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| <i>Statement provided by:</i> Colombia | |
| <i>Statement:</i> Colombia thanks the Economic and Social Commission for Western Africa (ESCWA) for their report on regional cooperation for the development of official statistics and underlines the progress made towards maintaining high-quality and reliable data as well as preserving the trust of regional partners and National Statistical Offices. Colombia also underlines the collaborative spirit of the ESCWA members allowing to pool resources to develop common solutions to complex problems while taking advantage of the installed capacities and networks. Colombia also recognizes the efforts of the development community which through bilateral and multilateral partners have provided technical assistance with the objective of harmonizing and applying statistical standards. The use of alternative data sources for the modernization of statistical production requires, besides an adequate flow of financial and technical resources, strategies focused on knowledge management and sharing that allow both to articulate with stakeholders in the data ecosystem (academia, private sector and civil society, among others), and to enable a stronger cooperation bond between regions. For the latter, we firmly believe that focusing on aspects such as the automation of data exchange and the linking of statistical and geospatial information will enable better interaction with users and greater visibility of statistical and geospatial data. Building on the regional experience within the framework of the Statistical Conference of the Americas regarding the implementation of the Generic Law on Official Statistics (2019), as a region we were able to establish a common body of knowledge and standards, which has enabled us to engage in proactive dialogues, we consider relevant the exchange of knowledge among our regions to advance as a global statistical community, considering the current situation of COVID-19. | |
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