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<i>Statement provided by:</i> CARICOM (on behalf of Anguilla and other CARICOM countries)	
<i>Statement:</i> CARICOM, on behalf of Anguilla and other CARICOM countries: Welcomes the report and work completed on the data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and commends the High-Level Group for the work undertaken in the area of data stewardship especially during these challenging times of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Supports the approach and work being undertaken to prepare for the next United Nations World Data Forum scheduled for October 3 - 6, 2021 in Bern, Switzerland and is appreciative of the timing of this meeting given that the CARICOM annual statistical meetings usually take place during the last week of October. Approves the way forward to develop guidance for national statistical offices on issues relating to data stewardship including the establishment of a working group within the Commission. Agrees that the role of the NSO is changing in response to new demands and opportunities and that this has been accelerated by the COVID-19 crisis. Endorses the decision to review the definitions, terminology and methodological developments and issues related to data stewardship, while at the same time, strongly maintaining that due care and attention must be given to safeguarding privacy especially in SIDS. Supports the work to develop recommendations on approaches to data stewardship for NSOs, that will strengthen the NSOs' capacity as data service providers in addition to their core function as producers of statistics.	
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