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United Nations Statistical Commission

**Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics
GWG Bureau meeting**

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By video conferencing

Minutes

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Minutes

AGENDA ITEM (1) – MINUTES OF MEETING 10

The GWG Bureau had no comments and thus agreed with the minutes. The minutes will be posted on the GWG website (<https://unstats.un.org/bigdata/bureau>).

AGENDA ITEM (2) – OPEN DAY OF THE GWG ON 21 OCTOBER 2018

The organizing committee met and prepared an agenda for the Open Day of the GWG, which was shared with the GWG bureau for comments. The Open Day is an extension of the regular annual meeting of the GWG which was usually held the day before the Big Data conference. Given the

scheduling of the UN World Data Forum, the annual GWG meeting will still take place, now on 21 October 2018 (the 5th Big Data Conference has been postponed until 2019). Taking advantage of the opportunity of the World Data Forum, the GWG opens its doors and invites those, which work closely with the community of official statistics to see the progress made on the UN Global Platform.

Organization of the event

The following is in place:

- Web page on UN GWG site : <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/bigdata/conferences/2018/>
- Main conference page: <https://www.events.officialstatistics.org/>

The following is in the works:

- Invitations based on registered participants to the World Data Forum:
 - to GWG and its task team members
 - to non-GWG NSOs and others
- Promotional materials
- Opening of a registration page

Sessions of the event

The agenda of the Open Day shows five sessions on the Global Platform, use of satellite data, use of transactional/scanner data, use of mobile phone data and on privacy preserving techniques. More concretely, this would look as follows:

Session 1 – Demonstration of Global Platform

Session 2 – Demonstration [on the Global Platform] of Water, Agricultural and Land cover statistics (Earth Observation data) – Canada, Poland, UNEP, FAO, UNSD, Google, Microsoft

Session 3 – Demonstration [on the Global Platform] of measuring Human Mobility (Mobile Phone data) – ITU, Indonesia, Positium, Eurostat, EU-JRC, Georgia, UNSD, Microsoft

Session 4 – Demonstration [on the Global Platform] of measuring Price Fluctuations (Scanner data) – Canada, Australia, Netherlands, UNSD, Nielsen

Session 5 – Demonstration [on the Global Platform] of Privacy Preserving Techniques

Statistics Canada is working with the Global Platform team of ONS, UK, regarding data, algorithms and services on the platform, which can be used by the task team on satellite data and the task team on scanner data.

The mobile phone task team is getting together to discuss its session in the first week of September.

AGENDA ITEM (3) – MICROSOFT PROJECTS

Microsoft's Tech for Social Impact team sent a Scoping Template to UNSD for defining the requirements for a project on land cover/agriculture statistics and a project on measuring human mobility. UNSD will be in touch with Statistics Canada, Statistics Poland and FAO for the parameters of the first project and with ITU, Georgia, Indonesia, Eurostat, EU-JRC and Positium on the other project. These projects will be further discussed within the respective task teams.

The GWG bureau will be kept informed about these scoping documents and the progress of the projects.

AGENDA ITEM (4) – POSITION PAPER

Statistics Canada has prepared a draft position paper. This paper is a discussion paper and reflects the policy and the principles on how data collaboration works on the UN Global Platform. This paper is the basis for the Data Policy Framework of the platform.

The paper is under discussion and will be circulated to all Bureau members soon.

AGENDA ITEM (5) – OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.