



UNITED NATIONS

**United Nations Statistical Commission
Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics**

Re: Open Day of the Global Working Group on Big Data, 21 October 2018, Burj Khalifa, Dubai

7 November 2018

Dear Mr. Lootah,

We, the co-chairs of the GWG, would like to sincerely thank you for the excellent support, which was provided by your office, the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority of the UAE, in the organization of the Open Day of the Global Working Group on Big Data on Sunday 21 October 2018 in Dubai. The reactions, which we received from all the participants, were unanimously positive.

We know that the organization of this event was an additional burden to your office (just before the UN World Data Forum) and we are therefore even more grateful for the professionalism and dedication of your team in making it a success. In this way FCSA has not only significantly advanced the work of the UN Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics, but you have made at the same time a valuable contribution to the global statistical system.

Please be assured that your support is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Heather Savory,
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Co-chair of GWG

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