

Trusting Official Statistics in a low Trust World

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Abstract

Official Statistics provide a wide range of economic, social and environmental information key to helping decision makers and the public understand the world and make decisions. This information is free and fact based, utilising sound scientific principles. Yet, official statistics and official statisticians operate in an environment characterised by a fast and massive spread of mis- and disinformation, the rapidly evolving role of AI and increasingly low levels of trust in public institutions.

This talk will discuss some of the challenges that official statistics are facing to retain and enhance trust, and the ways in which the international official statistical community is responding to these challenges.