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Statement provided by: PHILIPPINES   Philippine Statistics Authority
Statement: The Philippines, through the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), commends the Working Group on Open Data for coming up with the report.   We support Open Data initiatives to promote transparency and improve the efficiency of public services. As such, we concur with the proposed guidance to implement an open by default model for the dissemination of statistics. In the Philippines, the PSA hosts an open data platform called the OpenSTAT. It allows data sharing under an open data license where data can be freely used, re-used, and redistributed by anyone without any restrictions other than proper source attribution. In addition, all data not published online may be requested through a form.   Publication of data is an immense responsibility; thus, we took note of the review of best practices on data licensing and their harmonization with national laws. The Philippines is guided by the *Philippine Statistical Act of 2013* and the *Freedom of Information (FOI) Bill*, among others, to ensure that the practice of releasing data under an open license conforms with the laws of the land.   The Philippines also acknowledges the importance of the joined-up data maturity model in gauging NSOs' progress and strategic planning. We also note the significance of local-level open statistics in improved and targeted policy and decision-making.   Lastly, we support the inclusion of open data issues in the discussions of the Working Group on Data Stewardship and the conclusion of the work of the Working Group on Open Data.

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