

## **Roles of the GWG Task Teams and the Scientific Advisory Committee in relation to the UN Global Platform**

According to the web site the GWG have the following data source related task teams:

Satellite data  
Scanner data  
Mobile phone data  
Social Media Data

And the following cross cutting task teams:

Training, skills and capacity building  
Big Data and SDG's

Plus a task team on Access and partnership, which had completed its work in 2017, but could be considered for re-creation

We have a new task team on Privacy preserving techniques and one on use of AIS data.

At the recent meeting of the FOC on the future of Economic Statistics, it was proposed to have a task team on Economic Statistics, and UNECE is proposing to have a separate team active on the UN Global Platform for the linking of statistics and geospatial data.

The task teams plays and important role for the work of the GWG as the place where NSO's, UN agencies and others (other international organizations, private companies and academia) can easily sign up and be active in support of the work done by the GWG.

In the outset one purpose of the work done by the task teams was to collect material in order to produce handbooks on the use of the different data sources for the production of official statistics and give guidance to overcome challenges regarding development of partnerships and developing new skills.

Task Teams are also promoting and leading project work, for which they now can use the UN Global Platform.

The task teams also plays an important role in the organization of the GWG's international conferences as many of the sessions at the conferences are directed towards the specific areas of work (the work with the different data sources) conducted by the task teams – and many of the conference presenters are people active in the task teams.

So in short:

- The task teams are entities where NSO's and others can easily join the work and be actively included in the GWG
- They promote and create Big Data projects
- The task teams are a source of expertise and experience with the use of Big Data for official statistics that are used as input for the GWG's conferences

Scientific Advisory Committee

To assure quality of the work by the GWG, advice is needed from highly-qualified domain experts.

Could the task teams take on a role in relation to the Scientific Advisory Committee? They could prepare quality reports, and could have at least one member represented in the SAC.

The work of the GWG is now moving into a new and promising direction with the creation of the global platform for big data for official statistics. The institutionalization of the global platform and the governance structure that comes with this – makes it necessary for the GWG to discuss the implications of this for the work and the role of the task teams in the future.

The GWG has to discuss and decide on a number of issues in relation to this.

So far, the task teams has been independent in their work. One option is that they continue their work as loosely organized entities that gives easy access for NSO's and others to join the work of the GWG on the one hand – while the task teams on the other hand also creates a pool of experiences and people the GWG can draw on in the organization of the global conferences.

But there are other options too – and one way of considering this is to reflect on the following more general question: What should be the link between the Global Platform Institute and the GWG task teams? By answering the following questions that are more specific:

1. Should the task teams in the future be enrolled as an operational resource for the Global Platform Institute?
2. Should the work of the task teams be more directed towards the fulfillment of the strategy of the Global Platform Institute?
3. Should it be part of the Global Platform Institute's work to produce handbooks and training material for the use of different big data sources for the production of official statistics – and should the task teams be more of an advisory board (an editorial committee) in relation to this work?
4. Should the Global Platform Institute organize the global conference on big data for official statistics in the future – and should participants from the task teams form a program committee for the global conference headed by the director of the Global Platform Institute?