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Items for discussion and decision: data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Document E/CN.3/2022/4 – Report of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Statement provided by:

New Zealand, as represented by StatsNZ

Overview:

The report provides a summary of the recent activities of the High-level Group related to the third United Nations World Data Forum, held from 3 to 6 October 2021 in Bern, and details of the outcome statement adopted by the Forum, entitled "Bern Data Compact for the Decade of Action on the Sustainable Development Goals"; the launch of the World Bank Global Data Facility and the Bern Network Clearinghouse for Financing Development Data; the global strategic surveys of national statistical offices to monitor the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data; and plans for the next two United Nations World Data Forums, to be held in Hangzhou, China, in April 2023 and Medellín, Colombia, in November 2024.

The Commission will also have before it a background document on the review of the implementation of the Cape Town Global Action Plan, which involves a global survey of national statistical offices.

Action to be taken by the Statistical Commission:

The Commission is invited:

- (a) To take note of the present report presenting the work of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- (b) To approve the amended terms of reference as set out in annex I;
- (c) To endorse the Bern Data Compact for the Decade of Action on the Sustainable Development Goals as set out in annex II;
- (d) To approve the timeline and process for the review and revision of the Cape Town Global Action Plan for Sustainable Development Data;
- (e) To review and approve the proposed workplan of the High-level Group for 2022 as set out in annex III.

Statement:

Stats NZ (New Zealand) commends the High-level Group for organising the third United Nations World Data Forum, held from 3 to 6 October 2021 in Bern. The virtual Forum provided a valuable and timely opportunity to discuss the key data and statistics challenges related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the context of the global pandemic and recovery from it.

StatsNZ takes note of the present report presenting the work of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

Stats NZ does not have any further comments on the proposed work plan for the High-Level Group.

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