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United Nations Statistical Commission

Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics

GWG Bureau meeting

Twenty sixth meeting – 4 April 2019, 09:00 EST

By video conferencing

Minutes

Participants

UK	Mark Craddock, Rabia Mirza, Gavin Phillips
Denmark	Maciej Truszczynski
Netherlands	Bert Kroese
Switzerland	Bertrand Loison
Indonesia	Titi Kanti Lestari
Rwanda	Yusuf Murangwa, Jean-Claude Nyirimanzi
Poland	Mateusz Kaleta
UNSD	Ronald Jansen, Karoly Kovacs, Ralf Becker

Agenda

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Action Points

- ⇒ Finalizing the agenda of the conference
- ⇒ Further clarification of the requirements for the workshops and the exhibition booths with NISR
- ⇒ Further work on the draft text of the Kigali declaration

Minutes

AGENDA ITEM (1) – MINUTES OF MEETING 24

No comments were received on the minutes.

AGENDA ITEM (2) – BIG DATA WEEK IN KIGALI

Organizational issues

- Furnishing of the venue is progressing.
- Specification/requirements from the leads on organizing the workshops will be sent to NISR and details on the books and exhibition space needed to be clarified (availability of chairs, tables, screens).
- Banners from Dubai are to be shipped to Kigali.
- UN GP team would like to see the requirements for use of the platform for each session.
- Registration is ongoing, and details will be sent to the bureau shortly.
- NISR pointed out that transportation would be provided from/to all hotels that are published on the website.
- NISR informed the bureau that either the Minister of Finance or the Prime Minister will open the Conference.
- Further promotion of the Kigali Big Data week is needed.

Conference

- Opening ceremony will be led by NISR.
- Going through the agenda of the conference some further communication/ reconfirmation/ commitment was needed, in particular
 - NISR offered help to reach the Rwandan panelists.
 - Bert Kroese will serve as a moderator for the Panel “Use of Satellite Data and Digital Earth Africa for Agriculture, Environment and other Statistics”; and
 - Ronald Jansen will be the moderator for the Panel “Use of Mobile Phone Data for Tourism and Migration Statistics”.
 - Swapping panelists between the session on “Data innovation in Africa” and “Data science and capacity development in official statistics” was seen as a possibility.
- The bureau members are encouraged to send comments on the agenda.

- In general, panelists will be instructed to have short presentations to maximize engagement from the audience in the discussions. Moderators will be informed about this format.
- The panel on the way forward is expected to be very interactive, statements should be very short (“Tweet” style)

Seminar

- Members of the bureau are encouraged to give comments on the agenda of the seminar.

Workshops

- Workshops are by invitation only and the space is limited – UNSD will discuss with NIRS directly about adding NISR staff members as participants to the workshops.

Meeting of the GWG (Wednesday)

- GWG will discuss the Business model for the UN GP and also the draft of the Kigali declaration among on top of the report of the task teams.

AGENDA ITEM (3) – KIGALI DECLARATION

- Main points for a draft were sent to bureau members for comments. These points are based foremost on the Bogota declaration.
- Regarding the set of the UN Global Platform Institute, it was pointed out that technical development and maintenance are to be run by ONS UK but the outreach and funding could be run from Africa given that projects in Africa are more attractive for funding agencies to support.
- Bureau members are encouraged to give comments to the draft text.

AGENDA ITEM (4) OTHER BUSINESS

No time for other business this time.