



## **ISI Special Panel Session – Global Statistical Infrastructure (GSI): Opportunities and Challenges**

Thursday, 23 August 11:45am to 1:15pm (room TBA)

We are pleased to announce a special panel session jointly organized by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the Portuguese National Statistical Institute (INE-Portugal) .

Over the past 60 years since the inception of the UN Statistical Commission, a growing body of international standards and guidelines governing global official statistics have been developed and endorsed. Codes of conducts have been established through the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the Principles Governing International Statistics. Countries are working together to establish a system of official statistics that is internationally comparable and of the highest quality. International agencies are actively collaborating to facilitate and supplement this global system of official statistics .

There are many elements that help bring the global statistical system together and ensure its effective functioning. The elements are loosely grouped under the label *Global Statistical Infrastructure* . This special panel discussion will describe and assess the role of the infrastructure in strengthening the Global Statistical System, pointing out the opportunities and challenges faced by national and international stakeholders.

Please come to join the representatives from countries, international and supranational agencies and the private sector presenting different perspectives on their work on GSI: **INEGI-Mexico**, presenting a project to bring all international methodologies together into one web portal to ensure that all statistical offices in Mexico can follow the same sets of standards; **Eurostat** , describing their SDMX initiative showing how IT is indeed a key component of the GSI and presenting how rapid advancements can be made; **IBM** , elaborating on the potential role of the private sector on the development of GSI. **ABS** and **Statistics Portugal** will comment on the role of information technology and the role of countries in the evolution of global standards.

### **The Panel:**

#### Co-Chair:

Alda Carvalho, Presidente, INE-Portugal

Paul Cheung, Director, UNSD

#### Speakers:

- 1) Brian Pink, Australian Statistician, Australia
- 2) Gilberto Calvillo, Presidente, INEGI, Mexico
- 3) Pedro Diaz, Director, IT and Methodology Division, Eurostat
- 4) Christopher Hoenig, Senior Vice President, Global Strategy, IBM (replaced by Brenda Dixon)
- 5) Fernanda Perpetuo , Manager of Information System, INE-Portugal