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**Items for discussion and decision: data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Stats NZ	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Stats NZ commends the High-level Group for organising a successful virtual World Data Forum in place of the third World Data Forum which was to be held in Bern in October 2020. The virtual Forum provided a valuable and timely opportunity to discuss the key data and statistics challenges related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the context of the global pandemic and recovery from it.</p> <p>It is unclear how the working group on data stewardship that the High-Level Group is proposing to establish relates to the Task Force on Data Stewardship that is being established by the Conference of European Statisticians (CES). Stats NZ supports international leadership on Data Stewardship but questions the value of establishing multiple international working groups on this topic, particularly in the current context where resources are stretched.</p> <p>Stats NZ performs a data stewardship role across the New Zealand government data system in its role of Government Chief Data Steward and would be pleased to share its knowledge and experience. Key elements of New Zealand’s data stewardship work are a definition of data stewardship (the data stewardship framework) governance, standards, rules and policies, data ethics (Ngā Tikanga Paihere and data ethics microcredentials), improving the visibility of government-held data, indigenous data governance, and assessing data maturity (a cross-government initiative that is underway). Some examples of our rules and policies are the Algorithm Charter for Aotearoa New Zealand and our Data Ethics Advisory Group.</p> <p>Stats NZ does not have any comments on the proposed workplan for the High-Level Group.</p>	
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