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Rwanda on behalf of the Africa would like to express a contribution on the agenda item concerned.

We welcome the report of the Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics.

We also welcome the proposals to mainstream big data and data science into NSOs' work programmes to modernise official statistics and improve their quality. And also the establishment of appropriate organisational structures that accommodate big data work in National statistic offices.

We welcome the proposal for the future direction of capacity development in big data and data science, which includes empowering the regional hubs as points of training and projects implementation for national statistical offices region.

We look forward to the increased collaboration of the Committee task teams with subject-matter expert groups and the inclusion of big data and data science training into the training curricula of national statistical offices.

Further, we endorse the plan for setting priorities for new activities based on policy considerations, creating a forum of data science centres and regional hubs for big data including facilitating research project activities of value to the African region and monitoring of SDG indicators.

We also appreciate partnerships that are contributing to strengthening the role of Big Data in Official statistics which include UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), African Development Bank (AfDB), African Union Commission and UN-Statistical Division (UNSD) among others.

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