

# **CODATA: Past - Present - Future**

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# CODATA decade by decade

## 60s-70s - basics

- Fundamental constants
- Key values for thermodynamics
- Computer use
- Compendium of numerical data projects

## 70s – higher level issues

- Chemical kinetics
- Numerical data by disciplines
- Data dissemination
- Handling of experimental data
- Thermodynamic data systemization

## 80s – addressing disciplinary specifics

- Data in the biosciences & geosciences
- Directory of protein & nucleic acid sequencing
- Access to biological data banks
- Biodiversity international standards
- Materials database standards
- Chemical thermodynamic tables

## 90s – managing data

- Databases for Experimentation
- Electronic Publishing
- Data Access Commission
- Global Plant Checklist Network
- Data/Information and Visualization
- Mathematical Methodologies for Data
- Handling and Knowledge Extraction
- Data Quality and Database Compatibility

## 2000s – addressing the digital revolution

- Data Citation: use of DOIs for data;
- International Polar Year Data
- International Symposium on Open Access and the Public Domain
- Digital Data and Information in Science;
- OECD Data Policy Recommendations.
- GEO Data Sharing Principles

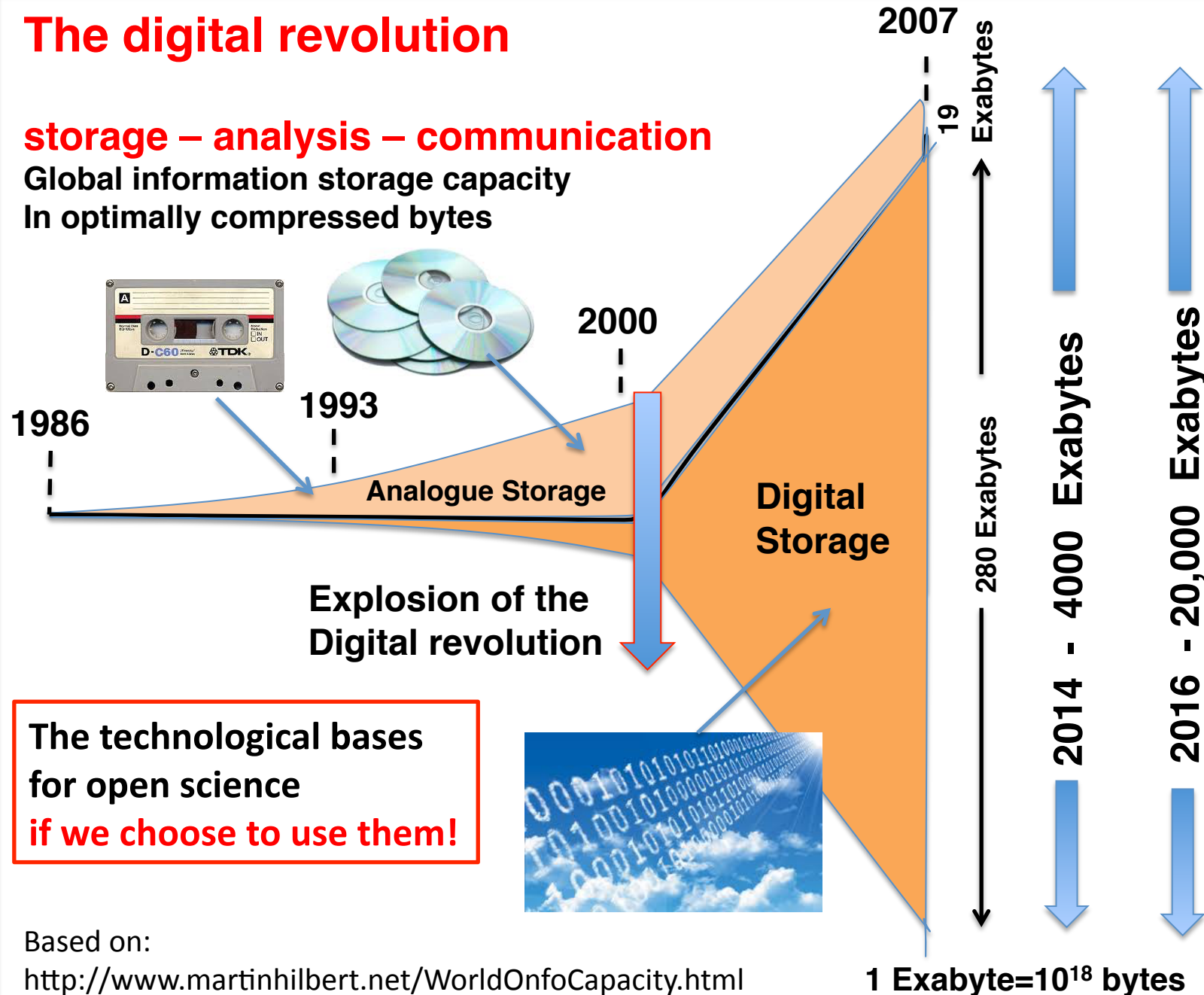
## 2010s - open data, open science

- Policy and practice
- Frontiers of scientific use of data
- Capacity building

# The digital revolution

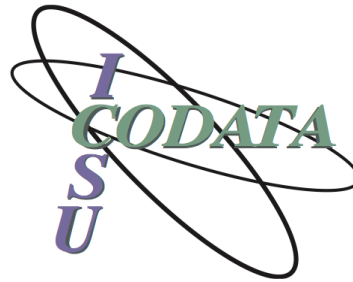
## storage – analysis – communication

Global information storage capacity  
In optimally compressed bytes



# **Exploiting the Data Revolution:**

## **The CODATA strategy**



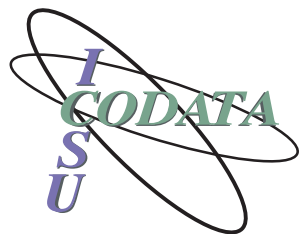
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***Executive Committee 2014-2016***





# CODATA – Strategic Priorities

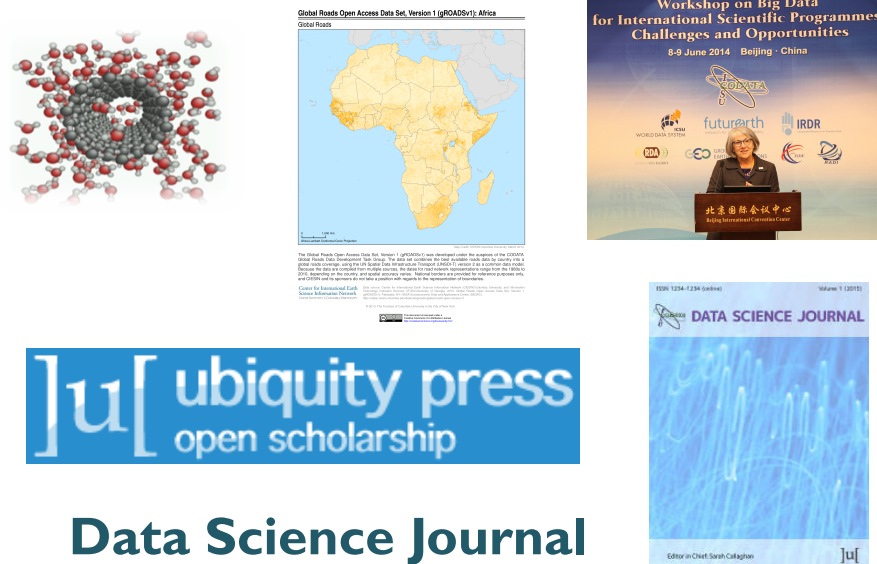
## Principles, Policies and Practice



## Capacity Building



## Frontiers of Data Science



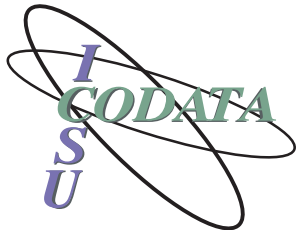
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# Executive Committee Analysis of TG Proposals

## Principles, Policies and Practice





- Citizen Science and the Validation, Curation, and Management of Crowdsourced Data
- Globalising Open Science & Access to Research Software
- Practice and Impact of Digital Data Citation
- Data at Risk\*

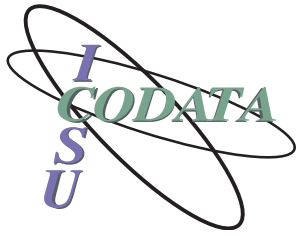
## Capacity Building

- Agriculture Data, Knowledge for Learning and Innovation
- Building Foundational Training in Research Data Science
- Open Data Strategy in Africa
- Preservation of and Access to Scientific and Technical Data in Developing Countries \*

## Frontiers of Data Science

- Coordinating Data Standards amongst Scientific Unions
- Materials Data in IoT and Big-Data Era
- Advancing Informatics for Microbiology
- Earth and Space Science Data Interoperability\*
- Linked Open Data for Global Disaster Risk Research
- Science and Management of Physical Objects in the Digital Era

	Strongly endorse
	Endorse
	* Endorse subject to conditions
	Do not endorse



# CODATA – Emergent issues

## Principles, Policies and Practice

- Standards for data discovery, use & interchange (TG proposal – possible Commission)
- Citizen science & crowd-sourced data (TG proposal)
- Citing and managing digital objects
- A data system ecology for decision makers

## Frontiers of Data Science

- Machine learning
- Internet of things
- Standards for reproducibility
- Linked semantic data

## Capacity Building



### Open Data Platforms

- Africa
- Latin America & Caribbean

(Note TG proposals)

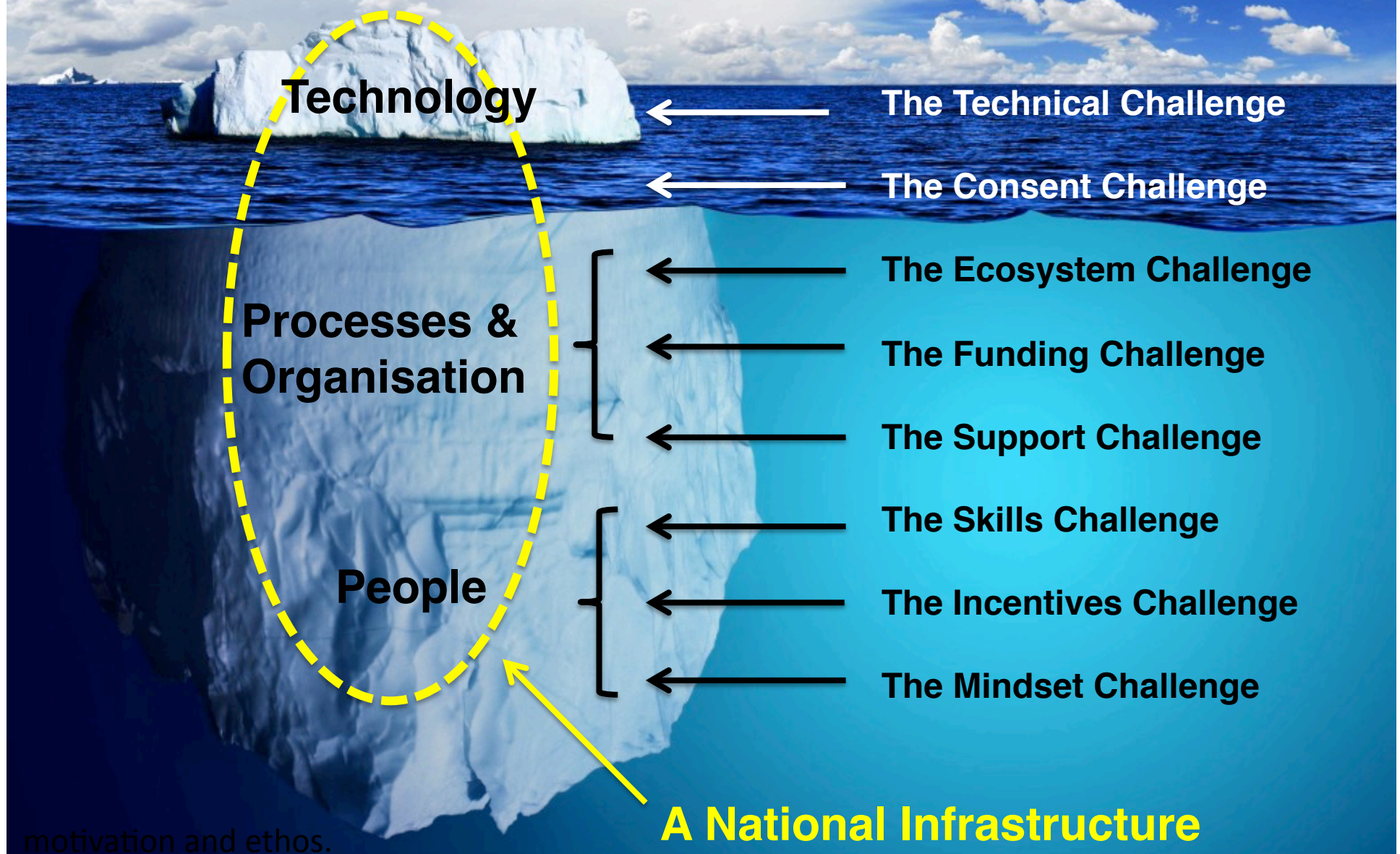
## Governance

### Focus on:

- Relations with National Committees
- Relations with Scientific Unions
- Individual & Corporate Membership
- Serving the whole research enterprise

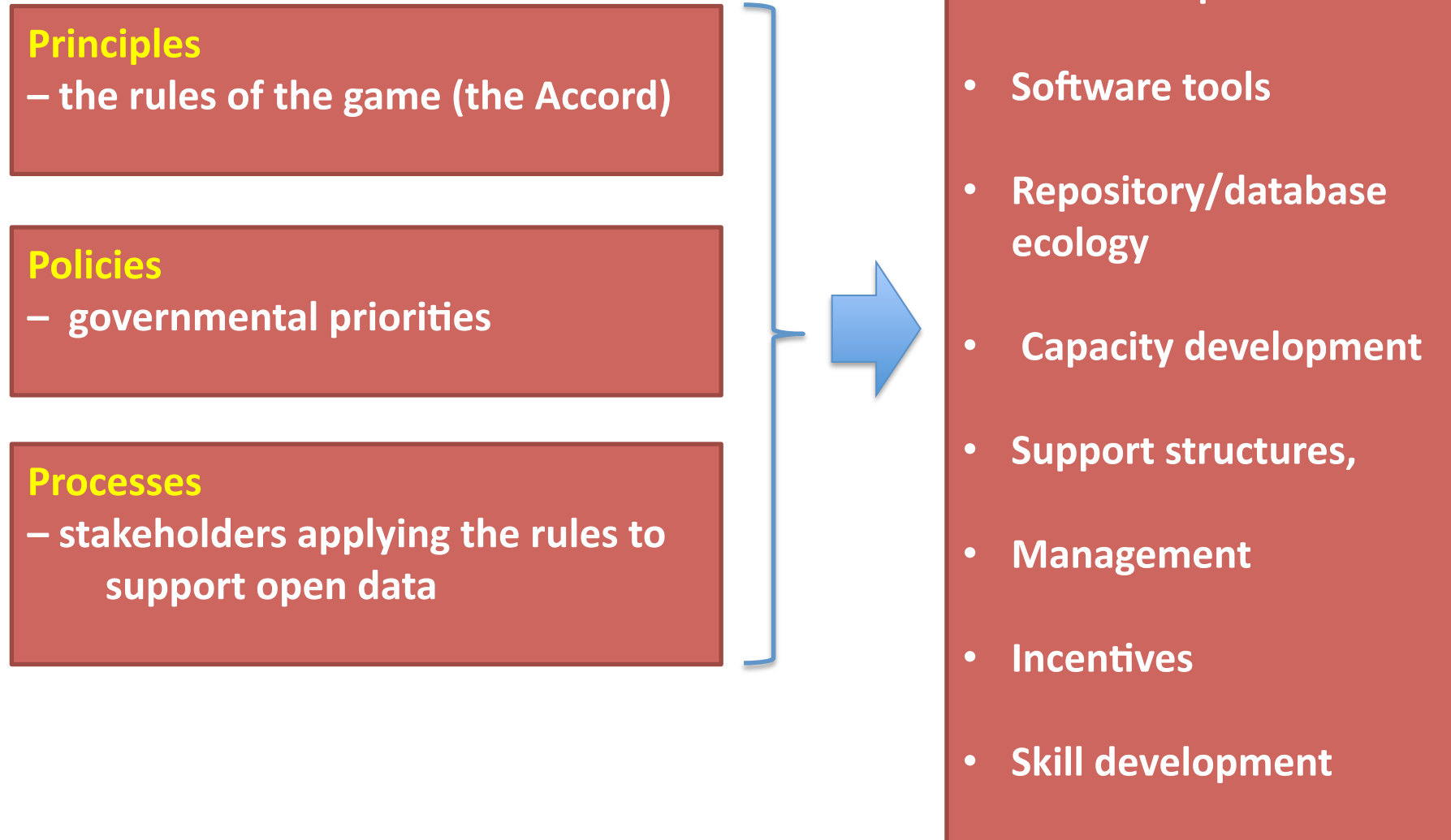


# The Open Data Iceberg

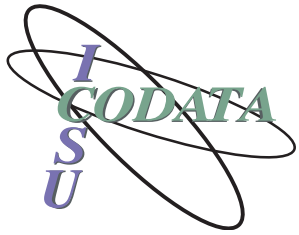


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# An Open Data Platform for Africa



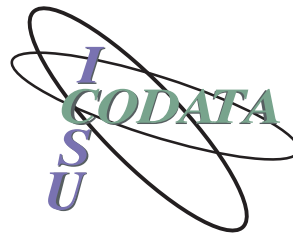




# International Research Data Collaboration

## CODATA

- Policies & practice
- Frontiers of data science
- Capacity Building



## WDS

- Data stewardship
- Repository Standards
- Repository Access

## RDA

- Data sharing
- Interoperability
- Community activism



## Summary of Executive Committee Recommendations in an Ordered Table

1	Coordinating Data Standards amongst Scientific Unions	Closely aligned with CODATA strategy. <b>STRONGLY ENDORSE</b>
2	Building Foundational Training in Research Data Science	Closely aligned with CODATA strategy. <b>STRONGLY ENDORSE</b>
3	Practice and Impact of Digital Data Citation	Closely aligned with CODATA strategy. <b>STRONGLY ENDORSE</b>
4	Linked Open Data for Global Disaster Risk Research (LODGD)	Closely aligned with CODATA strategy. <b>STRONGLY ENDORSE</b>
5	Agriculture Data, Knowledge for Learning and Innovation	Valuable new proposal, aligned with CODATA strategy. <b>ENDORSE</b>
6	Citizen Science and the Validation, Curation, and Management of Crowdsourced Data (with WDS)	Valuable new proposal. <b>ENDORSE</b>
7	Preservation of and Access to Scientific and Technical Data in Developing Countries (PASTD)	Can be more closely aligned to CODATA strategy and achieve greater impact <b>ENDORSE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS</b>
8	Earth and Space Science Data Interoperability (ESSDI)	Can be more closely aligned to CODATA strategy and achieve greater impact <b>ENDORSE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS</b>
9	Data at Risk (DAR)	Can be more closely aligned to CODATA strategy and achieve greater impact <b>ENDORSE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS</b>
10	Globalising Open Science & Access to Research Software (with GYA)	Valuable collaboration, but workplan not strong enough <b>DO NOT ENDORSE</b>
11	Open Data Strategy in Africa	Recommend incorporate with other activities. <b>DO NOT ENDORSE</b>
12	Science and Management of Physical Objects in the Digital Era	TG has not delivered enough in the last term <b>DO NOT ENDORSE</b>
13	Advancing Informatics for Microbiology (TG-AIM)	TG has not delivered enough in the last term <b>DO NOT ENDORSE</b>
14	Materials Data in IoT and Big-Data Era	Proposal incomplete and workplan not strong enough <b>DO NOT ENDORSE</b>
15	Protecting Historical Data	Recommend incorporate with other activities. <b>DO NOT ENDORSE</b>