

The UN Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics

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Abstract

The UN Global Working Group on Big Data for Official Statistics has existed since 2014. The purpose of the working group is to further investigate the benefits and challenges of Big Data, including the potential for monitoring and reporting on the sustainable development goals. In this context, the GWG address issues pertaining to methodology, quality, technology, data access, legislation, privacy, management and finance, and provide adequate cost-benefit analyses on the use of Big Data. The paper and presentation will give an overview of the work of the GWG, its four global conferences on Big Data for Official Statistics, the Task Teams and recent developments of potential projects with major tech companies as well as the establishment of a global platform for official statistics and Big Data.