



**DRAFT Agenda for CODATA General Assembly**  
**11 September 2016**  
**Denver, Colorado, USA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Led By</b>
08.30-	<b>Welcome</b>	Geoffrey Boulton, CODATA President
08.40-	<b>Approval of Agenda</b> <b>Approval of Minutes from previous GA</b>	Sara Graves, CODATA Secretary General
09.00-	<b>CODATA Financial Report</b>	John Broome, CODATA Treasurer
09.30-	<b>Executive Director Report</b>	Simon Hodson, CODATA Executive Director
10.30-	<b>Discussion and Questions</b>	Geoffrey Boulton, CODATA President
11.00-	<i>Break</i>	
11.30-	<b>Vision, strategy and key activities for 2016-2018</b>	Geoffrey Boulton, CODATA President
	11.30: Vision, strategy and key activities for 2016-2018 - Geoffrey Boulton 12.00: Up-date and perspectives from ICSU - Heide Hackmann, ICSU Executive Director 12.20: Achievements in the 50 Years of CODATA's Existence and Priorities for the next 2-6 years.	
12.30-	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.30-	<b>Task Group Presentations</b> <b>Procedure:</b> Maximum five minute presentations by candidate Task Groups, one slide only. (15 candidate Task Groups).	Geoffrey Boulton, CODATA President

15.00	<b>Task Group Selection</b> <i>Voting on Task Groups and announcements.</i>	Geoffrey Boulton, CODATA President
15.30-	<i>Break</i>	
16.00	<b>Election of CODATA Executive Committee</b> <i>Voting and announcements</i>  <b>Procedure:</b> there will be no presentation by candidates. Delegates should consult the candidates statements on the CODATA website and vote accordingly.	Sara Graves, CODATA Secretary General
17.00	<b>Closing remarks and resolutions</b> Any other business Resolution of thanks Closing remarks	Geoffrey Boulton, CODATA President
17.30-	<b><i>Close of General Assembly – followed by Opening Ceremony of SciDataCon 2016 at 18.00</i></b>	

***See Appendix for information on voting procedures.***

### **Opening Ceremony of SciDataCon 2016**

The Opening Ceremony is planned to run from 18.00 to 19.30 and will be followed by a reception.

***Further information to follow...***

## APPENDIX ON VOTING PROCEDURES

### Voting Procedure for the Elections to the Executive Committee

Before the GA, the Executive Director and Secretary General will prepare a list of Delegates and Proxies.

Before the GA, the Executive Director will prepare Ballot Sheets for the Election to the Executive Committee.

At the GA, the Executive Director and Secretary General will solicit 3-4 'Counters' from among the Observers in attendance at the GA.

### By-Law 5 - Voting Procedures (for Elections to the Executive Committee)

- 5.1 The election of the Officers shall be by secret ballot from names listed on the Official Slate of Candidates. Each voting member shall vote for no more names than there are vacancies to be filled. Any ballot paper not complying will be considered invalid.
- 5.2 The election of the Ordinary Members shall be by secret ballot from names listed on the Official Slate of Candidates. Each voting member shall vote for the same number of names as there are vacancies to be filled. Any ballot paper not complying will be considered invalid.
- 5.3.a. a candidate for Officer shall be declared elected who receives more than one-half the valid votes actually cast; absences, failure to vote and abstentions are not taken into account. [Each Delegate may cast one ballot paper during each round of voting.]
- 5.3.b. Candidates for Ordinary Members shall be selected in descending order of their vote count until all positions are filled and shall be declared elected if their vote count is more than one-half the number of valid ballot papers actually cast. Absences, failure to vote and abstentions are not taken into account. [Each Delegate may cast one ballot paper during each round of voting.]
- 5.4 If vacancies remain after any ballot, the name of the candidate receiving the least number of votes and the names of the elected candidates shall be removed from the next ballot. This procedure shall be repeated until all vacancies have been filled. If at any time a choice must be made among candidates who have obtained the same number of votes, a separate ballot shall be taken to resolve the tie. Should the tie remain after two consecutive ballots, the President shall have the right to cast the deciding vote.

### Voting Procedure for the Selection of Task Groups

Before the GA, the Executive Director and Executive Committee will prepare a ranked list of proposed Task Groups

Before the GA, the Executive Director will prepare Ballot Sheets for the selection of Task Groups.

### By-Law 6 - Relating to Task Groups, Working Groups and Committees

- 6.9 The ballot for establishing Task Groups, and approving their continuation, will provide for the casting of either a "Yes" or "No" vote for each Task Group. A Task Group must receive more "Yes" votes than "No" votes to be established or to be approved for continuation. Failures to vote for a given Task Group will be ignored in determining majority. Approval does not necessarily imply funding of the proposed budget of the Task Group.