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Items for discussion and decision: Network of Economic Statisticians

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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Stats NZ	
<i>Overview:</i> <p>The report provides the proposed mandate, governance structure, and working and reporting arrangements included in the terms of reference of the Network. It also includes information on the activities and deliverables of the proposed work programme of the Network, building on the endorsed recommendations of the Friends of the Chair group on economic statistics for an agile and more responsive system of economic statistics based on four thematic workstreams: (a) networking (collaboration and user consultation); (b) transforming and challenging the system (statistical infrastructure and operations, and data solutions); (c) enabling (institutional arrangements and governance); and (d) experimenting, integrating and documenting (statistical framework and methods). In addition, the report contains details on the proposed sprints (the short-duration operational mechanism adopted by the task teams of the Network to realize a series of a set amount of work and deliverables for the thematic workstreams of its work programme) for 2022. The Commission is invited to endorse the terms of reference of the Network, express its views on the progress made by the Network and its sprints and endorse the proposed activities and deliverables of the work programme for 2022.</p>	
<i>Action Taken by the Statistical Commission:</i> <p>The Commission is invited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) To express its views on the progress made;(b) To endorse the terms of reference of the Network;(c) To endorse the proposed activities and deliverables of the work programme of the Network for 2022.	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Stats NZ commends the progress made on this recommendation by the Friends of the Chair Group on the Future of Economic Statistics for an agile and more responsive system of economic statistics.</p> <p>Stats NZ has participated in the sprints and is supportive of the overall goals and workstreams the for the Network of Economic Statisticians. It will be important to learn the lessons from the COVID-19 surveys of National Statistical Offices and our experience aligns with the demand for more granular data and more high-frequency statistics and indicators. Having the opportunity to participate with a range of member countries through this new mechanism in an innovative ‘sprint’ based way is welcomed.</p> <p>Stats NZ endorses the Terms of Reference of the Network and supports the proposed activities and deliverables of the work programme of the Network for 2022.</p>	
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