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<i>Statement provided by:</i> DANE-Colombia	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>The National Statistical Office of Colombia welcomes the report of the Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics and wishes to underscore the work that has been carried out by the members, and each of the leaders of the different task teams and regional hubs that are working with this Committee of Experts.</p> <p>Particularly, Colombia would like to take the occasion to draw members attention to one of the task teams that has been created within the expert group that besides tackling a major challenge for statistical offices across the globe- as is the access to privately held data- has presented the Commission with an innovation in the way that international groups under the commission currently operate. Thanks to the joint work with the Network of Economic Statisticians and with the leadership of CBS (Netherlands) the joint task team on the global facilitation of access to privately held data has advanced in the organization of virtual sprints related to access to data sources on global value chains and e-commerce. As such, we invite members to take note of this innovation and encourage members and other expert groups to learn from this process in order to continue to find efficient ways to work amidst a virtual scenario.</p> <p>Moreover, regarding the future work of the Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics, it is important to note that the proposal that was put forward on the report seeks to create synergies within the Statistical Commission itself as it seeks to have a more solid engagement with the IAEG-SDG's and the HLG-PCCB, while also relying on the identification of existing needs for training, and setting a clear agenda on how to cover this by strengthening the role of the regional hubs. Furthermore, we encourage the Committee of Experts to keep on strengthening their engagement with the geospatial community.</p> <p>Likewise, and as part of the Advisory Board of the Regional Hub in Brazil, Colombia would like to underscore the importance of the leadership of colleagues at IBGE, as well as the support provided by UNSD, to advance in the materialization of this regional public good. Both through the creation of a network consisting of leaders of data science areas of national statistical offices and of the regional hubs, as well as with the establishment of a global network of data science trainers within the statistical community, we firmly believe that the Committee of Experts will have a direct and important contribution towards the mainstreaming of Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics</p>	
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