

Written input to Zero Draft (Outline) – Norway

Norway commends the efforts put into the outline and appreciates its ambitious point of departure – as well as the inclusive process of the OEWG thus far.

Overarching points:

- The working group should – as much as possible – involve and spar with the UN Statistics Commission to ensure interoperability, harmonization, draw on experiences and avoid duplication of efforts/content.
- Norway recommends the working group and CFS at large to engage more actively with National Statistical Offices, or equivalent entities, in this – and other – data-related initiatives and work processes. This would be important in addressing the governance item of this process, as governance of data is potentially sensitive topic.
- On an overarching level we are appreciative of the documents’ ambitious nature, but we would recommend gauging this against the feasibility of concluding the document at CFS51.
 - Example: Item 1: FSN Definitions are sensitive and as far as we know there is no single universal definition of FSN data/statistics, in particular the Nutrition element. We would recommend avoiding creating new definitions and, as far as possible, draw on pre-existing definitions and/or use context-specific language.
- We recommend a clear reference to data as a global public good in the first substantive draft. This could be linked to the great benefit of interoperability and harmonization of data.

Points to the individual sections:

- **Section 2:** we would recommend including “and cooperation” to the phrase stating encouragement of dialogue (line 6)
- **Section 3 and 4:** It is not written explicitly but these sections could be referring to so-called *multipurpose data systems* serving multi-user needs, which we would support as a principle given that it would possibly be more resource-efficient and support knowledge creation and hold potential in informing policy more effectively. This is opposed to specific single-user, single topic surveys that are challenging to disaggregate from. If such a system was not intended in these sections, we would encourage a reference to it (or an exploration of it as an alternative).
- **Section 5:** referring to the above point: A multipurpose data system might be useful this end, and a custodian of an eventual such system must be defined.
- **Section 6:** We underscore the importance of a human rights approach.