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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Norway	
<i>Statement:</i> Norway takes note of the report of the Working Group on Data Stewardship and supports the amended terms of reference. At the same time it is observed that discussions about data stewardship are ongoing in several international fora and Norway would urge a coordinative and focused approach going forward. Legalisation and organisation of the public sector may delimit how far the role can be extended, and the scope of National Statistical Offices' (NSOs) role will vary among countries. While few NSOs have the full responsibility for all public data as a national data steward, many holds this role for data used for official national statistics, including access to administrative data, sharing of data, privacy protection and coordination of the national statistical system. This is normally prescribed in the statistical legislation but this varies between countries. Norway regards a collaborative NSO open to other actors within data and statistics, but still true to the core values of official statistics, as a preferable approach to ensure or improve trust by extending its role in the direction of data stewardship. More expanded roles as data stewards may comprise extended collaboration, quality assurance, data sharing and promoting data and statistics literacy in the society.	
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