



You are invited to the NSSs lunchtime event organised by the ISI Executive Committee and sponsored by Elsevier.

“ISI and NSSs—Partnerships for Statistical Development”

Monday 17 July 2017, from 12:30–14:00 hours – Room A.1.16-Palais des Congrès

An informal lunch with 3 invited speakers will be combined with a floor discussion on the partnerships for statistical development between ISI and NSSs.

Please register online at <https://www.isi-web.org/index.php/isi-nss> as soon as possible. Lunch boxes will be provided.

The **International Statistical Institute** (ISI) and **National Statistical Societies/Associations** (NSS/As) have many common interests and initiatives, which can benefit from coordinated efforts. To organize a proactive development of statistical capacity building and literacy, ISI recognizes that a better engagement with NSSs is needed. We advance with a few questions that should be answered during this session:

1. What opportunities do the NSSs see for collaboration with ISI towards increasing capacity and impact of statistics in their respective countries / regions?
2. Are there opportunities for increasing the 'public voice' of statistics in their countries with ISI's support? In what topics? Who could contribute?
3. Are there opportunities for co-hosting ISI Regional Statistics Conferences or other events in their countries?

Statistics are being challenged nationally and internationally and we should all strive for changes. A stronger cooperation between ISI and NSSs needs to be urgently developed. ISI believes that this proposed session at the WSC will help the establishment of stronger links among ISI, its seven Associations and NSSs. The session will start with a few short presentations, followed by a floor discussion.

Chair and organiser: **Ivette Gomes**, Vice-President, ISI

Invited speakers:

- **Maurizio Vichi**, President, FENStatS, “*Intensifying the Collaboration between Users, Producers and Methodologists of Statistics via ISI and the Network of NSSs, NSOs and Universities*”
- **Andriette Bekker**, Representative of the President of South Africa Statistical Association, “*Out of Africa: Capacity Building—a South African Perspective*”
- **Jean-Louis Bodin**, Representative of the President of the French Statistical Society, “*International and National Statistical Societies: a Bulwark against Attacks on the Integrity of Statistics*”