

Untapped Opportunities of the Data Revolution

PARIS21 and Royal Statistical Society *Informing a Data Revolution* seminar

Earlier this year, the United Nations Secretary-General established an Independent Expert Advisory Group on the Data Revolution for Sustainable Development. On November 6 2014 the group released its summary report with a set of recommendations for strengthening national statistical systems, closing data gaps and harvesting new technological possibilities in data production and use. These recommendations will feed into an ambitious post-2015 sustainable development agenda.

To contribute to this discussion and bring statistics to the front of the post-2015 debate, the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) is implementing the [Informing a Data Revolution](#) project. One of the main outputs of this project will be a Road Map to make the case for a data revolution in developing countries, identifying what needs to be done and how, and estimating how much it might cost.

If we are to achieve the target of eradicating poverty by 2050, a sustainable data revolution will be essential to identify needs, implement interventions and monitor outcomes. Immediate and sustained efforts will be required to improve the availability and use of data for development using untapped opportunities like the potential of new technologies not available previously. There is also significant scope in the data revolution to empower citizens to hold their governments to account.

The [Royal Statistical Society](#), under the auspices of its International Development Working Group, and the [Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century](#) (PARIS21) are pleased to invite you to a discussion on the opportunities and challenges of the data revolution. This seminar will provide an opportunity to discuss the main findings of the Informing a Data Revolution project. We will welcome your contributions and thoughts on what the data revolution will need to achieve and how it could be implemented.

WHEN: Monday, 1 December 2014
14:00- 18:30pm

WHERE: Royal Statistical Society's Lecture Theatre
12 Errol Street (entrance on Lamb's Buildings)
London, EC1Y 8LX

The seminar is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.
Please confirm your attendance via email to meetings@rss.org.uk before **Friday, 29 November 2014**.

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