

Statistical Commission

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(e) Stressed that the business case should build on a partnership with technology companies, data providers and academia, as they can contribute and share their technology and technical expertise for the global platform, and that the partnership should give due attention to the formulation of a policy framework for data governance and information management, including addressing issues of trust, privacy, confidentiality and security of data;

(f) Requested the Global Working Group to report back to the Statistical Commission on the business case for the global platform at its forty-ninth session, in 2018.

48/106 Quality assurance in the global statistical system

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Welcomed the report of the Secretary-General;¹¹

(b) Agreed with the proposal to re-establish the Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks,

(c) Welcomed and endorsed the proposed work programme of the Expert Group for the next two years and approved its updated terms of reference;¹²

(d) Stressed the importance of high-quality and disaggregated data for the full implementation and reporting of the Sustainable Development Goals at the national, regional and global levels, and recognized that the Expert Group is a good vehicle to ensure data quality for monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals;

(e) Requested the Expert Group to take into account the work on data quality already undertaken at the national, regional and global levels to avoid duplicating existing efforts and with a view to harmonizing existing frameworks, and to consider the relationship with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;

(f) Emphasized the importance of ensuring the quality of data derived from new sources and new data providers, including those outside the official statistical system;

(g) Requested the Expert Group to address issues involved in the implementation of the national quality assurance framework, including issues of coordination, and the need to support countries in its implementation.

48/107 Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

The Statistical Commission:

(a) Reiterated the growing importance of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, and noted existing national commitments;

¹¹ E/CN.3/2017/8.

¹² Ibid., annex.