

(e) Requested that materials and guidance be made available in all official languages;

(f) Welcomed and endorsed the proposed programme of work of the Expert Group for the next two years and its updated terms of reference.

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Big data

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Welcomed the report of the Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics¹⁷ and its background document, and acknowledged the many accomplishments of the task teams and the regional hubs, such as the guidance developed for the use of mobile phone data for tourism, migration, and disaster and displacement statistics;

(b) Recognized the need of national statistical offices for capacity-building activities on big data and data science, and supported using the opportunities offered by the regional and sector hubs, including training in the use of artificial intelligence for ecosystem accounting, the use of mobile phone data for official statistics, the use of scanner data and web scraping for the calculation of the consumer price index and the use of remote sensing for agriculture statistics;

(c) In this regard, supported the proposal of China to become a global centre on specific topics of big data and data science, and welcomed the proposal of Indonesia to become a regional hub on big data and data science for Asia and the Pacific;

(d) Supported the initiative for enhanced collaboration between the Committee and the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information;

(e) Endorsed the terms of reference of the Data Science Leaders Network, especially supported the fact that this Network focuses on strategic issues related to the role of data science in official statistics, and noted the interest of Member States to participate in the Network;

(f) Recognized the need for further exploration of privacy-enhancing technologies to safely access and share sensitive data in official statistics, especially for access to privately held data and for access to the microdata of statistical institutes;

(g) Endorsed the Yogyakarta Declaration;

(h) Encouraged Member States to take part in the work of the Committee.

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Price statistics

The Statistical Commission expressed its appreciation for the work done by the Ottawa Group on Price Indices and endorsed the updated terms of reference of the Group.

¹⁷ [E/CN.3/2023/17](#).