

**CCSA joint statement on agenda item 3 (c) Big data for official statistics; document E/CN.3/2016/6 Report of the Global Working Group of Big Data for Official Statistics (lead agency: ITU and Eurostat in cooperation with AfDB and UNEP)**

The Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA)

- WELCOMES and SUPPORTS the report of the Global Working Group on Big Data for official statistics;
- ACKNOWLEDGES the progress made so far and SUPPORTS the widespread use of the deliverables;
- RECOGNIZES the numerous activities of national and international statistical agencies related to Big Data and ENCOURAGES the GWG to maintain the inventory of Big Data projects;
- HIGHLIGHTS the role of big data in modernization of official statistics and STRESSES the importance of an integrative approach;
- ENCOURAGES the GWG to further explore its potential in monitoring Sustainable Development Goals;
- SUPPORTS the priorities of the programme of work of the GWG and ENCOURAGES the GWG to intensify its efforts in capacity building and developing general frameworks for big data and official statistics;
- CALLS for a coordinated/joined approach towards partnerships and STANDS BY to support the GWG in its efforts to establish partnerships with data providers and academia;
- STANDS READY to support a close cooperation between national statistics agencies and international organizations in exploring the synergies and use of big data for international and national statistics.