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The Netherlands is pleased to note that the Economic and Social Council resolution 2020/5 has resulted in development of the System-wide Road Map for Innovating United Nations Data and Statistics which is presented in the form of three relevant goals.
The 4 priority areas chosen by the Committee of the Chief Statisticians are relevant and important and will definitely contribute to modernizing and strengthening coordination of the statistical programmes in the United Nations System.
We took note of the Roadmap in document CEB/2020/1/Add.1 and welcome in particular Target 1.1 to improve existing data sources and increase use of new data sources to expand coverage, relevance and timeliness of data and statistics produced and disseminated by the United Nations system.
Innovation and the use of new data sources will benefit the statistical community, its members and users and therefore we also welcome the strengthened communication with two major groups or offices, namely the United Nations Geospatial Network and the Policy and Innovations Section of the Development Coordination Office of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group.

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