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Launch of the SDMX User Forum on the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians

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What is the SDMX User Forum?

- An open and inclusive online community to connect and share knowledge on SDMX
- A forum where you can
 - Ask questions
 - Find or provide answers
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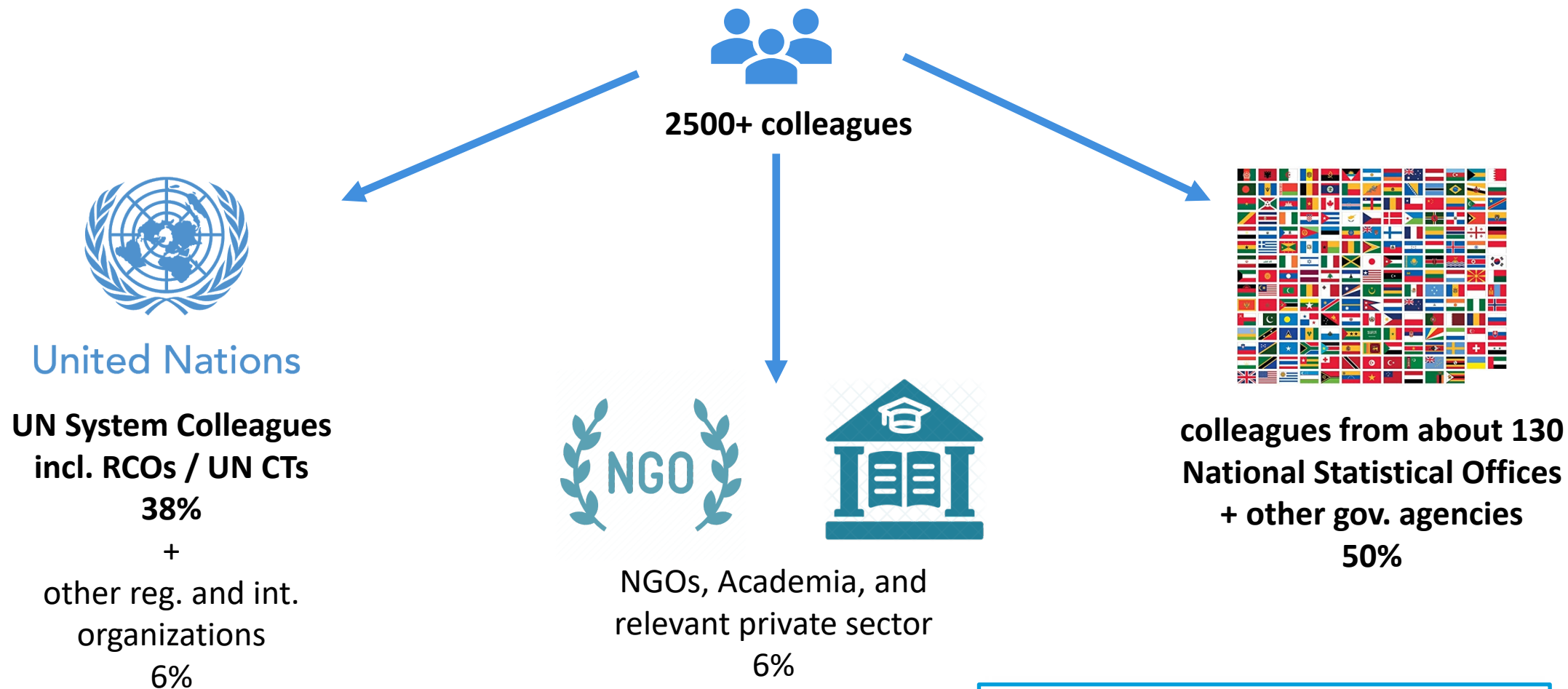
Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians

What is the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians?

- A facilitated **professional online social community**
- Launched in October 2020
- **2570+ members from 160 countries**
- Supports the work of all UN system entities
- Improves communication and collaboration with National Statistical Offices by fostering collaboration, knowledge-sharing, networking, and technical support



Current demographics of the Global Network



What you can do on the Network



Get informed about events and activities held globally related to statistics and data management



Build capacities by attending live webinars, workshops and discussions & watching recordings



Advertise job and consultancy opportunities, call for papers or projects



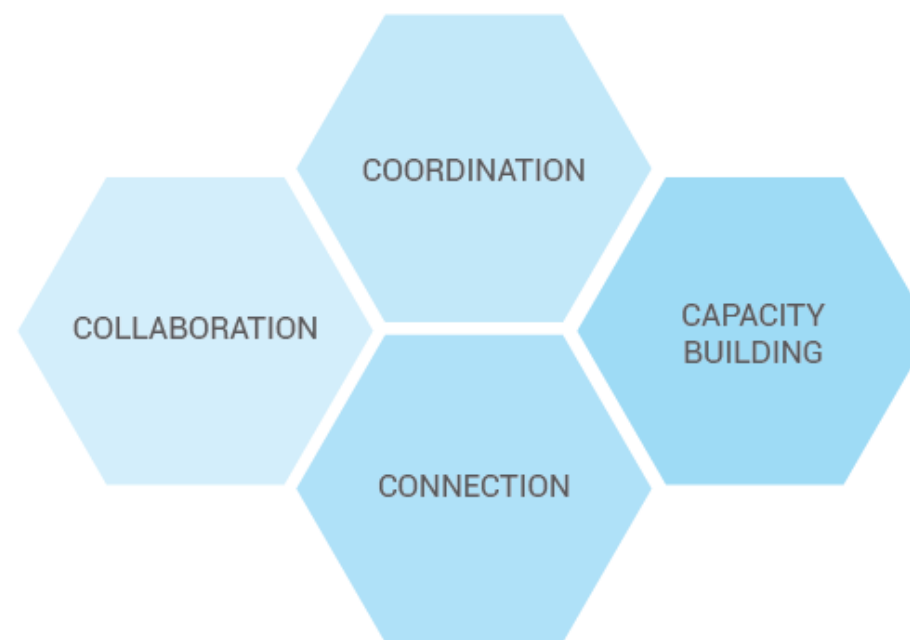
Find and propose expertise on specific topics



Connect with the global community of statisticians, geospatial data experts, and data officers



Exchange best practices, notably on the SDG Monitoring



How to join the SDMX User Forum and Global Network (1)

- **Info pages:** <https://unstats.un.org/capacity-development/global-network-of-data-officers-and-statisticians/>
- **Join by clicking on the link:** <https://yammer.com/unstats/>

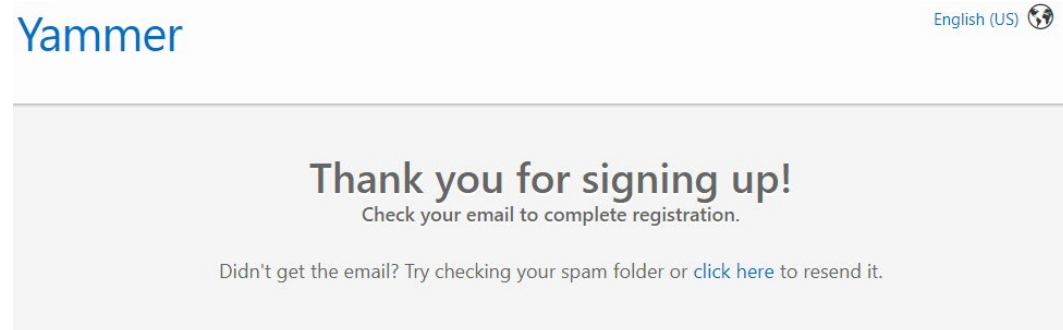
Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians

Welcome to the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians network!

To access this external network, please enter your company email address.

Sign Up

Have an account? [Log In](#)

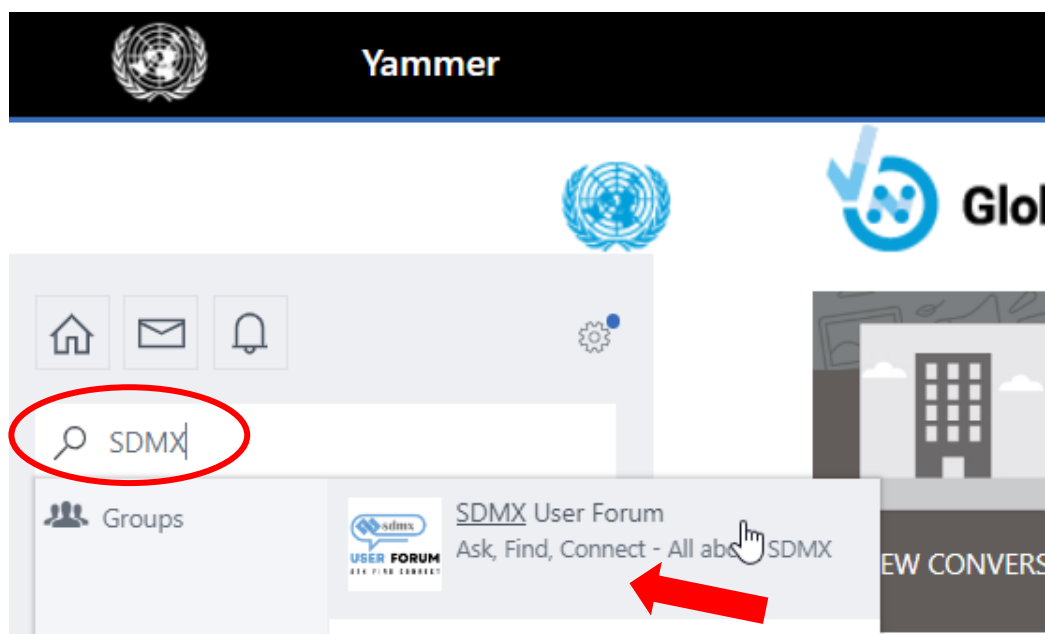


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How to join the SDMX User Forum and Global Network (2)


Download: [Instruction to join the SDMX User Forum](#)



Type “SDMX” into the navigation bar on the left and the “SDMX User Forum” should show up as your first result as you type. Click on it.

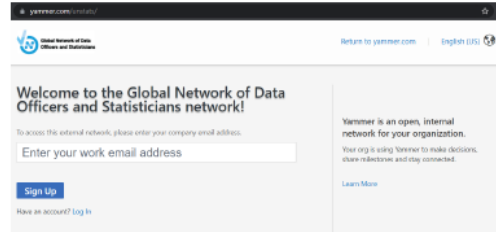

How to join the SDMX User Forum on the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians

Version 1.1 – Date 2022-11-21



This document will provide you with some valuable instructions on how to join the SDMX User Forum on the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians which is currently in a closed preview and hence joining the forum is slightly more complicated and requires one additional step.

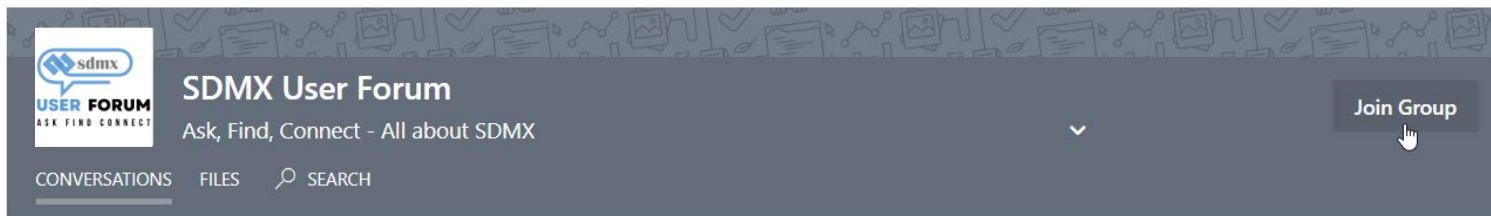
To join the SDMX User Forum please follow these steps:

- 1) Go to <https://www.yammer.com/unstats/> or if you have received an email invitation from Yammer, please follow the steps in that email and once signed in continue with step 3.
- 2) You will see this screen:

- 3) After signing in you should have access to the Global Network. You should see a screen similar to this one:


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[Click on preview to open join instructions.](#)

How to join the SDMX User Forum and Global Network (3)



click on “Join Group”
button in the group
header to join the group
and receive notifications

[Update](#) [Question](#) [Poll](#) [Praise](#) [Announcement](#)

Share something with this group...



Abdulla Gozalov [Follow](#) – Friday at 06:52 PM

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To reproduce:

1. Open SDMX Converter and choose Convert and Validate.
2. Use input file Exercise 9.ExternalTrans.xlsx.
3. Use DSD from file AQ_SDG_Multiple.xml.
4. Use Parameters and Transcoding from file Params... [expand](#) >

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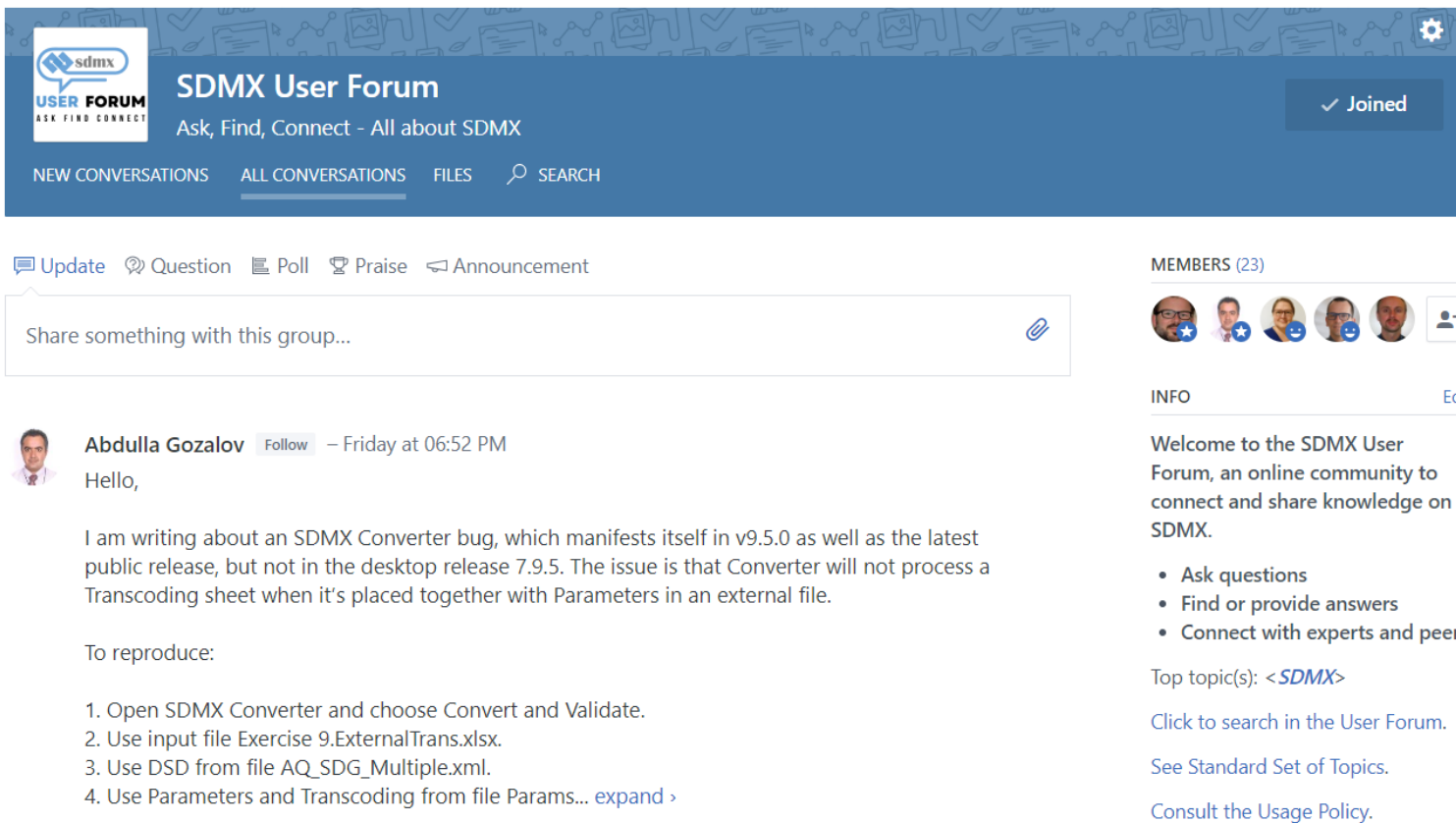
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[Click to search in the User Forum.](#)

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How to join the SDMX User Forum and Global Network (4)



The screenshot shows the SDMX User Forum interface. At the top, there is a header with the SDMX logo and the text "SDMX User Forum" and "Ask, Find, Connect - All about SDMX". A "Joined" button with a checkmark is visible in the top right corner. Below the header, there are navigation tabs for "NEW CONVERSATIONS", "ALL CONVERSATIONS", "FILES", and "SEARCH". A post by Abdulla Gozalov is displayed, starting with "Hello," and describing a bug in the SDMX Converter. The post includes a list of steps to reproduce the issue. On the right side, there is a "MEMBERS (23)" section with profile pictures and an "INFO" section with a welcome message and a list of forum activities.

← once joined the join button changes to “joined” and the colour of the header changes

you are now a member of the SDMX User Forum

How to join the SDMX User Forum and Global Network (5)

- If you have any questions or difficulties during the sign-up or joining process:
Loschky@un.org or Gozalov@un.org
- Please note that the following organizations have or had known issues with joining the Global Network due to restrictive internal IT policies:

Contact us for further instructions:

OECD, Paris21, FCSC United Araba Emirates, Statistics Centre Abu Dhabi, CZSO Czechia, CBS Netherlands

Please join with your private email address and inform Loschky@un.org and

Sokunpanha.You@un.org :

DANE Colombia, Fullfact, INE Uruguay, Statistik Austria, Stats Denmark, Stats Israel, Stats Latvia, UNIDO



SDMX User Forum Usage Policy

(Preliminary) SDMX User Forum Acceptable Use Policy
Ver. 1.0



Welcome to the SDMX User Forum!

Please familiarize yourself with the rules and the new user's checklist at the end so everyone can have a great experience and collaboration. For your reference, please click on the [Quick Guide for New Users](#) for general guidance on Yammer and the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians.

The [SDMX User Forum](#) is dedicated to creating and maintaining a collaborative online community, where users, developers and sponsors of the SDMX tools, practices and standards, from national and international organizations feel comfortable exchanging ideas and sharing experiences, and seeking support from peers. Like any other professional network and to make and keep the whole community productive, the SDMX User Forum has a usage policy for all members, which ensures that the user experience is pleasant and enriching.

- **Keep the content brief and relevant**

We encourage you to use this User Forum to seek help for the SDMX standard, its application, best practices and available SDMX software, share their experience and provide any suggestions or feedback to others. However, please keep messages brief and to the point and always maintain a positive and constructive tone;

- **Be respectful of other people's opinion**

While we encourage discussions, please respect other ideas, suggestions, and perspectives;

- **Be professional**

We kindly ask our users to behave professionally by not posting dishonest, offensive, or inappropriate content in our community. Besides, this User Forum should not be used to make political statements;

- **Prohibited use**

It is prohibited to use this User Forum for any purpose that may be illegal or unethical. Furthermore, this Network may not be used to promote for-profit goods or services;

- **No confidential information**

Members in this Forum should ensure that no confidential information/embargoed document that has come to them through their work is posted here. Such documents shall be deleted from the Forum.



This User Forum, being a Group of the "Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians" amends the [rules and recommendations posed by the Global Network](#). Please make sure to follow those as well. Users who violate these rules will be sent a warning message by a moderator or network admin


Key points of the [SDMX User Forum Usage Policy](#):





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+ [general usage policy of the Global Network](#) applies as well



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SDMX User Forum

SDMX Coordination Group

Network Admins Coordination

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Population and Housing Census

Key Contributors



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All Network

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 **SDMX User Forum** 

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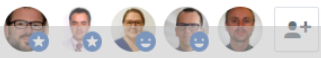
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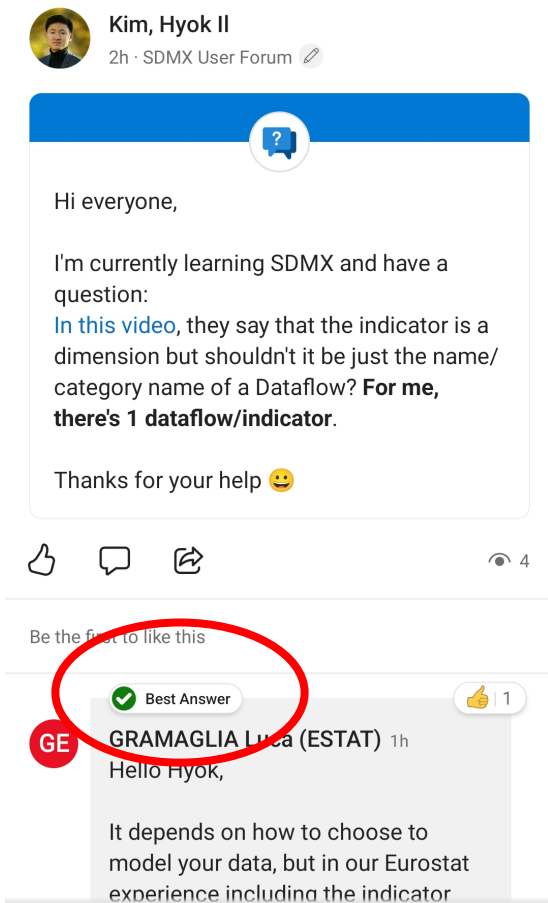
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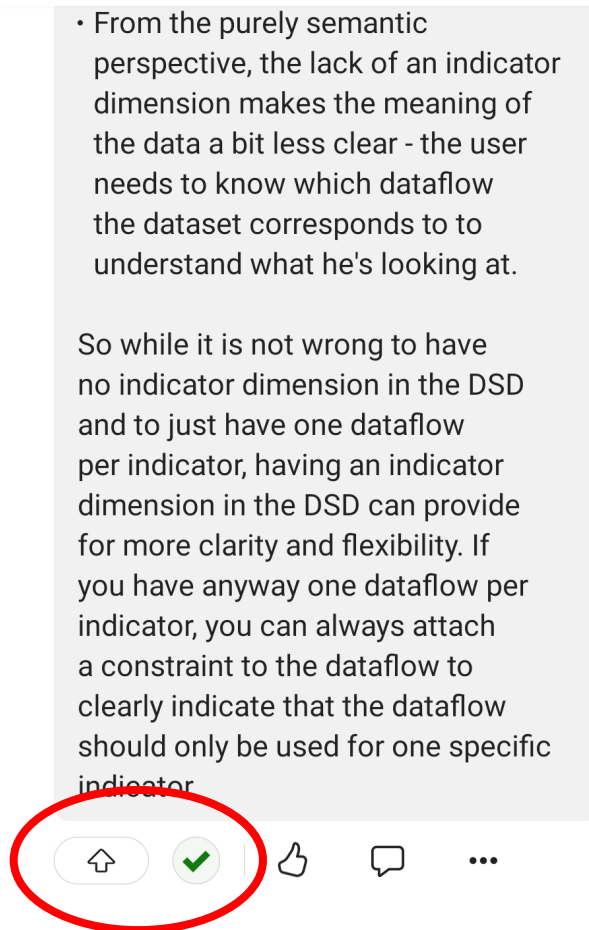
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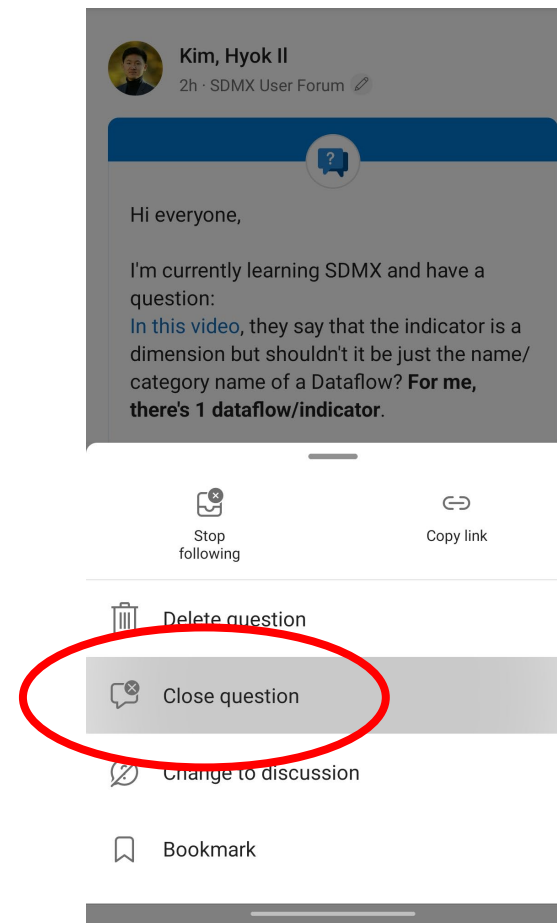
Additional features available on the Yammer Mobile App



Best answer shown



Upvote and Best Answer icons



Closing a questions (only admins)

SDMX User Forum → links to most important documents



Guides for new users:

- [Instructions on how to join the SDMX User Forum](#)
- [New User Guide of the Global Network](#)
- [Yammer101 posts](#)

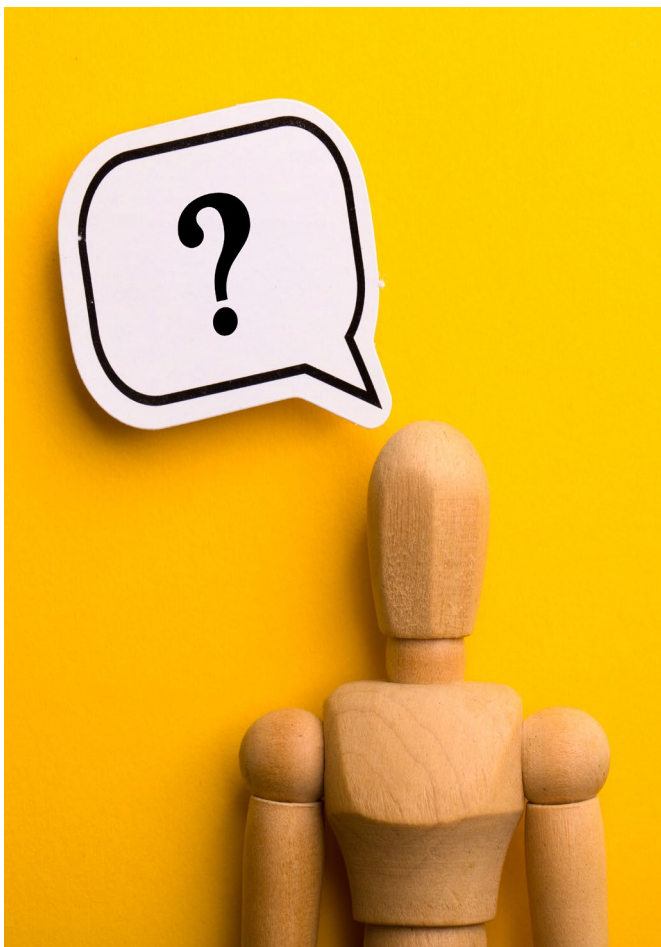
SDMX User Forum resources:

- [SDMX User Forum standard set of topics Ver. 2](#)

Usage Policy:

- [SDMX User Forum Usage Policy](#)
- [general usage policy of the Global Network](#)

What to do if you encounter a problem



- **Problems joining the Global Network of Data Officers in general:** Contact the Global Network Admins: Panha You (Sokunpanha.You@un.org) and Alexander Loschky (Loschky@un.org)
- **Problems joining the SDMX User Forum:** reach out to the SDM User Forum admins Alexander Loschky (Loschky@un.org) or Abdulla Gozalov (Gozalov@un.org)
- **Other problems with or questions about the SDMX User Forum:** Reach out to any SDMX User Forum Admin. To contact an admin, click on the member number and select an admin (profile with a star):

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Thank you.

Join the SDMX User Forum
Download the instructions:

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