

Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics

GWG Bureau meeting

Note from co-chairs on work on the legal, ethical and funding considerations

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1. Legal and Ethics

An initial suggestion is to set up some pro-bono legal assistance (which the UK is happy to lead on) and commission a report to cover the global legislative and regulatory landscape on uses of personal data, data privacy and ethics. This should also cover emerging issues like AI and ML which are being widely discussed by many national and international bodies (for example the British Academy and Royal Society here in the UK).

2. Commercial Partnerships

We need to set out a framework for discussion as to how we engage with technical partners - which relationships will be via the UN and which will be bilateral. This is work to carry out in conjunction with our technical partners.

3. Data Access

Policies for access to all types of data via the Global Platform (whether eg: NASA data or country data) should sit with Mark Craddock from ONS and his team as they will need to develop the technical methods to allow/prohibit access. We propose to task Mark and his team with this (noting the crossover with Commercial Partnerships/ supply agreements).

4. Communication

This umbrella function should sit with UNSD. What we need to do for this is to be discussed further.

5. Advocacy

We suggest we partner with the GPSDD and other third parties – Heather Savory can manage high-level relationships with technical stakeholders.

6. Funding

There are two phases to discuss:

1. The next 18-24 months. The UK will seek funding for the GP development. Further discussion to be had on where funding for the TTs will come from?
2. Longer term funding will be considered as part of Business Model work - discussion of options for a sustainable operation of the GP are due at a future meeting.

7. Further Discussion

Further discuss on who will hold and report against the funding streams is still needed. This could depend on who is funding.