

V Statistics Conference: "Information to Unlock the Future"

Concluding remarks by Gloria Peña, Statistics Director of the Central Bank of Chile

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Dear colleagues and friends,

We have reached the end of the Fifth Statistics Conference, "Information to Unlock the Future," It was a great pleasure to see each other in person.

I believe we can all agree that this has been a successful, productive, and inspiring event. Over the course of a day and a half, we have had the opportunity to learn from each other's experiences, exchange knowledge and expertise, and broaden the scope of our analyses regarding the digital economy, artificial intelligence, communication, data governance, and the opportunities and challenges associated with the future of information.

We also reviewed ways to enhance the accounting of natural capital, aiming to contribute to a more comprehensive analysis on sustainability issues that address emerging user needs in this area and its economic impact. The updated SNA (to be released in 2025) will incorporate additional elements to better account for the role of natural capital in the economy. Furthermore, we explored the significance of data, especially microdata, within our organizations, highlighting its critical role in analysis and decision-making to gain a better understanding of economic developments, design public policies, and in turn, assess their impact on the economy.

We are living times of profound digital and technological transformation, and we want to be part of it. We need to stay relevant and enjoy the advantages of these changes. As the recent pandemic has shown, we have the opportunity to change the way we produce statistics, becoming more efficient and flexible, while also improving communications and reaching new audiences. We emphasized the importance of effective communication with diverse audiences, promoting active listening practices when engaging with data users. Spent more time with our users and see where they spent more time.

At the same time, we have learned these days that are many aspects and risks to take into account. Artificial intelligence (AI) provides many benefits, but we also need to protect the society from deepfakes, fake news and, in general, the misuse of these new technologies. We still have many questions to answer. How can we protect personal information? Should personal information be used to train this kind of models? We will need to adopt common standards and procedures to continue improving data management and dissemination, as well as to promote innovation to keep pace with these advancements while mitigating their

associated risks. The role of international organizations is key in addressing these challenges and fostering extensive collaboration. All these insights are aimed at ensuring that we can continue to provide timely, reliable, and comprehensive statistics.

Before concluding, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Board of Directors of the Bank for their support, to the presenters, panelists, those present here, and those who joined us virtually, totaling more than 600 participants from approximately 20 countries.

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I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you again at the Sixth Conference in 2025.

Thank you very much!