

**International Workshop on Open Data  
for Science and Sustainability in Developing Countries (ODDC)**

*6-8 August 2014, Nairobi, Kenya*

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Over the past decade, the Task Group on Preservation of and Access to Scientific and Technical Data in/for/with Developing Countries (PASTD) has focused on promoting and enhancing the worldwide cooperation in ICTs and research data and in developing open knowledge environments for international science and sustainability in developing countries. Several international workshops and training sessions toward these goals in many areas of the developing world had been held, including in Brazil, South Africa, China, Mongolia and Cuba, including many regional country participants. PASTD is organized under CODATA (Committee on Data for Science and Technology) and ICSU (International Council for Science), both located in Paris, France.

PASTD is pleased to announce that it is organizing its next meeting, the International Workshop on Open Data for Science and Sustainability in Developing Countries (also referred to as Open Data in Developing Countries, or ODDC), 6–8 August 2014, in the United Nations Offices at Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop will be jointly sponsored with several other organizations involved in informatics for scientific research and ICTs for development. The confirmed organizations are listed below and others are expected to participate.

The workshop will be a special opportunity to present the accomplishments in improving access to and use of research data and in reducing the digital divide since the WSIS (World Summit on Information Society, Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005), as well as programs from each of the partners. The workshop will be preceded by a 2-day technical training session for young scientists in good data management practices. The main workshop will have the following objectives:

- Describe and showcase the accomplishments of the participating organizations and other contributors in using research data and ICTs and in developing open knowledge environments to reduce the digital research divide during the last ten years.
- Describe the strategies and future objectives of the sponsoring and participating organizations and discuss their common interests in this area, with special consideration for the UN's post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ICSU's Future Earth research program in developing countries.
- Develop and endorse a set of Principles and Guidelines for Preservation of and Open Access to Research Data in Developing Countries.
- Generally promote capacity building for preservation of and open access to research data

in developing countries.

**Location:** United Nations Offices at Nairobi, Kenya

**Organizers:**

- CODATA Task Group on Preservation of and Access to Scientific and Technical Data in/for/with Developing Countries (CODATA PASTD)
- Communication and Information Committee, World Federation of Engineering Organization (WFEO-CIC)
- Ministry of Communication and Information of Kenya participants and local permissions
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

**Partners:**

- Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya (JKUAT)
- International Council for Sciences Regional Office for Africa (ICSU ROA)
- World Data System of the International Council for Sciences (WDS/ICSU)
- International Cartographic Association Commission on Geoinformation (GI) for Sustainability
- CODATA China National Committee
- CODATA USA National Committee
- China Geoinformatics Com. Ltd.

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