

# VIRTUAL EXPERT GROUP MEETING

## ACCESS VERSUS PRIVACY: THE SPECIAL CASE OF POPULATION DATA

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### Speakers' Bios

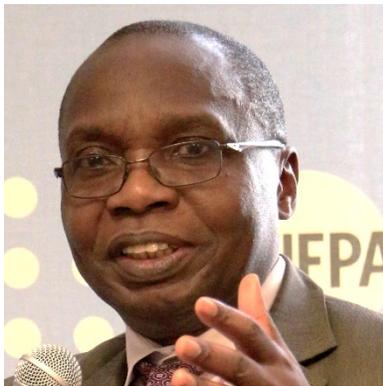
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Mr. Benoit Kalasa is the Director of Technical Division at UNFPA Headquarters, the unit responsible for providing global thought leadership, develop tools and nurture technical partnerships in support of UNFPA mandate. The Division also leads global thematic funds, such as the Maternal Health Thematic Fund and the UNFPA Supplies Programme.

Mr. Kalasa has more than 20 years of international work and has served UNFPA in different countries and capacities, playing a leading role in advocating for the ICPD goals, ensuring the integration of issues of sexual and reproductive health, population and development and gender in plans and policies and the broader development agenda. Prior to his appointment at HQ, he served as UNFPA representative in Ethiopia, Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and as Director to the Regional Office for West and Central Africa (WCARO), overseeing 23 countries.

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Rachel Snow, DSc, is Branch Chief of Population and Development in the Technical Division of UNFPA, based in New York, leading the Fund's work on strengthening national population data systems and the greater use of demographic intelligence in development. Dr. Snow received her doctorate in Population Sciences from the Harvard School of Public Health, and has had a distinguished academic research career at Harvard University, University of Heidelberg (Germany), and the University of Michigan before joining UNFPA.

For more than 25 years, she has conducted research on burden of reproductive health in poor countries; contraceptive clinical trials; health system capacity and quality, particularly in areas of reproductive health. She has contributed to improving population data and research capacity in the global south throughout her career. Her global health and population research started in China, proceeded to South Asian countries of India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan, and for the past 20 years has concentrated on countries of Africa. Ms. Snow has served on numerous expert committees for foundations, civil society and the UN, was a founding editor of the African Journal of Reproductive Health, and lead author of the UNFPA 20-year review of the ICPD beyond 2014.

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Dr. Claire Melamed is the CEO of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, heading up a global team based in six countries. She was previously Managing Director of the Overseas Development Institute, and in 2014, she worked in the office of the UN Secretary-General, writing the report of the Independent Expert Advisory Group on the Data Revolution, "A World That Counts." Claire is based in London, has worked for a number of international NGOs and taught at the University of London and the Open University. Dr. Melamed has a PhD from the University of London, and can be found on Twitter at @clairemelamed.

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Keith is a Professor and Deputy Director at Wits. He writes about the cultural and economic history of South Africa, particularly the gold mining industry, the state and the development of information systems. He studied at Wits and Johns Hopkins and completed his PhD at Northwestern in 1995. His book *Biometric State: the Global Politics of Identification and Surveillance in South Africa, 1850 to the Present* (Cambridge, 2014) shows how the South African obsession with Francis Galton's universal fingerprint identity registration served as a 20th century incubator for the current systems of biometric citizenship being developed throughout the South. In 2017 the book was awarded the inaugural Humanities Book Award by the Academy of Science of South Africa. Keith has published widely on the history and contemporary politics of biometrics, with papers in *Africa*, *History Workshop*, the *Journal of Southern African Studies*, *Public Culture* and comparative anthologies on systems of identification. From 2014 to 2019 he was one of the editors of the *Journal of African History*. He has a B1 rating from the National Research Foundation.

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Emrys Schoemaker is a researcher and strategist with a background in international development programming. Emrys' research interests are on the use of social media in resource constrained environments, and the social implications of their use. Emrys recently completed a PhD thesis at the London School of Economics in International Development that looks at the relationship between mobile social media use and identity, specifically religious and gender identity in Pakistan.

He is particularly interested in how technology design and affordances interact with cultural norms and values to generate new social practices.

Emrys has over a decade of experience in communications for international development programming as the Director for Innovation and Technology at iMedia Associates, a development communications consultancy, and as a consultant to institutions including the British Government's Department for International Development, United Nations and World Bank.

Emrys' work has focused on the use of communications, particularly new technologies, in social change processes that include peacebuilding, governance, education and health. Emrys has a Masters in Conflict Management from the Department of Peace Studies, Bradford University.

Emrys has been involved in community development initiatives, co-founded startups that provide software solutions to development organizations and lives in London, United Kingdom. He rides a Brompton and can be found on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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Sofia Gruskin directs the University of Southern California's Institute on Inequalities in Global Health (IIGH). She is Professor of Preventive Medicine and Chief of the Disease Prevention, Policy and Global Health Division at the Keck School of Medicine, Professor of Law and Preventive Medicine at the Gould School of Law, and an affiliate faculty member with the Spatial Sciences Institute at the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. Within USC, she is highly engaged in university service including as co-chair of the USC Senate Sustainability Committee, a member of the Joint Academic Senate and Provost Task Force on Interdisciplinary Communities, and primary convener of the USC Law & Global Health Collaboration.

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Samuel Kobina Annim is a Ghanaian associate professor of economics with specific concentration on micro development economics and applied micro econometrics, statistician and the current head of the Ghana Statistical Service.

Earning a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Cape Coast and a Master of Philosophy Degree in Economics from the University of Ghana, Annim attained his PhD degree in Economics from Manchester University.

After starting his career as a lecturer, Annim established a Data Repository Centre. His publications are available in academic outlets such as World Development, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of International Development and the Oxford University Press.

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Pali Lehohla is the former Statistician-General of South Africa and former head of Statistics South Africa from 2000 – 2017. He served the organisation from 1982. In addition he held a number of positions during his tenure as Statistician-General. He served as co-chair of PARIS21 and as Chair of the United Nations Statistics Commission. He was the founding chair of the Statistics Commission of Africa (StatCom Africa) and chaired the African Symposium for Statistical Development (ASSD) up until his retirement in 2017. He was the Vice President of the International Statistics Institute (ISI) and a sponsor of the Young African Statistician (YAS) movement. He was one of the 25 person team of Independent Expert Advisory Group advising United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon on Data Revolution. He is one of the ten member Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) to the UN Secretary General on the health of mothers, adolescents and children.

## Victor Madrigal

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In late 2017 the United Nations Human Rights Council appointed Mr. Madrigal-Borloz as UN Independent Expert on Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity for a three years period starting on 1 January 2018. In this capacity, he assesses the implementation of international human rights law, raises awareness, engages in dialogue with all relevant stakeholders, and provides advisory services, technical assistance, capacity-building to help address violence and discrimination against persons on the basis of the sexual orientation or gender identity.

Victor Madrigal-Borloz, a Costa Rican jurist, is a senior visiting researcher at the Harvard Law School's Human Rights Program. He will be in residence at Harvard Law School from July 2019 to December 2020. Until June 2019 he served as the Secretary-General of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT), a global network of over 150 rehabilitation centres with the vision of full enjoyment of the right to rehabilitation for all victims of torture and ill treatment until 30 June 2019.

A member of the UN Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture from 2013 to 2016, Mr Madrigal-Borloz was Rapporteur on Reprisals and oversaw a draft policy on the torture and ill-treatment of LGBTI persons. Prior to this he led technical work on numerous cases, reports and testimonies as Head of Litigation and Head of the Registry at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and has also worked at the Danish Institute for Human Rights (Copenhagen, Denmark) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (San José, Costa Rica).

Mr Madrigal-Borloz is a founding member of the Costa Rican Association of International Law (ACODI), a founding Board member of the International Justice Resource Centre (IJRC), and a founding Board member of Synergia-IDH.

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Juan Daniel Oviedo was appointed Chief Statistician of Colombia in August 2018. He has international professional experience in economic consulting for energy markets, and national experience in government and teaching. Previously, he was the Director of Institutional Planning and Research (2016-2018) and Director of the PhD School of Economics (2013-2016) at the Universidad del Rosario of Bogotá. In addition, he was the Founding Partner and Chief Director of LEICO Consultores (2011-2018), a leading consulting firm which performed as an expert opinion both for the private and public sector in regulated industries in Colombia and Latin America. He holds a permanent academic position at Universidad del Rosario of Bogotá (Colombia) since 2005. Juan has a PhD in economics from the University of Toulouse 1 (France) and BA in economics from the Universidad del Rosario of Bogotá (Colombia).

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Yousuf Mohamed AL – Riyami holds a Master’s Degree in Operation Research and Applied Statistics (University of Cardiff) and is the Director General of Population and Social Statistics, National Center for Statistics and Information (NCSI), Oman. He previously served as Director of Ministerial Committees in the Department General Security of the Cabinet (2016-2018), and Director of Strategy, Human Resources & Quality Assurance, NCSI (2013-2015). He served as a Team Member of Price Statistics Developing Systems with the World Bank (2007-2009), and as Oman National Coordinator of International Comparison Program and Regional Trainer at Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, United Nations, Beirut, Lebanon (2003-2008). He is a part-time lecturer in Statistics and Applied Mathematics since 2012.



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Hephzibah V. Strmic-Pawl, PhD is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Manhattanville College (Purchase, NY). Dr. Strmic-Pawl's teaching and research are centered on issues of race, with a particular emphasis on analysis of the US racial hierarchy. She has three books in these areas: *Understanding Racism: Theories of Oppression and Discrimination*, *Multiracialism and Its Discontents*, and co-editor of *Race and Ethnicity: Constancy in Change*. In addition to her scholarship, she also frequently gives talks, mentors activists, and has held several positions on regional and national associations related to this work. Hephzibah also facilitates the campaign Support Ella Baker Day, which seeks to create a holiday in honor of the civil rights movement leader, Ella Baker. For more information about Dr. Hephzibah Strmic-Pawl, please visit: [www.hephzibahvsp.com](http://www.hephzibahvsp.com)

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Ian White has been involved, prior to his retirement from the UK's Office for National Statistics in 2014, on each census in England and Wales since 1971. He is currently working with the UNFPA on the preparations for the forthcoming censuses in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine, and with INSTAT on the planning for the postponed census in Albania. He was the editor of the UNECE's recommendations for the 2021 round of European census and was a member of an international team of experts advising the Myanmar government on the conduct of, and the outputs from, the first census there for 30 years. His long-awaited book on the history of the census in the UK is scheduled to be published next year.

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**Margo Anderson** is Distinguished Professor Emerita [ History & Urban Studies] at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. She specializes in American social, urban and women's history and has research interests in both urban history and the history of the social sciences and the development of statistical data systems, particularly the census. Her publications include the second edition of *The American Census: A Social History* (Yale University Press, 2015); *Encyclopedia of the U.S. Census: From the Constitution to the American Community Survey (ACS)*, 2d ed. (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2011), coedited with Constance F. Citro and Joseph J. Salvo; and a coedited volume with Victor Greene, *Perspectives on Milwaukee's Past* (University of Illinois Press, 2009). With UWM Professor Amanda Seligman, she is Lead Editor of the [Encyclopedia of Milwaukee](#). In 2006 she served as the President of the Social Science History Association.

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Tom is an advocate and non-practicing barrister. He founded DataReady in 2018 having identified a need for less technical and more governance-oriented services in the sustainable development and humanitarian sectors.

Tom's expertise lies in the links between digital and data policy, sustainable development and human rights. Tom has over fourteen years of experience working for UN agencies in Ethiopia and Togo, tech-oriented civil society and social purposes companies, and London-based law firms specialising in human rights law. Tom has a BA in International Relations from Keele University and was Called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2011.

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Albrecht Wirthmann is deputy head of the unit for *methodology and innovation in official statistics* at Eurostat where he is focussing on developing and implementing the concept of Trusted Smart Statistics. As a member of the Eurostat task force Big Data, he coordinated the implementation of the Big Data action plan and roadmap aiming at exploring new data sources for the European Statistical System. In 1999, he started working at Eurostat contributing to the preparation of the INSPIRE directive that established a digital infrastructure for geographic information in the European Union. He holds a degree in physical geography by Johannes Gutenberg university, Mainz, specialised in Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing.

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Aurelia Spataru, after 12 years of work at UN Moldova providing development support to the strengthening of the National Statistical System, is at present acting as Deputy General Director at the National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova since June 2019. She is responsible for the management of the departments responsible for production of social and population statistics, including vital statistics, migration and censuses, gender statistics.

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Joe Cannataci was appointed as the first ever UN Special Rapporteur on Privacy in 2015, following the Snowden revelations about mass surveillance. He is head of the Department of Information Policy & Governance at the Faculty of Media & Knowledge Sciences of the University of Malta. He also co-founded and continues as Co-director (on a part-time basis), of STeP, the Security, Technology & e-Privacy Research Group at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, where he is Full Professor, holding the Chair of European Information Policy & Technology Law . A Fellow of the British Computer Society (FBCS) and UK Chartered Information Technology Professional (CITP), his law background meets his techie side as a Full Professor (adjunct) at the Security Research Institute & School of Computer and Security Science, Edith Cowan University Australia, as well as a Senior Fellow and Associate Researcher at the CNAM Security-Defense-Intelligence Department in Paris, France.

His past roles include Vice-Chairman/Chairman of Council of Europe's (CoE) Committee of Experts on Data Protection 1992-1998, Working Parties on: Data Protection and New technologies (1995-2000); Data Protection & Insurance (1994-1998); CoE Rapporteur on Data Protection and Police (1993; 2010; 2012); CoE Expert Consultant on Data Protection and Cybercrime (2012-2014); UNESCO Expert Consultant on Privacy & Transparency on the Internet (2015); Scientific Co-ordinator of multiple EU FP7 & H2020 research projects focusing on privacy.

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Christos Panayi joins the Expert Group Meeting representing WFP and its cybersecurity team. He has been working as an IT Data Protection Specialist with the WFP for more than a year, working on all things data protection including policymaking, reviews of data sharing agreements, supporting the implementation of field projects, conducting DPIAs and other data protection advisory needs under the supervision of WFP's CISO.

Christos studied to become a lawyer with a focus on international law and interest in data protection and technology in the UK. Before joining the WFP, he worked in Vienna for a number of years, in particular at the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

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In his present role, he works to develop internal and external GIS capacity for statistical data collection at the NSA and in the National Statistical System (NSS), and coordinates the establishment of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). Alex actively participates in the work of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) and is co-Chair of the UN Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (EG-ISGI). Alex holds an MSc in Geographical Information Science and Systems from the University of Salzburg and a Master Degree in Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation specialising in Geo-Informatics from the University of Twente.

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