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<i>Statement provided by:</i> CANADA	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Canada welcomes the report of the HLG-PCCB and congratulates the group on the 2020 Virtual World Data Forum. The Forum was a great success and provides a world class example of how a virtual event can be a success.</p> <p>Canada also commends the work of the HLG-PCCB related to Data Stewardship. The background document provides good and detailed illustrative examples of data stewardship. The proliferation of data from every angle presents opportunities and challenges. Governments are creating and using data created from their own programs but also from the NSO and other data producers. However, understanding – in terms of quality, fit for use, etc. requires expertise. National Statistics Offices are the natural data stewards for countries as we have the technical expertise to provide the necessary guidance and statistical literacy training within governments on how to assess and use data. Data Stewardship experiences will vary differently across countries depending on the context and what is comprised in a definition of data stewardship will differ. Despite this, there is a pressing need for guidance for countries related to data stewardship.</p> <p>Statistics Canada supports the creating of the Data Stewardship working group and the Terms of Reference for the group in the report.</p> <p>Statistics Canada supports the creating of the Data Stewardship working group and the Terms of Reference for the group in the report. We support the coordination mechanism that would allow the work initiated in regional commissions and in discussion related to the modernisation of official statistics to be fully leveraged.</p> <p>Statistics Canada would be happy to participate in the work of this group through the provision of materials, case studies etc. to discuss data stewardship in our context.</p>	
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