

## **GWG Bureau meeting – 20 February 2019**

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- **Business Model**
  - Heather
    - Few comments, will provide soon
    - “Governance of the UN” changed to “Guidance of the UN”?
      - Independent orgs should be guidance instead of governance
      - Ronald agrees with the change in terminology
        - Governance is the board
    - Ronald thanks ONS for their work on the document
  - Ronald
    - Side event on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March at the Commission
    - Panel: Mark (technical), Ronald (GWG), Yusuf (African user), Jillian (UNEP user), Sumer (Private sector user / Nielsen)
- **Big Data Week in Kigali**
  - Conference will be first users of the building
    - Facility not ready yet, but partners in Kigali say everything will be ready by the Conference
    - ONS will be there a little beforehand to help setup/test the IT infrastructure
    - Programme Workshops
      - Earth Observation
      - Scanner Data
      - Mobile phone
    - Seminar
  - Would hope that there is enough funding for participation
  - Alice
    - Will confirm Sylvie’s participation
    - Cannot send Gordon to the workshops (can use WebEx)
      - Ronald: will try to fund resource persons
  - ONS will be sending \_\_\_\_\_ (?), Mark and Gavin
  - Hatem / Latifa need to confirm their participation
    - Hatem: interested party in participating in the Scanner Data workshop
  - Albrecht: Eduardo (director of Methodology and Innovation) will go; still deciding if anyone else will go
  - **Programme of the Conference**
    - Opening ceremony/morning
      - High representative of Rwanda
        - Minister of Finance or possibly Prime Minister
      - Video message from Deputy SG
      - Coordinate with UNDP to get a UN rep
      - Keynote: have not received more suggestions, Ronald thinks UNEP would still be a good candidate

- Heather thinks the keynote speaker is good
- Hatem suggests an African national for keynote speaker (Cloudera?)
  - Ronald thinks the speaker should be more involved/familiar in the Platform
    - High profile vs familiarity with the Platform?
- Albrecht: keynote speaker should be more focused on Statistics?
  - Ronald: UNEP speaker would talk about SDGs
- Heather: 2 keynote speakers?
  - Public use side
  - Technical
  - Ronald will try to find a spot for 2 keynote speakers
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- 1<sup>st</sup> Panel after Opening:
  - Ronald: Hatem, would Cloudera like to participate?
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Panel: Satellite Data / Digital Earth Africa / African Data Cube
  - Developing Agricultural statistics
  - Moderator: StatCan (Sylvie)
  - African partners will try to get more names for the panel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> panel:
  - Information on Mobile banking?
  - African partners will try to get more names for the panel
  - IMF has done work, hopefully can be involved
  - Michael Smedes will moderate?
  - Albrecht: work done in Slovenia and Finland: GDP forecast; German Statistical office proposing project using satellite data for GDP forecasting
- Friday: Mobile phone data panel
  - Georgia event at the end of March (Human mobility / migration statistics)
  - Positium will be involved
  - Flowminder
  - Nigeria project (tourism stats)
  - Different from Earth Observation due to privacy issues
  - Albrecht: can have remote connection?
    - Ronald: would prefer physical presence; would hope Eduardo could do a talk; have Fabio attend as well
    - Albrecht: Eduardo could do a talk there and possibly have a Q&A via remote
- Data Innovation in Africa
  - African colleagues will put them together
    - Oliver: head of UN office in Addis
    - AfDB: African Digital Highway

- Data Cube
  - Global Pulse
  - Inclusive Data Charter: Initiative pushed by group: DIFID and global partnership
- Data Science
  - Dominick will moderate
  - Eduardo could present
  - Big Data center
  - Dominick can also talk about Training Task Team
    - First meeting
      - Ralf provided draft minutes
      - New Terms of Reference
      - 3 main deliverables:
        - Assessment of Readiness
        - Building Institutional Competence
        - Specialists and Data Science
    - Dominick is ~80% confirmed attending
      - Dominick will probably bring 2 people with him
- Panel on the Way Forward
  - Have a really upbeat panel
    - A lot of positive developments
      - In Africa
      - In Training Task team
- Alice, Heather: both think the programme is excellent