papa Seck, UN Women</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <p>Part 1: Working Group on Gender and Citizen Data under the Collaborative on Citizen Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender and Citizen Data Working Group within the Collaborative on Citizen Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jessamyn Encarnacion, UN Women o Francesca Perucci, Open Data Watch - Towards Gender Data Quality Assurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Monica Pratesi, UN Women <p><u>Part 1: Q&A</u></p> <p>Part 2: Some ongoing gender and citizen data initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation for Transformation Model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Liliana Suchodolska, PARIS21 - Country Case Study: Ethiopia – Communities of Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ramya Emandi, UN Women - Country Case Study: Senegal – Mining Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ramya Emandi, UN Women - Country Case Study: Mexico – LGBTIQ+ Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Florencia Serale, Open Data Watch <p><u>Part 2: Q&A</u></p> <p><u>Conclusion and next steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Haoyi Chen, Co-chair, Collaborative on Citizen Data; UN Statistics Division
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:15	<p>Session 3. Intersectional and disability data: data sources for more equitable and inclusive data systems</p> <p>The session provides practical insights into how intersectional approaches and use of citizen data can inform better data practices, create more equitable policies, and ultimately lead to meaningful change.</p> <p>Moderator: Heather Page, UNSD</p>

	<p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intersectionality framework and citizen data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Francesca Perucci, Open Data Watch - Examples from organizations of persons with disabilities (OPD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Elizabeth Lockwood, CBM Global - Qualitative Data Documents and connections with intersectionality and citizen data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Kate Caldwell, Northwestern University <p><u>Panel - sharing experiences:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pamela Molina, World Federation of the Deaf - Elham Youssefian, International Refugee Assistance Project - Phil Crehan, Koppa Lab - Lorne Farovitch, Global Deaf Research Institute <p><u>Q&A</u></p> <p><u>Conclusion and next steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Francesca Perucci, Open Data Watch - Elizabeth Lockwood, CBM Global
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:45	<p>Session 4. Integration of citizen data with other data sources</p> <p>The session explores case studies and practical examples where citizen data has been or could be effectively integrated with other data sources—such as administrative records, household surveys, or geospatial data—to enhance quality, coverage and/or relevance. The discussion also examines methodological and governance considerations to ensure quality, interoperability, and trust when integrating citizen data within official statistical systems.</p> <p>Moderator: Haoyi Chen, UN Statistics Division</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience of Saint Lucia in integrating citizen data into population estimates, Elena Proden, UNITAR - Air quality monitoring and its integration into official statistics, Simon Hodson, CODATA - The experience of Colombia, Julieth Alejandra Solano Villa, DANE, Colombia - Sharing the experience of Ghana on citizen data, Omar Seidu, Ghana Statistical Service, Ghana - Data 2 Policy use cases, Iliya Nickelt, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany <p><u>Q&A</u></p> <p><u>Conclusion/next steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francesca Perucci, Open Data Watch

16:45 – 17:00	<p>Closing of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recap of key takeaways from each session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Session organisers - Final remarks and thank you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yongyi Min, Co-Chair, Collaborative on Citizen Data; UN Statistics Division
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