(c)   Encouraged the HLG-PCCB to continue its work on other areas of strategic importance to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and as defined in its Terms of Reference; and

(d)   Agreed with the work programme of the HLG-PCCB and asked the group to report back to the Commission at its 56th session on its implementation and the outcomes of the fifth UN World Data Forum.

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Data science

The Statistical Commission:

(a)   Acknowledged the 10-year review outcomes and the achievements of the Committee in its methodological work, and supported updating the Committee's mandate to reflect current needs, including data science and private sector partnerships;

(b)   Acknowledged the crucial role of regional and global hubs in enhancing capacity in big data and data science and supported the proposal for these hubs to expand their partnerships with national statistical offices, international organizations, academia, and the private sector, while requesting to pay close attention to data ethics;

(c)   Supported the creation of a new task team on data science and Sustainable Development Goal localization, in close collaboration with the Data Science Leaders Network, and encouraged in this regard a closer collaboration between the Committee and the geospatial community;

(d)   Requested the creation of a task team on large language models in the production and dissemination of official statistics and noted that the Africa group volunteered to take the lead;

(e)   Supported developing a playbook for integrating data science into the work of statistical offices, as well as guidelines for skills and IT infrastructure required to use big data and data science in producing official statistics;

(f)   Strongly reiterated the need for further capacity-building in using big data and data science in official statistics, encouraged using the maturity matrix as a tool for regularly assessing countries' progress in this area, requested continuing focus on challenges still encountered in use of Big Data and data science, encouraged increased resource mobilization to make such capacity-building effective and noted the offer by the Maldives to establish an international data science and research center for official statistics for Small Island Developing States; and

(g)   Requested to improve the UN Global Platform for easier access and to enhance the communication of the work of the Committee through user-friendly website updates, newsletters, and social media engagement.

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Governance statistics

The Statistical Commission:

(a)   Commended the work of the Praia Group, in particular the methodological work on non-discrimination and equality and on participation on political and public affairs, and encouraged participation of Regional Commissions in the work of the Praia Group;