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1. Vision & Policy intent

Does the govt have a high-level vision and policy intent for data, what are the drivers for this and is it part of a broader digital agenda?

2. Legislation, policies, rules & institutions

What are the policies, rules and institutions that govern data management and transformation?

3. Data custodians & data stewards

What entities support the smooth functioning of the data system? Are there govt data custodians and/or data stewards and what are their roles?

4. Data sharing, accessibility & integration

Does the govt have plans or is it already integrating, sharing and accessing data from multiple sources? What are the challenges?

5. Data sharing, risks & mitigation

What are seen as the main risks of data sharing and what steps are being taken to mitigate these risks?
**Drivers of Vision and Policy Intent for Data**

**Digital agenda**
Is the vision for data part of a broader digital agenda?

**Better public services**
Is the vision for data about the provision of better public services?

**Data for better decision-making**
Is the vision for data part of a wider effort to strengthen the use of data to support better decisionmaking?

**Strong economy**
Is the vision for data about building a stronger economy?
Legislation, Policies, Rules & Institutions that Govern Data Management Practices

Institutions

- Legislation
- Principles
- Policies and Rules
- Frameworks and Guidance
- Processes
Supporting entities that provide essential services to support the smooth functioning of the data system

**Data Custodians** perform specific data management roles including:

- Data collection processes
- Data quality assurance mechanisms
- Data storage and data retrieval procedures

Assessed by how well they maintain their data assets

**A Data Steward** performs a professional function over and above the data production processes.

The Data Steward assesses and promotes the usage of data, identifies shortcomings in the data system and strives to meet the needs and build the trust of data users
DATA SHARING, DATA ACCESSIBILITY AND DATA INTEGRATION

Opportunities
- Bridging data gaps
- Reducing response burden
- Less affected by crisis
- Granular statistics
- Improving coverage
- Simplify field operations
- Reducing costs
- Timeliness & frequency

Challenges
- High-quality admin data
- Human resources
- Public approval
- Mechanisms for collaboration
- Legal basis
- Technical capacity
“Although use, reuse, and repurposing of data offer great prospects for fostering development, they simultaneously pose significant risks that must be managed to avoid negative development impacts.”

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• **Context** in which NSOs work is changing rapidly which necessitates NSOs enlarging their role to also cover data governance and data stewardship for the broader National Statistical System.

• Start small and **be opportunistic**

• Building **trust** is important and trust is about **relationships**

• **Reciprocity** – find benefits on both sides

• **Legislation is necessary but not sufficient.** We also need collaboration and partnerships to make any arrangements work.

• A lot we can **learn from each other**
Next steps & Discussion

• **Refine the existing 10 country profiles** to include country context, possible clarification on the structure depending on the level of ambition in their vision for data and to include a contact person and references – need to be living documents

• **Expand the country profile compendium to cover more countries**

• **Organize webinars (Asia-Pacific Stats Cafés)** to showcase and promote the profiles, advocate for improved data governance and support identification of gaps and generate ideas to fill the gaps

• **Future Expert Dialogues** for example at UNSC in 2024 (emerging issue Seminar)

• **Inclusion of the compendium in the Handbook?**