



## 4th Global Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster Related Statistics

28 October - 01 November 2024  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

### Sessions Outline

#### Session I: Setting the scene

The session will feature an overview of the work of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics, the African Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction, the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and other global development agenda.

The session will receive opening remarks from the host, ECA, and panel discussion with organizing partners and key stakeholders. Keynote Presentation will also be delivered in this session by selected distinguished expert in the field. Finally, the session will present the objectives and agenda of the Forum. Mentimeter poll will also be conducted during the session, engaging participants to express their expectation of the Forum.

#### Session II: Current Landscape of Disaster-related Statistics

This session aims to provide a platform for both current and potential producers, users and stakeholders of data, to promote and enable robust national systems for comprehensive disaster-related statistics collection, management, analysis, and progress reporting. At the session, producers and users from national statistical offices (NSOs), national disaster management agencies (NDMAs), international organizations, academia, and civil society will share their good practices, challenges, latest development in new innovative technology, including remote sensing and geoinformation applications in disaster-related statistics, of which collectively contribute to the disaster losses and damages data tracking, risk analyses and impacts mitigation through universally accepted metrics in line with the global common framework of disaster-related statistics.

Through the Session, participants can foster collaboration and knowledge sharing, embrace technological innovations, develop and utilize data and disaster standards, and adapt to methodological advances to enhance skills and capacities in disaster-related data management and analysis.

The session is organized into four parts.

- Part I: Data gaps and challenges: focuses on measurement challenges and data gaps in producing and using disaster-related statistics.
- Part II: Panel discussion on the challenges and gaps in disaster-related statistics at the national level
- Part III: Innovative solutions and technologies explores innovative solutions and technology including remote sensing, GIS, AI, big data etc. to address data gaps and challenges and enhancing data collection, disaggregation, and analysis



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- Part IV: Group discussion: to discuss on disaster-related statistics, providing inputs and recommendations to help advance the development of the common statistical framework on disaster-related statistics

### Session III: Collaboration and Partnerships

Producers and users of disaster-related data and statistics come from a spectrum of backgrounds, including national government entities, members of academia and the scientific community, civil society, and the private sector. This session maps out the various actors involved with disaster data, allowing for an interactive exchange among views of the various partners with a view toward strengthening future-oriented collaborations in this area.

This session is divided into two parts. The first will look at 5 examples of current practices in multi-partner collaborations, existing networks and platforms at the national, regional, and thematic levels. This will focus on ‘what works’, including various data types, Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) processes, and working with local communities and stakeholders.

The second part will involve breakout discussions of key areas for development such as technology enabled partnerships, partnerships for data application and collaboration for sex, age and disability disaggregated data.

### Session IV: Communicating Disaster Statistics for Effective Decision-Making

Communicating disaster-related statistics effectively is essential to bridge the gap between data producers and users, such as policymakers, researchers and the media. Good practices in disaster data analysis, visualization, and cognitive sciences can support effective risk communication and inform decision-making processes at various levels, from national to global. This session aims to discuss how disaster statistics can be better communicated for effective decision-making by both producers and users. It will explore good practices, challenges, and solutions for data sharing, storytelling, and combating disaster misinformation. The session will also include interactive discussions to foster productive cooperation and identify innovative communication strategies.

This session is divided into two main parts:

- Presentations and Panel Discussions: A look at effective communication of disaster statistics at both global and national levels.
- Interactive Discussions: Engaging participants to propose solutions for improving disaster data communication.



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### Session V: Strengthening Capacity and Resources

This session consists of two segments. The first part is a plenary session that discusses the capacity development needs required toward supporting national actors expected to respond to the emerging global framework for disaster-related statistics. The second part will adopt a parallel working group modality designed to derive actionable recommendations for address resource and capacity gaps in advancing disaster-related statistics.

In summary, the session aims to

- Enhance understanding of current resources and capacity development needs in disaster-related statistics.
- Explore the capacity development elements relevant to disaster-related statistics, including training workshops, institutional strengthening, financial and technical resources, and other enablers of implementation.
- Propose actionable recommendations for capacity development targeting policy makers working on disaster-related statistics.

### Session VI: Closing session

The session main objective is to summarize highlights and outcomes of the Forum and come up with recommendations and way forward as next steps.

The session will summarise the main discussions and outcomes of the sessions and conclude with recommendations on how to enhance the production and use of disaster-related statistics for risk-informed development and decision-making.

Each session chairs will present key findings and recommendations of their respective sessions.

The session will finally receive the closing remarks from selected Forum organizers and partners.