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Angola would like to express on behalf of the Africa Group a contribution to the subject matter.

Africa welcome the report of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) on regional cooperation for development of official statistics.

- On the alignment of the priorities of regional statistical work and priorities with the United Nations data strategies
  Africa supports the call to increase the efforts to continue sustaining the collaboration, and coordination between UNSD and the regional commissions. In his respect, the customization and implementation of the Secretary-General’s Data Strategy provide an effective and efficient cost approach to contribute to achieving this alignment. In this regard, ECA has already started drawing the roadmap for implementing this strategy. Notably, the Secretary-General’s Data Strategy will also pave the way for alignment of priorities even among the commissions in the context of regional cooperation for the production and dissemination of Official statistics, through encouraging the interregional statistical cooperation shown on the next point.

- Interregional statistical cooperation among the statistics divisions of the United Nations regional commissions
  Africa takes note of interregional statistical cooperation among the statistics divisions of the United Nations regional commissions which forges better synergy of actions.

- On the use of advanced technologies for the automation of data interchange and for linking statistical and geospatial information
  The African statistical community in its last meeting (The 7th Session of StatCom-Africa), has endorsed the recommendation to establish a geospatial unit at each NSO. Furthermore, encourages countries to develop their respective national statistical-geospatial frameworks in accordance with internationally agreed guidelines and principles.

Regarding the task teams of the Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics Africa is currently represented by Egypt and Senegal on the team dealing with Earth Observation Data for Agriculture Statistics and by Rwanda in two teams, the team deals with the Training, Competencies and Capacity Development and the team deals with Big Data for the SDGs.

Africa is facing the challenge for a better representation in both qualitative and quantitative terms.
Items for discussion and decision: regional statistical development

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