

UK Statistics Assembly: Call for contributions
UK Statistics Authority

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# **Overview**

The UK Statistics Authority, in partnership with the Royal Statistical Society, invites statistics users, producers and regulators to the inaugural UK Statistics Assembly.

The first Statistics Assembly seeks to bring together a diverse range of cross-sector views to discuss and advise on the UK’s statistical priorities and user needs.

The formation of the Statistics Assembly is in response to a recommendation from the [Independent Review of the UK Statistics Authority](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-review-of-the-uk-statistics-authority-uksa-2023/independent-review-of-the-uk-statistics-authority-by-professor-denise-lievesley-cbe-html) by Professor Denise Lievesley, to help "determine the UK’s needs for statistics through a wide consultative process".

## Why your views matter

The Statistics Assembly will take the form of a one-day event in London. It will allow for wide-ranging discussions to capture user needs and identify strategic gaps and priorities.

It's important that the UK Statistics Assembly discussions are informed by different user perspectives. Therefore, ahead of the event we invite you to share your:

* suggestions for agenda discussion items and presenters
* examples of statistical and data priorities, gaps, and public and user needs
* ideas for other cross-cutting areas for the Assembly to consider, such as data sharing and technology

Your ideas can help to shape the event’s agenda and thematic discussions. Your views will also be used to inform the development of the next UK Statistics Authority strategy. We welcome your contributions whether you are able to attend the event or not.

While the UK Statistics Assembly will be a focal point for discussion and prioritisation, it forms part of the UK Statistics Authority’s wider user engagement to understand needs and priorities across the statistical system.

## How to respond

To contribute, please complete the questionnaire further down in this document. We welcome contributions from all users, producers and regulators of statistics, to understand your views on the statistical priorities and needs for the UK, including:

* arm's length and public sector bodies
* business and industry
* charities and voluntary organisations
* devolved administrations
* international stakeholder organisations
* local government
* media representatives
* members of the public
* research and academia
* UK government departments

We estimate that the questionnaire will take approximately 15 minutes.

## Register to attend the UK Statistics Assembly event

The UK Statistics Assembly event will be held in-person in London, near to London Bridge station. Online participation will also be available.

All users – from interested citizens to policymakers and expert users – are welcome to attend. You do not have to submit the call for contributions to attend. Please sign up on our [event booking page](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/uk-statistics-assembly-tickets-949081748057).

## Following the Assembly event

Insights from the Assembly will be drawn together in a published report, summarising the priorities and data gaps covered at the event and how system priorities could be influenced by these.

The report will inform delivery planning for the ONS and other official statistical producers in government departments and public bodies, as well as inform the Authority’s next five-year strategy. It may also identify fresh opportunities for non-official statistics to be used to complement official ones for the public good.

## Useful references

You may find the following reports useful as background reading.

* The UK Statistics Authority’s [Statistics for the Public Good](https://uksa.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/statistics-for-the-public-good/) - our five-year strategy for the UK official statistics system which sets out our aims, priorities, mission and values (published June 2020)
* Royal Statistical Society: [Public Statistics – A vision for meeting society’s needs for statistics in an increasingly data-rich world](https://rss.org.uk/RSS/media/File-library/Policy/2024/Public-statistics-summary-version-June-2024.pdf), published 20 June 2024
* Office for Statistics Regulation: [State of the Statistical System 2024](https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/publication/state-of-the-statistical-system-2024/), published 17 July 2024

## Accessibility

If you would prefer to submit your contribution in a different format or would like to discuss your feedback, please email assembly@statistics.gov.uk.

Once completed, please submit your contribution to **assembly@statistics.gov.uk**.

## UK Statistics Assembly: Call for contributions questionnaire

## Your suggestions

1. **We want to ensure that the Statistics Assembly event discussions include a range of user perspectives and themes. Of the following list of topics, please select up to three you think are of most value to discuss at the event.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Topic** | **Selection** |
| Agriculture and food |  |
| Business, trade and industry |  |
| Cost of living and prices |  |
| Crime, justice and law |  |
| Defence and armed forces |  |
| Economy and growth |  |
| Education, training and skills |  |
| Employment |  |
| Energy |  |
| Environment and nature |  |
| Equalities |  |
| Family and community |  |
| Health and social care |  |
| Housing |  |
| Migration |  |
| Net zero |  |
| Population |  |
| Regional and local |  |
| Transport |  |
| Skills |  |
| Well-being |  |
| Other |  |

Please specify:

1. **Of the following list of themes, please select up to three you think are of most value to discuss at the Assembly event.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Theme** | **Selection** |
| Code of Practice for Statistics application beyond government |  |
| Code of Practice for Statistics revisions |  |
| Communication and engagement |  |
| Data ethics and privacy |  |
| Data innovation and artificial intelligence |  |
| Data linkage and integration |  |
| International |  |
| Methodology |  |
| Quality |  |
| Regional and local |  |
| Other, please specify |  |

Please specify:

1. **Why do you think these are important topics to discuss?**

**For example, is there an unmet demand for statistics in this area? Are there key questions of public or policy interest which statistics or data could support? Are there datasets which could shed light on questions of public or policy interest? Are there opportunities or challenges for the statistical system as a whole?**

1. **Do you have specific organisations or individuals in mind that you would recommend leading or participating in discussions on these topics? Please provide additional details if possible.**
2. **We would like to better understand the challenges and opportunities that are facing the statistical system over the next five years. As a user or producer of statistics, what do you think these challenges and opportunities are?**
3. **As part of the Assembly, we are seeking examples of existing work to help identify statistical priorities and address public and user needs, including data gaps. Please provide any examples or case studies that demonstrate this.**
4. **Is there anything additional you would like to share as part of this call for contributions?**

## About you

1. **What is your name?**

*(Required)*

1. **What is your email address?**

*(Required)*

1. **Where are you located?**

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

[ ]  England

[ ]  Northern Ireland

[ ]  Scotland

[ ]  Wales

[ ]  Overseas

1. **From the following list, which of these options best matches your role?**

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

[ ]  Academic

[ ]  Actuary

[ ]  Analyst

[ ]  Communications

[ ]  Data scientist

[ ]  Economist

[ ]  Interested member of the public

[ ]  Policy

[ ]  Public affairs

[ ]  Researcher

[ ]  Retired or not working

[ ]  Service commissioner

[ ]  Service designer

[ ]  Service provider

[ ]  Statistician

[ ]  Student

[ ]  Other – please specify below

Other, please specify or former role if retired:

1. **Which sector do you work in?**

*(Required)*

[ ]  Arm’s-length body

[ ]  Charity

[ ]  Civil society organisation

[ ]  Community or voluntary group

[ ]  Construction

[ ]  Devolved government

[ ]  Distribution and retail

[ ]  Education – higher education

[ ]  Education – schools and further education

[ ]  Energy and utilities

[ ]  Financial services and banking

[ ]  Housing

[ ]  International organisation

[ ]  Local government

[ ]  Manufacturing

[ ]  Media

[ ]  Other services

[ ]  Public body or service

[ ]  Research and development

[ ]  Retired or not working

[ ]  Social enterprise

[ ]  UK government department

[ ]  Other, please specify below:

Please specify:

1. **What is the name of your organisation, if applicable?**

*(Not required)*

Thank you for completing this survey. Please submit your contribution to **assembly@statistics.gov.uk**.