

United Nations Statistical Commission

Fifty-third session

1–3 and 5 March 2022

Item 3 (w) of the provisional agenda

Items for discussion and decision: Open Data

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Statement provided by: Stats NZ

Overview:

the report of the Working Group on Open Data. The report reflects the work of the Group in providing guidance to national statistical offices on open data practices in the production of official statistics. The guidance in the report concerns such topics as data that are open by default and best practices on data licensing; data interoperability and a joined-up data maturity model; and use cases for local-level open statistics. A background document provides concrete examples of the benefits of releasing more local-level statistics as open data and of how local-level statistics are being used and combined with other open data.

Action Taken by the Statistical Commission:

The Commission is invited to:

- (a) To take note of the present report;
- (b) To review and approve the proposed guidance on how to implement an open by default model for the dissemination of statistics;
- (c) To take note of the review of best practices on data licensing and their harmonization with national laws;
- (d) To express its views on the joined-up data maturity model and accompanying guidance;
- (e) To take note of the review of use cases for local-level open statistics;
- (f) To express its view on the proposal to incorporate open data issues in the discussions of the Working Group on Data Stewardship;
- (g) To review and approve the proposal of the Working Group on Open Data that its work be concluded.

Statement:

StatsNZ commends the Working Group on Open Data, which has been chaired by Eleisha Hawkins, General Manager, Data system Capability at StatsNZ. As such we have been highly involved in this work and extremely supportive of all the group has produced since its inception.

StatsNZ is supportive of the proposed guidance on how to implement an open by default model for the dissemination of statistics and takes note of the review of best practices on data licensing and their harmonization with national laws.

StatsNZ supports the joined-up data maturity model and accompanying guidance.

As New Zealand has a strong domestic role in Data Stewardship, we support the proposal to incorporate open data issues in the discussions of the Working Group on Data Stewardship (another group we are highly involved in).

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In our role Chairing the Working Group on Open Data, we approve the proposal of the Working Group on Open Data that its work be concluded and acknowledge all members and the tremendous amount of work that has gone into achieving the working group outputs.

Submitted on:

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