



UNITED NATIONS

United Nations Statistical Commission

Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics

GWG Bureau meeting

Twelfth meeting – 5 September 2018, 09:00 EST

By video conferencing

Minutes

Participants

Canada	Alice Born, (Sylvie Michaud – technical problems)
Colombia	Angelica Palma
Denmark	Maciej Truszczynski
UAE	Latifa Alshehhi, Hatem El Sherif
UK	Mark Craddock, Rabia Mirza, Gavin Phillips
UNECE	Taeke Gjaltema
UNSD	Ronald Jansen, Karoly Kovacs

Agenda

- Agenda item (1)** Minutes of Meeting 11
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 - Update by UNSD – Note provided
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Minutes

AGENDA ITEM (1) – MINUTES OF MEETING 11

Statistics Canada has prepared a draft Position Paper which will be circulated soon for discussion at the next Bureau meeting. The GWG Bureau was asked to send comment in writing. 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 Open Day of the GWG will take place on Sunday 21 October 2018 in the Armani Hotel in the Burj Khalifa building. The Open Day will start with a formal (closed) session from 8 AM until 9 AM for the GWG members, followed by an open session for the remainder of the day with demonstrations on the Global Platform, the use of satellite data, mobile phone data and scanner/price data and the use of privacy preserving techniques. The day will be closed by a panel on the way forward.

Invitations / participants

UNSD was given access to the confirmed registered users of the World Data Forum. From that pool of registered WDF participants, invitations had been sent to (1) the members of the GWG, (2) country representatives, not GWG member, and (3) agencies and other potential stakeholders for the Global Platform. In total about 170 persons were invited. We expect the number of registered participants to be around 100, as planned.

So far, 70 participants registered. UNSD requested to exact list, which will be used to follow up with those of the GWG, who have not yet registered.

Formal GWG meeting (8am – 9am)

Denmark suggested that a separate agenda should be prepared for the formal GWG meeting. One of the agenda items should be the 5th Big Data Conference in Kigali, Rwanda, in 2019. The position paper (GWG Data Policy Framework) should be on the agenda as well. This meeting should probably start with a status report of the GWG and its work presented by one or both of the co-chairs. The reports to the Statistical Commission is also a standard item for the agenda.

Other organizational matters

- UNSD will call a meeting of the Organizing Committee on Monday, 10 Sep 2018 at 9 AM, NY time. This meeting includes the task team leaders, as the session leads.
- UNSD will discuss directly with FCSA/UAE the layout of rooms for the formal meeting and the main program.
- UK asked about accessing the email addresses of the WDF participants that could be used for marketing purposes
- UAE will support media coverage during the Open Day happenings using twitter and other social media.

Program of the day

Statistics Canada informed the group on the progress of preparing Session 2 and 4: they are currently discussing the formats and the speakers and will inform UNSD about the progress. DANE offered to make presentation proposals for Session 2 to Statistics Canada. UNSD informed about

the progress on Session 3 – the TT will meet this Friday and finalize the agenda and informed the group that IOM will make a presentation on migration instead of the original request of EU-JRC and suggested that UAE would also make a presentation on this session.

AGENDA ITEM (3) – MICROSOFT PROJECTS

The Scoping documents for the two Microsoft projects are currently under discussion in the two concerned task teams. Project 1 will deal with land cover/agriculture statistics involving Microsoft's AI for Earth and Project 2 with measuring human mobility (migration, tourism, seasonal workers) involving Microsoft's Tech for Social Impact team

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

AGENDA ITEM (4) – OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda item at the next bureau meeting will be on the GWG Data Policy (dealing with private sector data, access, protection of privacy, transparency, quality assurance). UK suggested that this should be linked to the GWG work on legal issues.