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**Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics**

**GWG Bureau meeting**

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**By video-conferencing**

## **Minutes**

### **Participants**

Denmark	Niels Ploug (Chair)
UK	Mark Craddock, Mirza Rabia, Robert Bumpstead
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Colombia	Angela Palma
UAE	Hatem El Sherif, Latifa Alshehhi
AfDB	Momar Kouta
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UNSD	Ronald Jansen, Karoly Kovacs, Catheryn Tajon

### **Agenda**

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### **Minutes**

#### **AGENDA ITEM (1) – MINUTES OF MEETING 5**

The GWG Bureau had no comments and thus agreed with the minutes. The minutes will be posted on the GWG website.

It was noted that the minutes contain action points, which need follow up, namely

- ➡ Update GWG website – UNSD to report on this on meeting 7
- ➡ Mark Craddock to update on the storage of satellite data on the global platform
- ➡ Mark Craddock and Hatem El Sherif to connect regarding the global platform

- Rob Bumpstead to prepare a note on Legal & Ethics issues for the GWG
- UNSD to prepare a note on Communication
- AfDB to prepare a note on Big Data activity in Africa with eye on next Big Data Conference in Rwanda in April/May 2019

Mark proposed to have reporting on availability of data, methods and algorithms on the global platform as a standing item on the agenda. This was agreed.

Ronald proposed to keep an active list of action points on the GWG bureau section of the GWG website. He further proposed to add information on ongoing achievements to the GWG website to keep everyone informed.

Ronald will connect with Momar regarding the note on African Big Data activity. Initial thoughts can also be exchanged regarding the Rwanda Conference.

#### AGENDA ITEM (2) – NOTE AND TOR TEMPLATE FOR TASK TEAMS

Updated TORs of the Task Teams on Satellite data, Scanner data and Mobile Phone data should be posted on the GWG soon. It is expected that the TORs for the Task Teams on Privacy preserving techniques, Training, Skill and Capacity building and Social media data should follow soon. Further TT TORs to be discussed.

UNSD and ITU have had a few meetings on the revised TOR of the Task Team on Mobile Phone data. They have almost finalized the updated TOR, its objectives and deliverables. The objectives have a clear reference to the SDG agenda, in particular on use of mobile phone data to facilitate the monitoring of orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people (Target 10.7) as well as to monitor tourism as an enabler of economic growth and creator of jobs (Target 8.9) and the proportion of population covered by a mobile network, by technology (Target 9.c).

Sylvie indicated that Statistics Canada and Statistics Netherlands have been adding trusted methods and algorithms to the UN Global Platform. Attempts are also made to add data, including satellite data and price data from Nielsen. Ronald and Sylvie will discuss the issues which exist regarding user access to the Nielsen data.

#### AGENDA ITEM (3) – TOR OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY GROUP

The note by Statistics Denmark and UNSD. The GWG is based on data collaboration among a broad and diverse community of experts. The quality of the products delivered through and by this community needs to be assessed and assured. The labels of trusted data, trusted metadata, trusted methods, trusted services or trusted applications need to be assured. Moreover, the technology choices for the trusted data architecture and the data security, data algorithms and other machine learning techniques need to be of high quality as well, and advice on this should be provided by a technology advisory group.

The bureau agreed that the language of the TOR of the advisory group should really be advice only and no judgement, which should be the task of the GWG bureau building on that advice. The revised TOR plus profiles of the experts needed will be circulated by the secretariat for the next meeting.

#### AGENDA ITEM (4) – WORLD DATA FORUM (WDF)

Members of the bureau were disappointed that the session on privacy preserving techniques was not approved by the programme committee of the WDF and that the session on Earth Observations was merged with a similar session. No decision was received yet regarding the use of mobile phone data.

It was agreed with UAE to hold a one-day event on Sunday, 21 October 2018, (probably) at the premises of FCSA in Dubai with participation of the GWG and its partners from private sector, civil society and academia. The program needs to be developed, but would cover work of the task teams and contain those sessions, which were not honored at the WDF.

Further details will be worked out between FCSA and UNSD for the next meeting.

#### AGENDA ITEM (5) – OTHER BUSINESS

Sylvie inquired if the policy aspects of data protection were also dealt with in the privacy preserving techniques task team. Mark informed that they were almost exclusively considering the technical issues. Ronald supported Sylvie on the point that Data Policy should be dealt with by the GWG.