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Deniz Susar is a Governance and Public Administration Officer, Digital Government Branch, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government is a Governance and Public Administration Officer at the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government of UNDESA. Deniz's main work areas include digital government and preparation of the biannual UNDESA flagship publication 'United Nations E-Government Survey'. As part of his current role, he also supports the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). HIs main research areas include e-government, open government, citizen engagement, internet governance, artificial intelligence and other frontier technologies and open government data. Deniz holds a master's degree on International Political Economy and Development from Fordham University, New York, United States and a Computer Engineering degree from the Bosphorus University of Istanbul, Turkey.

Speakers

Mr. Rami Zaatari | Head of Unit for Communication and Dissemination of Statistics

Rami Zaatari is a senior Technology officer at the Statistics, Information Society, and Technology Cluster at ESCWA. Since joining in 2006, Rami headed the track on measuring ICT and digital development in the Arab region and managed the development of ESCWA's biennial flagship publication the "Regional Profile of the Information Society in Western Asia". He contributed to technical studies on ICT measurement, provided capacity building to member states, and represented ESCWA in various regional and international ICT measurement and development forums. Rami also managed the digital transformation of ESCWA's legacy statistical data and launched the ESCWA Data Portal in 2019. He is currently overseeing the implementation and adoption of the UN initiative on geospatial information management in the region and represents his organization at the UN-GGIM meetings and events. Before joining ESCWA, he held several positions in telecom, software development, and teaching. Rami holds a BE degree in Computer and Communications from the American University of Beirut and an MS degree in Software Engineering from Boston University. He is currently pursuing a GIS degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Ms. Scarlett Fondeur Gil | Economic Affairs Officer, E-commerce and Digital Economy Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

Scarlett Fondeur Gil is an Economics graduate from the Santo Domingo Institute of Technology in the Dominican Republic, with a master's in international Relations from the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom. She is an Economic Affairs Officer in the e-Commerce and Digital Economy Branch of the UN Conference on Trade and Development, UNCTAD, based in Geneva, Switzerland. She and her colleagues produce the flagship Digital Economy Report every two years, which analyzes trends in the digital economy in developing countries and makes policy recommendations to UNCTAD member states. She is also involved in the development of internationally comparable ICT statistics in the context of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development. In this context, UNCTAD currently collects data on the use of ICT by businesses, on the ICT sector, and on international trade of ICT goods, ICT services, and ICT-enabled services.

Ms. Esperanza Magpantay | Senior Statistician, ICT Data and Statistics Division International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Esperanza Magpantay is the Senior Statistician of the ICT Data and Analytics division of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), where she has been working since December 2000. She is responsible for the collection, harmonization, and dissemination of ICT statistics. Ms. Magpantay coordinates the work of the ITU Expert Groups on ICT indicators, the ITU's representative at the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development and its Steering Committee, UN Inter-agency Expert Group on SDG Indicators and the UN Global Working Group on Big Data where she currently leads the Task Team on mobile phone big data. She has represented ITU in international meetings including the UN Statistical Commission and the UN Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA), and in regional events giving presentations and training on ICT statistics. Before joining ITU, she worked for 7 years at the International Labour Office (ILO) in Geneva as a statistical officer. She has a degree in Statistics from the University of the Philippines and a master's in business Analytics and Big Data from IE University in Madrid, Spain.