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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

Participants

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Action Points

- ⇒ Continue coordinating with the host on the preparation of the Big Data Week in Kigali
- ⇒ Further work on the draft text of the Kigali declaration

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AGENDA ITEM (1) – MINUTES OF MEETING 24

No comments were received on the minutes.

AGENDA ITEM (2) – BIG DATA WEEK IN KIGALI

Organizational issues

- Quite a number of interested participants (1/3 international and 2/3 local)
- Workshop participants have been assigned to two workshops with a participation of 14 international and 4 local participants
- The Earth Observation/Agriculture workshop has been canceled.
- Seminar will be a lecture type and expected that more than a hundred participants will attend.
- Promo materials have been shipped to Kigali.
- There will be 12 exhibition booths.
- During the GWG meeting on Wednesday the business model for the UN GP will be presented (further issues on how the institute should work, how the regional hubs would linked up to the UN GP).

AGENDA ITEM (3) – KIGALI DECLARATION

- It was suggested that the following issues will be referred to more explicitly in the declaration:
 - Cape Town Global Action Plan, 2030 development agenda
 - Mandate of the GWG
 - Bogota declaration
- The work on institutionalization of the Global Platform is ongoing, working with stakeholder groups
- Comments from the Netherlands and UK are well received
- The declaration shall have some statement in the African context
- The focus is to be on the establishment of the institute – UNSD underlined that it is important to mention that the GP shall be in a federated network and the establishment of the regional hubs – as the work on the preparation of the suggestion is ongoing the language shall be general
- Bureau members are encouraged to give further comments to the draft text.

AGENDA ITEM (4) OTHER BUSINESS

- AfDB is funding 44 participants including DGs of NSOs from the region (around 20). A meeting with the DGs during the Conference could be very useful to discuss Africa specific issues.
- The handbook on privacy was released on the GP website; got over 1,000 hits from 73 countries within two weeks.