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Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics

GWG Bureau meeting

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Minutes

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Agenda

- Agenda item (1)** Outcome of the signing of the MOI with NBS China
- Agenda item (2)** Roles of the GWG Task Teams and the Scientific Advisory Committee in relation to the UN Global Platform
- Agenda item (3)** Outreach, promotion and networking of the UN Global Platform
- Agenda item (4)** Update on the outstanding action points

Action Points

- ⇒ Contacting NISR about the recordings of the Big Data week in Kigali
- ⇒ GWG Bureau members were requested to provide comments on the draft note on the role of the Task Teams and the Scientific Advisory Board
- ⇒ Finalizing the program of the GWG Symposium on Big Data in Kuala Lumpur (August 2019)
- ⇒ Working on the content of a promo video (including Switzerland, Denmark and Canada)
- ⇒ Switzerland to follow up on the organization of the WDF and the inclusion of a session for the UN Global Working Group on Big Data

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AGENDA ITEM (1) – OUTCOME OF THE SIGNING OF THE MOI WITH NBS CHINA

- Ivo and Mark gave a summary on the meetings in China (Hangzhou and Shanghai):
 - On request of UN/DESA the text of the Memorandum of Intent was adapted to lessen the commitments slightly, making the MOI into a Letter of Intent.
 - Official signing of the Letter of Intent happened on Monday, 3 June 2019, just before the opening of the workshop on the future of economic statistics – the Memorandum of Understanding is to be drafted shortly
 - Meetings were organized in Hangzhou:
 - Governor of the province assured full commitment and support to the data center
 - Deputy commissioner Mr. Zude assured full support from NBS China
 - Out of the 4 floors in the building, one will be used for hardware, one for the international staff and two for national staff.
 - NBS is to select a chief technology officer who will work closely with UNGP; and NBS wanted to be member of the GWG Bureau as well.

AGENDA ITEM (2) – ROLES OF THE GWG TASK TEAMS AND THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO THE UN GLOBAL PLATFORM

Denmark gave an overview of the draft paper on the role of the GWG Task Teams, and the Scientific Advisory Committee. The paper tried to address the question, if the role of the Task Teams will change once the UNGP will be fully operational. GWG Bureau members were requested to provide comments on the draft note.

AGENDA ITEM (3) – OUTREACH, PROMOTION AND NETWORKING OF THE UN GLOBAL PLATFORM

- For the UNGP to succeed, the GWG will have to more systematically promote and advocate the use of it by a wide range of potential stakeholders
- UNSD informed the bureau about the effort made within the UN to networking:
 - UNOCHA (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) who run a center on humanitarian data in the Netherlands, see <https://centre.humdata.org/>
 - UN Global Pulse – on collaboration and the possible use of the UN Global Platform, see <https://www.unglobalpulse.org/>
- For more systematic identification of possible customers and partners, there are software tools, such as <https://www.zoho.com/>

- Switzerland expressed a need to have some promotional materials (like video) on the Platform – the issue was discussed by the bureau and a small group was identified to work on the content of a promo video (including Switzerland, Denmark and Canada).

AGENDA ITEM (4) UPDATE ON THE OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS

- “Thank you” letter to NISR was sent
- UNSD is to follow up on the recordings of the workshops, seminar and the conference
- The organization of the Scientific Advisory Committee is ongoing
- UNSD worked further on drafting the programme of the ISI Symposium (10-15 countries to be invited – there are 65 registered participants already)