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Canada supports the work undertaken by the UN on this item. The development of data visualization templates for SDGs is an excellent initiative that allows countries to create infographics related to the SDGs in a simple, straightforward and consistent manner.

Understanding that national statistics alone are not sufficient to measure all the indicators for the SDGs, Canada supports the development of a toolkit for using citizen generated data to ensure this is collected and used in an ethical manner and maximizes the quality of the information collected.

Canada also notes that the work of the federated system of SDGs has stalled over the last 2 years. This initiative kick started much of the work related to the integration of geospatial information for SDG reporting and has provided a value resource. We suggest that a concrete plan is developed to determine how to move this work forward. As a possible step, we suggest perhaps it may be possible to leverage the work of Open SDG and the Geospatial Roadmap to determine how these tools can be used to expand and advance the federated system.

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