



# Regional Workshop on the Integration of Big Data and Geospatial Information for the Compilation of SDG Indicators in Arab Countries 13-15 Oct 2020

## Task Team on Big Data for the SDG

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# Task Team on Big Data for the SDG – the main objective

- Part of the bigger ‘ecosystem’ of the task teams in the UN GWG
- The main objective is to provide concrete examples of the potential use of Big Data for monitoring the indicators associated with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). To this end, it will conduct surveys, research and a few country pilots on the subject and produce a report on its findings.



# Task Team on Big Data for the SDG – the challenges

- The field of the use of Big Data is to some extent characterized by ‘wishful thinking’. i.e. many suggestions to what SDG-indicators can be monitored by Big Data.
- Many ‘stand alone’ Big Data initiatives that cannot be used in a statistical context.
- Some established mechanisms for monitoring that are difficult to implement on a country level.



# Task Team on Big Data for the SDG – actions

- A survey was conducted among the members of the UN GWG. The idea was to identify a common set of needs and a point of departure for activities that can assist NSOs in using Big Data for the the SDGs.
- Against this background the task team will
  - aim to identify the method of compilation of individual SDG-indicators by the use of Big Data
  - keep an overview of the activities addressing SDGs and Big Data conducted by various task teams and groups.
- No overlap with the already existing work

