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The Bureau of the Asia-Pacific Committee on Statistics considers work on data stewardship as it pertains to national statistical offices of critical importance to the continued transformation and sustained relevance of national statistical systems. We therefore welcome the initiative of the Statistical Commission and appreciate the first report of the Working Group on Data Stewardship.

The Bureau supports the five identified work streams and find they together define an appropriate scope for the work of the Working Group. We note the foundational nature and critical importance of the fifth work stream to develop a conceptual framework on data stewardship. We also note the topicality of the first work stream on data governance and its linkage to the work of the Working Group on Open Data.

The Bureau in general supports the amended Terms of Reference, suggesting the Commission reviews and assesses the eventual continuation of the Working Group after five years of operation. This suggestion is based on recent deliberations by the Commission on the proliferation and number of groups operating under the purview of the Commission.

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