



High-Level Meeting on Environmental and Scientific Open Data for Sustainable Development Goals in Developing Countries

Convened by the Madagascar Ministry of Environment, Ecology and Forests, Ministry of Post, Telecommunication and Digital Development, Ministry of Higher Education and Research, Ministry of Economy and Planification, African Open Science Platform Project, CODATA and the CODATA PASTD Task Group

About

The *Science International Accord on Open Data in a Big Data World* presents an inclusive vision of the need for and the benefits of Open Data for science internationally, and in particular for Lower and Middle Income Countries, of which Madagascar is one. The development of a Madagascar open data agenda depends not only on the physical infrastructure for acquiring, curating and disseminating data and information, but also on protocols, policies and procedures in the science system that provide the structure and support to ensure that science objectives are achieved.

Madagascar has been an active role player and participant in environmental issues since 2005, and has been a GEO member since 17 November 2009. Madagascar activities so far include:

- Presentation and implementation of the GEO Workplan 2012-2015;
- Participation in the 2nd Decennial GEO Work Program 2016-2025;
- AfriGEOSS member;
- Participant in the African Open Science Platform project; and
- Launch of Madagascar Open Data Day.

The Task Group on Preservation of and Access to Scientific and Technical Data in/for/with Developing Countries, Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA-PASTD), established in 2002, has provided a much-needed focus on data preservation and archiving practices of developing countries.

Date

4 September 2017

Venue

Prime Minister Palace Mahazoarivo, Madagascar



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Objectives

The environmental and scientific open data for sustainable development goals in developing countries hopes to achieve the following outcomes:

- Promote strategy, policy and institutional guidelines for implementation of open data principles;
- Provide an interdisciplinary forum for enhancing capacity building and sharing best practice;
- Advance data publishing; and
- Enhance data re-use and repositories in support of sustainable development in Madagascar.

The high-level meeting on 4 September 2017 will be followed by a workshop on 5 and 6 September, addressing data sharing in Africa and specifically Madagascar, international perspectives on data sharing, and discussions on ways to advance Madagascar's Open Data Policy & Strategy.

Participants

Government Members

Agenda

14:00 – 14:30	Registration	All
14:30 – 14:35	Welcome	Excellency Prime Minister, Madagascar
14:35 – 14:45	Keynote Speech	Dr Ndahimananjara Johannita, Minister of Environment, Ecology and Forests (MEEF), Madagascar
14:45 – 15:40	Accord on Open Data in a Big Data World	Dr Simon Hodson, Executive Director, CODATA, France
15:40 – 16:00	Discussion	All
16:00 – 16:30	Séance Photo & Cocktail	All



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