

BENEFITS OF DATA SHARING

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14.00-17.40 followed by reception at 18.00-19.30

Convened by GEO DSWG and CODATA

The draft 2015 Ministerial Declaration in relation to the Group on Earth Observations emphasizes the benefits of data sharing. It acknowledges the important role played by the GEOSS Data Sharing Principles and endorses the strengthening of these principles in line with growing international commitment to open data and as a means to achieving and propagating more widely the benefits of data sharing.

At the request of the GEO Secretariat, CODATA has prepared a White Paper in order to summarise arguments in favour of broad and open data sharing, and to present these to the 2015 GEO Plenary in Mexico.

In this context, the purpose of this short workshop is to articulate as forcefully as possible the benefits of data sharing, from a variety of perspectives and then to discuss strategies that may best promote data sharing internationally, with particularly reference to GEO and to Earth Observation Data.

The workshop programme comprises presentations and a panel discussion, with a coffee break.

The presentations will explore various dimensions of the benefits of data sharing.

14.00-14.10	Introduction to the Side Event
14.10-14.30	Paul Uhler, 'The Value of Open Data Sharing'.
14.30-14.50	Michel Schouppe, 'A European perspective on the Benefits of Data Sharing'.
14.50-15.10	Rodrigo Barriga Vargas, Latin American Perspective on the Benefits of Data Sharing
15.10-15.30	TBC, African Perspective on the Benefits of Data Sharing
15.30-16.00	<i>Break</i>
16.00-16.20	Alex de Sherbinin, 'Benefits of Data Sharing in relation to SDGs' [title TBC]
16.20-16.40	Jay Pearlman, 'The value of geospatial and environment information on decision making' [TBC]
16.40-17.00	Mark Costello, 'the value proposition for Open Biodiversity Data' [title TBC]
17.00-17.40	Panel Discussion

After the presentations, the presenters will form a panel to discuss challenges and strategies to better articulate the benefits and value proposition of data sharing. They will do this with reference to the presentations and the CODATA White Paper and with a view to making concrete recommendations in relation to the new GEO Strategy and the work programme of the GEO DSWG with the objective of improving data sharing within and outwith GEOSS.