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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Jamaica	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Jamaica takes note of the report prepared by the Secretariat and the Working Group on Geospatial Information of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goals Indicators. We acknowledge and commend the remarkable work done by the group towards strengthening the alignment of the work of the global geospatial information community with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The application of geospatial data to the SDGs implementation processes are vast and can be evidenced in the provision of vital information that can support the development of policies and interventions such as innovative solutions for greener economies, targeting of critical interventions, and tracking changes in critical areas such as infrastructure development and the natural environment that supports livelihoods and industries. Accordingly, Jamaica endorses and looks forward to the development and dissemination of the Geospatial Roadmap for the SDGs. Like many countries globally, gaps remain in the production of data for SDG indicators, particularly SDGs 12, 14 and 15. We are interested in exploring how geospatial solutions and processes can help to fill these data gaps.</p> <p>Whilst geospatial information can provide and support the production of data for the SDG indicators, we recognize that such data should be standardized and interoperable. We do acknowledge however that while standardization of technical properties such as spatial resolution and temporal periodicity are important, many countries are constrained by the lack of financial resources to collect and update existing data, and ensure accuracy. We recommend that avenues for capacity building and financing the collection and production of geospatial data, especially those related to the thirteen data themes identified as critical by this Working Group be explored.</p> <p>Jamaica remains committed to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to continuous improvements that promote evidence-based decision making for SDGs implementation.</p>	
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