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**United Nations Statistical Commission**

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

**GWG Bureau meeting**

**Ninth meeting – 11 July 2018, 09:00 EST**

**By video conferencing**

## **Minutes**

### **Participants**

Denmark	Niels Ploug (Chair), Maciej Truszczynski
UK	Mark Craddock, Gavin Phillips, Rabia Mitza
Colombia	Angelica Palma
UAE	Hatem El Sherif, Latifa Alshehhi
Canada	Andrea MacMillan
Netherlands	Matjaz Jug
UNSD	Ronald Jansen, Karoly Kovacs, Ivo Havinga, Haoyi Chen, Catheryn Tajon

### **Agenda**

- Agenda item (1) Minutes of Meeting 8
- Agenda item (2) UN World Data Forum – Open GWG day on 21 October 2018
- Agenda item (3) Position paper on partnerships of GWG with private sector
- Agenda item (4) Projects for Proof of Concept
- Agenda item (5) Other Business

### **Minutes**

#### **AGENDA ITEM (1) – MINUTES OF MEETING 8**

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

#### **AGENDA ITEM (2) – OPEN GWG DAY – 21 October 2018**

The organization committee is working. There is a possibility to make technical demos and it is suggested that the Global Platform makes a demonstration. UAE requested some more details.

#### **AGENDA ITEM (3) – POSITION PAPER ON PARTNERSHIPS OF GWG WITH PRIVATE SECTOR**

Sylvie is drafting the paper and a version will be available by 13 July. Oral introduction of the draft outline was presented. UNSD suggested that it would also point out why the private sector would want to work with the GWG.

#### AGENDA ITEM (4) – PROOF OF CONCEPT – GWG PROJECTS

Further discussions were held with Microsoft on the following projects:

- ➡ Measuring land cover and land cover change with FAO, Canada, UNSD
- ➡ Agriculture crop and yield statistics in Poland and Canada with Statistics Poland, Statistics Canada, FAO and UNSD

Meanwhile the next step is to draft a scoping template for the following projects:

- ➡ Measuring human mobility (using mobile phone and social media data) in Georgia with EU-JRC, ITU, Eurostat, UNSD, Positium and Geostat Georgia
- ➡ Measuring human mobility (using mobile phone and social media data) in Indonesia with EU-JRC, ITU, Eurostat, UNSD, Positium and BPS Indonesia

#### AGENDA ITEM (5) – OTHER BUSINESS

UNSD gave information on two recent meetings:

- a) Meeting of UNSD staff and Marc Craddock and Gavin Phillips of Global Platform
  - a. UNSD IT specialists to work closer with the Global Platform
  - b. UNSD staff to be trained in Project management (organized with Gavin) for support to Task Teams
  - c. Progress is made on the GP, more data, services and algorithms are available on the platform
  - d. Central billing system for use of cloud server facilities is offered through the platform (UNSD will make use of it for its Trade Data Lake project)
  - e. A team working on legal issues for the GWG needs to be set up
- b) Meeting with UN Global Pulse
  - a. UN Global Pulse is in operation over 8 years now with regional labs in Uganda and Indonesia plus 2 labs now at the UN Headquarters
  - b. Global Pulse is providing services and support for one-off small-scale projects.
  - c. UN Secretary General sees new technologies as a high priority for UN

Canada pointed out that their negotiations with Nielsen resulted in providing data for 90 days free of charge however less data could be accessed than anticipated. They will continue the negotiations.

Ivo suggested creating a sub-team to focus on the agricultural production issues.

Ronald echoed the need to provide a time schedule of the GWG WebEx meetings in advance.