

Lithuania

3. Items for discussion and decision:

(a) Data in support of the post-2015 development agenda:

(i) Broader measures of progress;

(ii) Emerging issue: the data revolution;

(iii) Big data;

(iv) Transformative agenda for official statistics.

Lithuania supports the Report and goals and targets of the post-2015 development agenda.

Also we are in favour of the Programme action plan; however, we would like to point to very ambitious activities, implementation of which will require both additional financial and human resources.

Data revolution covers integration of new data sources (big data, open data and etc.) into the statistical production process. Envisaging implementation of activities, such as modernisation of statistical processes within the context of data revolution, in our opinion, strengthened attention should be devoted to preparation or training of new generation of specialists (so-called Data scientists) and a specialised training programme could serve this purpose.

Recommendations developed by the Independent Expert Advisory Group, in a wide sense are oriented towards the global level. Bearing in mind that maturity of various regions in terms of data revolution varies a lot, it is desirable that this factor is taken into account when developing detailed action plans and implementation could be coordinated by the respective Regional bodies.