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Statement provided by: Tunisia
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Tunisia would like to express on behalf of the Africa Group a contribution to the subject matter   The Africa group would like to welcome the report on Data and metadata presentation and dissemination;   We recognize that data and metadata dissemination is a critical activity of statistical offices at all levels;   We acknowledge the regular statistical reports such as the Statistical Yearbook, Monthly Bulletin of statistics;   We take note of the Global SDG Indicators Database and the datasets that are regularly updated for African countries;   We note the efforts of the UNSD to automate data compilation and the use of Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) standard for automated data exchange and recognizes such technology requires high-level of technical capability that is lacking in many of the Africa countries;   We take note of the Data Strategy of the Secretary-General for Action by Everyone, Everywhere, and the Committee of Chief Statisticians of the United Nations System road map for innovating United Nations data and statistics;   We strongly urge the use and dissemination of national data as the primary source and the strict provision of metadata where the data from others sources are not in sync with the data published by African member states;   We are committed to strengthen our efforts to achieve a better coordination to harmonize dissemination channels within the African statistical system and set up a common metadata framework that will be adopted by African countries.   We endorse the establishment of an inter-agency and expert in the revamping of UNData Portal
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