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SESSION 3: DATA GOVERNANCE AND STEWARDSHIP FROM A REGULATORY PERSPECTIVE

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Peter Struijs works at Eurostat in the unit responsible for methodology and innovation in official statistics. New data sources for official statistics is his main work area. Until recently, he worked for Statistics Netherlands and was the programme manager of the ESSnet Big Data, the research collaboration of 28 partners of the European Statistical System (ESS) that was created to prepare the ESS for the use of big data, mainly from private organisations, for official statistics.

Peter has been engaged, in various roles, in the UN Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics, in ESS groups that aim at obtaining access to privately held data for official statistics and in the management of the Center for Big Data Statistics of Statistics Netherlands.

Before big data became prominent, Peter held the position of Head of Unit for process development and quality management at Statistics Netherlands. Earlier, he worked at Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the EU, as Head of Section for business registers. He started work in statistics as a methodologist, and he is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute.

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Mr. Batdavaa has been appointed as Chairman of the National Statistics Office of Mongolia in January 2021. Before his appointment, he served as the Director-General of Research and Statistics Department, Markets Department, and Balance of Payments Research and Statistics Division of the Bank of Mongolia. He earned his master's degree in Banking and Finance from the Luxembourg School of Finance, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg. He also has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Ming Chuan University, Taiwan, China. Mr. Batdavaa earned Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Charterholder in Sep 2019.

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CRAIG JONES

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Craig Jones is the deputy Government Statistician of New Zealand.

Craig started as Deputy Government Statistician with responsibility for Data System Leadership in May 2020. Prior to this role he was Deputy Secretary, Evidence, Data and Knowledge in the Ministry of Education since May 2016. Prior to joining the Ministry he spent 16 years in the New South Wales public service, holding leadership roles in Justice, Treasury and Education.

Originally from Waihopai | Invercargill, he graduated from Otago University in 2000 and was later awarded a PhD in forensic psychology from the University of New South Wales. Craig proudly describes himself as a data nerd and all of his roles in government have involved a strong focus on how government can collect, manage and use data to make better decisions.

STEFAAN VERHULST

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Stefaan G. Verhulst is Co-Founder of the Governance Laboratory (The GovLab) at New York University (NYU), an action research center focused on improving decision making using advances in science and technology - including data and collective intelligence. One area of focus includes the use of data and policy to steer the adoption and use of technology toward the creation of good jobs.

He is also, among other positions and affiliations, the Editor-in-Chief of Data & Policy, an open-access journal by Cambridge University Press; the Research Director of the MacArthur Research Network on Opening Governance; Chair of the Data for Children Collaborative with Unicef; a member of the High-Level Expert Group to the European Commission on Business-to-Government Data Sharing; and of the Expert Group to Eurostat on using private sector data for official statistics.

In 2018 he was recognized as one of the 10 Most Influential Academics in Digital Government globally (as part of the Top 100 in Digital Government) by the global policy platform Apolitical.

Before joining NYU full time, Verhulst spent more than a decade as Chief of Research for the Markle Foundation, where he continues to serve as Senior Advisor. Previously at Oxford University, he was the UNESCO Chairholder in Communications Law and Policy and co-founded and was the Head of the Program in Comparative Media Law and Policy at the Center for Socio-Legal Studies. He was the Socio-Legal Fellow at Wolfson College, and is still an emeritus fellow at Oxford. He also taught for several years at the London School of Economics and was Founder and Co-Director of the International Media and Info-Comms Policy and Law Studies (IMPS) at the University of Glasgow School of Law.

He has published widely - including seven books- and his writings and work have appeared in the Harvard Business Review, Stanford Social Innovation Review, Project Syndicate, Wall Street Journal, The Conversation, and Open Democracy (among other outlets). He is asked regularly to present at international conferences including TED, Collision, and the UN World Data Forum. Numerous organizations have sought his counsel - including the World Bank; IDB, USAID, DFID, IDRC, AFP, the European Commission, Council of Europe, the World Economic Forum, UNICEF, OECD, Un-OCHA, UNDP, and several other international and national bodies.

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