

Kigali Declaration

Kigali, Rwanda

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Recommends

- the establishment of an entity under the UN umbrella, which plans and delivers the UN Global Platform as it evolves, which is able to generate and accept funding, and undertakes operational and commercial activities such as hiring staff, run projects, contract negotiation and platform evolution;
- the establishment of a Governance Board for the UN Global Platform, which will decide on the overarching policies and principles, and will report to the UN Statistical Commission;
- that the UN Global Platform should have multiple hubs in various regions of the world to build capacity and deliver regional support for official statistics, working under a well-defined governance framework;



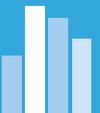
Underlines that the platform

- should support and connect the global statistical community and all its partners, including the UN agencies as well as government agencies, private sector companies, research institutes, academia and civil society organizations;
- should be based on networking and marketplace principles, to facilitate the exchange, development and sharing of data (especially global data sources), methods, tools and expertise, and accelerate data innovation for official statistics and for the compilation of SDG indicators;
- should provide technological infrastructure as a service for all UN Member States, especially Least Developed Countries and Small Island Development States, to facilitate their access to global data sets and state of the art tools and services;
- should engage with the global statistical community and all its partners to provide an environment for capacity development activities to teach and develop new competencies in the areas of Artificial Intelligence, data science, machine learning and privacy-preserving techniques;



Recommends specifically for the African context

- that a hub of the UN Global Platform is established in Africa, which:
 - will support the work of the international and regional agencies in Africa, especially the pan-African institutes, to innovate and build capacity in national statistical systems;
 - will support and enable international collaboration on existing and new data innovation projects for official statistics and the SDG indicators in Africa; and
 - will facilitate capacity development activities in Africa for data innovation using global data sets, state-of-the-art methods and the latest technologies.



The Government of Rwanda has offered to host a hub of the UN Global Platform in Rwanda at the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda Training Centre and Data Science Campus. The hub will support capability development work of international and regional agencies in Africa in Big Data for official statistics.



The Kigali declaration will be the main message to the UNSC

