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**Items for discussion and decision: data stewardship**

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1. The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India compliments the Working Group on Data Stewardship (WGDS) on its activities over the past year in exploring ways forward to develop guidance for national statistical offices on approaches to data stewardship. It also appreciates the identification of various workstreams as defined in the Report and the distinct objectives of each workstream. India is not a member of any of the 5 workstreams but would like to be a part of the overall group meetings on the Data Stewardship in order to learn and explore the ways as to how it may be evolved within the Indian statistical system.

2. NSO, MoSPI, Government of India welcomes the final recommendations of the WGDS, especially, relating to Overall Conceptual Framework on Data Stewardship as at present there is ambiguity on what constitutes data stewardship in the overall data ecosystem. It supports development of a common framework on data stewardship, which takes into account the varying data systems across the countries. The WGDS may therefore consider holding an open consultation exercise to take stock of data systems of all national statistical systems. This would facilitate development of a robust framework on definition and application of data stewardship, particularly to official statistics, and guidelines for role of NSOs as data stewards.

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