

## **IPS009: a panel discussion on new challenges facing official statistics**

This session will be a special panel discussion between prominent leaders in official statistics. The topics for discussion have been chosen by members of the IAOS by consultation through our web site. The topics are expected to include:

- open data. Is it a threat or an opportunity? How should NSI's respond?
- when resources are scarce, should we focus on data collection, and let others do the analysis?
- how can NSI's best collaborate to reduce their costs?
- how can the official statistical community best support its members who have issues of statistical integrity with their governments?
- what should the boundaries of official statistics be?
- how do we draw a borderline between research and statistics or forecasting/now casting and statistics?
- should we produce data that are meant purely for administrative use such as the detailed chemical lists of plant protection products used and produced?
- how should we respond to those who would like us to measure something which actually is not measurable? e.g. what about the statistical measurement of non-observed economy?

The panellists are:

Stephen Penneck (chair) President, IAOS  
Marjo Bruun, Director General, Statistics Finland  
Carmelita Ericta, Administrator and Civil Registrar General, Philippines  
Jil Matheson, National Statistician, United Kingdom  
Eduardo Nunes, former President of IBGE, Brazil  
Walter Radermacher, Director General, Eurostat

The panellists will not be making formal presentations on these topics but will be discussing them between themselves. There will be opportunities for the audience to join the discussion and ask further questions.