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<i>Statement provided by:</i> CANADA	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Canada commends the work of the IAEG-SDG and supports 2022 workplan as presented. Additionally, Canada thanks the IAEG-SDG and CCS for working collaboratively to examine issues in data flows and for preparing recommendations to help address these issues.</p> <p>The pandemic has slowed global progress on several the goals and on the implementation of the indicators for many countries. With only 8 years left in the 2030 Agenda, we call upon all countries to facilitate implementation of the global framework through the use of innovative data collection techniques and prioritization of data collection for SDGs whenever possible. To that end, the development of data quality assessment tools for non-official data developed by the countries such as Canada and the UK should be shared widely as these tools may enable more reporting on the global indicators.</p> <p>Canada supports the adoption of the Geospatial SDG Roadmap and commend the group for developing a phased approach with key activities under each phase as a practical, user friendly approach to the development of use of geospatial information for reporting on SDG indicators. This is an important tool that can be used to facilitate implementation of the global framework.</p> <p>Canada notes the extensive work completed by the Working Group on Development support as it worked to develop the proposed new indicator for target 17.3. We thank the group for there work and support the adoption of this indicator as a good first step and ask the co-custodians to continue developing robust measurement tools for the possible inclusion of innovative financing tools into this indicator in the 2025 comprehensive review.</p> <p>Canada also notes that the co-chairs of the IAEG-SDG have met with UNWTO to discuss the progress being made to develop and test methodologies for indicators that measure sustainable tourism to ensure that these indicators will be ready to be assessed by the IAEG-SDG for the 2025 comprehensive review. The IAEG-SDG co-chairs welcome on-going discussion with UNWTO of the progress of the development of methodologies for indicators on sustainable tourism to ensure they are ready for submission for the 2025 comprehensive review.</p>	
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