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Statement provided by:

Tanzania

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On behalf of the Africa group, Tanzania would like to welcome the report by the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Africa group approves the way forward to develop guidance for national statistical offices on issues related to data stewardship, including the establishment of a working group within the Commission opened to interested countries and other stakeholders. In order to ensure fundamental principles of official statistics continuously guide this work, we call upon the HLG-PCCB to guarantee a larger representation of NSOs in the working group on data stewardship. Africa group is looking forward to sharing the regional experience with this data stewardship.

Africa group recognizes the relentless efforts of the HLG-PCCB to raise awareness of the critical importance of data in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate the consultative process in place for the preparation and finalization of the outcome document for the Third United Nations World Data Forum, and approve the way forward to finalize the outcome document.

Africa group appreciates that financing mechanism and implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data is one of the three areas of work of the High-level Group for 2021. Africa group calls upon partners to devote adequate resources to support the Cape Town Action Plan and to organize their statistical support under this Plan and the strategy for the harmonization of statistics in Africa. We approve the proposed workplan of the High-level Group for 2021.

Thank you, Chairperson.

Submitted on:

15 February, 2021