

International Statistical Institute Intervention to the 48th Session of the UNSC March 2017

Agenda Item 3(d) - Global Working Group (WG) on Big Data for Official Statistics

1. The ISI welcomes the Report by the WG and commends the progress made, especially the realization of the Global Conferences on Big Data for Official Statistics and the First UN World Data Forum.
2. The ISI also commends development of handbooks and training courses on usage of satellite imagery data, mobile phone data, and social media data. We would welcome the creation of opportunities for open comments to the drafts of such handbooks.
3. The ISI supports the proposals made by the WG, and welcomes the development of a global platform for data, services and applications servicing the community of official statistics.
4. The ISI stresses the importance of establishing adequate protocols, legal framework and governance for preserving the integrity, ownership, and confidentiality of data deposited in such a global platform by members of the community who wish to benefit from its support and services.