

2023-June-08 - Record of Discussion

1. Welcome and Introductions (Will Gibbons, TBS)

Will Gibbons (TBS) welcomed all participants to the third meeting of the Strategic Research Network (SRN). Participants had an opportunity to view the record of discussion from the previous meeting.

Will Gibbons provided a summary of the agenda for the meeting.

2. Discussion on the future of the SRN (Will Gibbons, TBS)

- a. Will Gibbons began the presentation on the future of the SRN by discussing the departure of Emmanuel Mongin, the former co-chair. He then described the responsibilities of a co-chair and asked participants to reach out if there was any interest in filling the role
- b. Will Gibbons then drew participants' attention to the three sli.do polls, where members were asked to indicate their research ideas and priorities, their preferred format for SRN meetings and their preferred method of engagement with the network.
- c. During the polls, Will Gibbons mentioned ideas for member involvement with the network, such as departmental sponsorship of a meeting and holding thematic meetings.

3. Black and Indigenous business ownership in Canada (Danny Leung & Bassirou Gueye, StatCan)

Danny Leung and Bassirou Gueye from StatCan's Economic Analysis Division presented their research on Black and Indigenous Business Ownership in Canada. They discussed the diversity and skills database, the methodology used in the study and the evolution of Black and Indigenous business ownership.

Following the presentation, StatCan's work in integrating some of the core data linkage environments to enable more in-depth research and analysis was discussed.

Several questions were answered concerning data overlap and sample sizes, accessing business microdata and, differentiating and defining male vs female owned businesses

4. Updates from TBS (Sarah Feng & Rashid Nikzad, TBS)

Rashid Nikzad and Sarah Feng from DSRD elaborated on data development activities and timelines surrounding the Program Information Form collection, the LUNA application, and other upcoming initiatives. The BIGS universe was profiled, and information on BIGS

programs, beneficiaries, delivery mechanisms and impact was shared.

Additionally, DSRD's capacity building and training activities were discussed, along with research conducted in 2022-2023, and planned future research.

5. Roundtable (Will Gibbons, TBS)

During the roundtable, participants asked questions about DSRD's research agenda and research surrounding impact analysis. Key inter-departmental relationships used to further the research agenda, including those with StatCan and ISED were elaborated.

Will Gibbons closed the meeting by indicating that a follow-up survey would be sent out to participants, and later analyzed.