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# UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and data science for official statistics











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# UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and data science for official statistics

- Created in March 2014 by the UN Statistical Commission
- Mandated to give direction to the use of Big Data for Official Statistics
- Inter-governmental body with 31 countries and 16 international organizations
- Collaboration of around 500 experts from all stakeholder communities



# Organization of Committee



UN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON BIG DATA AND DATA SCIENCE FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS



# 9 Task Teams with 500+ experts



Earth Observations for agriculture statistics

AIS data for Maritime
Transport and Trade
statistics

Big Data and SDGs

Mobile Phone Data for Tourism and Population statistics

Scanner data and webscraping for price statistics

Rural Access to All Season Roads Capacity
Development, Skills
and Competencies

Access to privatelyheld data

Privacy Enhancing
Technologies



# Regional Hubs for Big Data expand the capacity development possibilities



# Regional Hubs

## Projects - China

- Strengthen interoperability between China hub and UN Global Platform
- Use of Satellite Imagery for Agriculture Statistics

### **Events - UAE**



## **Activities - Brazil**





# Training in Big Data and Data Science for official statistics



**Big Data Training Curriculum** 



**E-Learning Courses** 



**Big Data Maturity Matrix** 



Training of data scientist in academic centers



Big Data Competency Framework



Mentorship





# **UN Global Platform**

Purpose: Global collaboration on Data innovation Provides:

- Access to Data
- Access to Technology services
- Access to Expertise
- Making use of Big Data possible for small offices

# Expertise

## **Statisticians**

**Statistics Canada** 

**Statistics Netherlands** 

ONS, UK

**BPS** Indonesia

**UN Statistics Division** 

**ISTAT** 

**Statistics South Africa** 

**Statistics Poland** 

**World Bank** 

**Statistics Denmark** 

**NBS China** 

**FCSC UAE** 

**NISR Rwanda** 

**IBGE Brazil** 

## **Data engineers**

Cloud experts of NSO
IT experts of NSO
AWS support

### **Data scientists**

**AIS** experts

Flowminder

**Positium** 

**Open Mined** 

**University of Tokyo** 

**Bocconi University** 

**University of Oslo** 

# Projects

#### **Projects**

Port activity

**Maritime emissions** 

**PET lab** 

**ARIES for SEEA** 

Sen2Agri

**SDG** finance

**Social responsibility** 

#### **Technology stack**

**.STAT** 

**Semantic web** 

**AWS Cloud formation** 

**Kubernetes** 

#### **Statistical Domains**

**Transport / Trade** 

Prices, CPI

**Tourism** 

**Migration** 

**Population dynamics** 

**Information society** 

**Displacement** 

**Climate Change** 

**Environment** 

Agriculture

**SDG** indicators

**Privacy protection**