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Botswana

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On behalf of the Africa Group Botswana wishes to submit the following contribution to the subject matter.

Commission to express its view on the progress made:

Africa notes with appreciation the work that has been done to establish the Network of Economic Statisticians and progress made to date. The region concurs with the proposed use of sprints to expedite formulation of effective statistical responses to the fast changing socio-economic environment the identification of emerging priorities in the development of economic statistics. The establishment of the sprints for the four work streams, with designated leading statistical organizations and engagements (meetings) made so far, is commendable progress.

Commission to endorse the terms of reference of the Network:

Africa endorses the terms of reference of the Network of Economic Statistics as they are in line with recommendations of the Friends of Chair which were approved by the Commission at its fifty-second session. The terms of reference encapsulates the Network’s mandate of facilitating networking, coordination, innovation and adoption of best practices for the envisioned development of a highly responsive system of economic statistics that effectively serves the ever increasing policy demands for timely data.

Commission to endorse the proposed activities and deliverables of the work programme of the Network for 2022:

Africa endorses the Network’s planned activities and work programme for 2022.