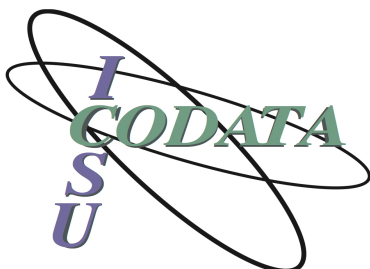
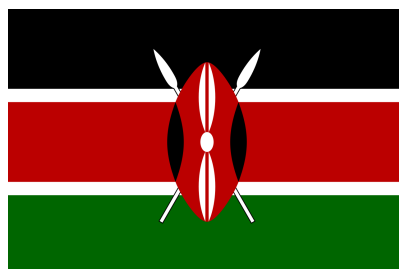


## Message from the CODATA President



The [International Workshop on Data for Science and Sustainability in Developing Countries \(OpenDataSSDC\), Nairobi, Kenya](#) is a new milestone for [CODATA, the ICSU Committee on Data for Scientific and Technology on Data](#), which has long advocated data sharing and reducing the digital divide. On behalf of CODATA, but also in my personal capacity, I would like to offer sincere congratulations for this event and a warm welcome to all of you from diverse organizations and countries. I would also like to thank each of you who contribute of yourself to make the event successful. We recognize and greatly appreciate to the contribution of the co-organizers, including [WFEO-CIC, Ministry of Information and Telecommunication of Kenya](#), [UNESCO](#) and partners for the joint effort. Special thanks are extended to Ministers [Fred Matiangi](#) and [Judi Wakhungu](#) of Kenya, as well as Mohamed Djelid from UNESCO for their strong support and for providing services in the United Nations Offices in Nairobi.



The workshop will be a notable and excellent opportunity to present the accomplishments in improving access to and use of research data and in reducing the digital divide from each partners since the [World Summit on Information Society \(WSIS\)](#), Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005, an agenda to which ICSU and CODATA made a significant commitment. I anticipate two important outcomes from the workshop: a summary of WSIS+10 on S&T data and the 'Nairobi Data Guidelines', the Implementation Guidelines of Data Sharing Principles for Sciences and Sustainability in Developing Countries.

Over the past decade, the [CODATA Task Group on Preservation of and Open Access to Scientific & Technical Data in Developing Countries \(PASTD\)](#) has focused its effort on promoting and enhancing worldwide cooperation on technology and research data, and in developing open knowledge environments for international science and sustainability in developing countries. The Task Group has convened, in developing countries, an impressive number of international workshops on data policy and strategy, training courses, and open knowledge environment and data publishing products. This notable effort has made a great contribution to international collaboration on scientific data research and the development of data sharing environments.

My special thanks go to Professor LIU Chuang. This workshop is a witness of her hard work for developing countries for more than ten years. Twelve years ago, she worked with her colleagues to establish the CODATA PASTD Task Group. She has dedicated her knowledge, ability and enthusiasm to worldwide data sharing, and her achievements in the multiple culture environments of developing countries have given her a deservedly high reputation in the CODATA community. She is a recipient of the [CODATA Prize](#), and the only such recipient to come from a developing or emerging economy. What the CODATA Prize recognizes, and I appreciate even more, are her tenacious studies in data sharing and extraordinary contributions to international collaboration in the developing world.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Huadong GUO'.

I wish the OpenDataSSDC every success! It is significant for CODATA to convene such a meeting in Africa and its outputs will be recognized at the ICSU General Assembly in Auckland, where CODATA will demonstrate how it is responding to the recommendations in the ICSU Review of CODATA. The workshop also makes a valuable contribution in the build up to CODATA's own General Assembly and our conference, SciDataCon 2014, the International Conference on Data Sharing and Integration for Global Sustainability, both of which are taking place in early November, in New Delhi, India.

**President of CODATA, Prof. Huadong GUO**