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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> South Africa	
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South Africa would like to express on behalf of the Africa group a contribution to the subject matter.	
On item (a): Africa takes note of the work carried out by the Statistics Division in cooperation with the United Nations system and its proposed programme of work;	
Africa would have preferred that the work of the five UN Regional Commissions on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals be mentioned in the report and calls for this to be explicitly stated;	
On item (b): Africa supports and appreciates Data for Now initiative;	
On item (c): Africa endorses the launch of a collaborative on the use of administrative data for statistical purposes;	
On item (d): Africa appreciates the work and supports the continuation of the implementation of the Federated Information System of national and global data hubs;	
On item (e): Africa approves the progress of the Global Network of Institutions for Statistical Training and takes note of the materials developed by the Network;	
On item (f): Africa appreciates and takes note the launch of the Global Network of Data Officers and Statisticians;	
On item (g): Africa takes note and appreciates the survey to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on national statistical offices. Taking into account the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on national statistical systems, Africa with the lead of ECA and the support of AUC and AfDB, is moving towards the transformation and modernization of statistical systems to adequately respond to data demands arising from SDG, Africa's agenda 2063, national development plans, other agendas and frameworks. Africa would like to call for more support from development partners for the transformation and modernization process of statistical systems in the continent.	
Thank you.	
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