

Closing remarks

IV Statistics Conference – Post-pandemic statistics

Dear attendees,

It is with great satisfaction that I address these words to close our Fourth Statistics Conference. The unprecedented challenge we have faced for nearly two years, which changed almost every aspect of our lives, testing our flexibility, adaptation to change, and capacity for innovation and reaction, and to which the statistical community has been no outsider.

This meeting has become a journey of the different solutions that have been put into practice to respond faster and with a broader look at the demands for information arising during the crisis.

During these two days, we have seen a wide range of new indicators that, feeding on open data and applying Big Data techniques, have allowed us to monitor the economy with greater opportunity, complementing our regular statistics. We have also become aware about the scope of this transformation, its relevance in the future and the upcoming challenges that we will have to address, such as cooperation between Big Tech companies and regular producers of statistics, and how high-frequency or experimental statistics coexist with traditional indicators.

I hope you certainly agree with me that this event achieved in an outstanding way the thematic objectives foreseen, both at the level of the presentations, and in the depth of the topics treated in the discussion panels. The subjects suggested by the event did not follow unidirectional paths; on the contrary, they interweaved with each other and expanded the plot, enriching our knowledge and inviting us to continue being creative.

I must thank the great reception, with more than 680 attendees online and we had representatives from about 40 countries. I thank the presenters, panelists, the Bank Board for their support, you and all those who participated in the Conference.

Finally, I must also thank the organizing team that was behind each of every detail for the realization of this conference. Erika Arraño, Beatriz Velásquez, Helen Parker, José Francisco Fernández, María José Reyes, Marcelo Riffo, Fernando Coulon and Francisco Rossi.

I wish you the best and hope to see you in person at the Fifth Conference in 2023.

Thank you very much!