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Finland appreciates the work conducted by the task teams, the UN Global Platform and the Regional Hubs. The problems that need to be tackled when mainstreaming big data and data science in official statistics are often very similar across countries, and this is why this type of global network is so valuable.

We can agree on the direction of the future work and the initiatives as proposed. However, the R&D agenda for big data is, as it stands in the paper, quite rich in content. For the future, we would need to put more focus on user needs for new statistical information and not so much on data-driven technical experimentation.

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