

Country Statement - Georgia

Agenda 5b: Data governance in a changing world

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

As honorable delegates are aware that considerable emphasis is being placed on strengthening statistical capacity worldwide.

Data governance is highly contextual, as demonstrated in global, regional, and national initiatives. Moreover, data ethics is a key part of data governance, and there may be a benefit in developing multilateral approaches.

In this respect, dialogues at all levels (global, regional, and national) are key to finding efficient and equitable resolution of many data governance challenges.

However, there are no globally agreed definitions of data governance or data stewardship up to the present time and global guidance and standards with regard to data governance are under discussion.

In this regard, it is important to define data governance work where there will be opportunities for the engagement and involvement of all member countries. It is important to focus on ways to improve data sharing and collaboration by using international standards, defining legal frameworks, and interpreting a variety of actions and actors that together shape data management and use.

There is a need for data governance arrangements that support data generation and use that are ethical, equitable, safe, and secure. A range of global and regional actions can help to address this need and narrow the gap between those who data producers and data users.

At the same time, data governance and data stewardship receive less attention despite being essential to facilitating the enhanced role of our National Statistical Offices. Furthermore, NSOs are operating in a complex setting.

On GEOSTAT's behalf, here are the key recommendations important to note:

Effective collection, dissemination, and application of relevant data and statistics impact are of paramount importance at the national level to form the evidence base for policy, planning, and implementation, in developing different sectors and to ensure that no one is left behind.

Strong data governance is required to access quality and accurate data by working across sectorial and administrative levels to produce relevant analyses and products to inform policymakers and users.

Building of capacities is necessary to increase the demand for reliable data and its application towards policy analysis, including through strategic partnerships and the latest technology.

Thank you for your attention!