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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON OPEN SCIENCE IN THE PACIFIC

Topic

Open Science is a policy priority for many institutions and governments as it enhances the quality, efficiency and responsiveness of research.

It is a concept that promotes unhindered access to both scientific publications and data from public research, as well as to collaborative research.

Open practices can accelerate the research process at an unprecedented rate and reinforce values, such as cooperation and knowledge sharing.

In recent years, different countries have started to implement practices to unleash the potential of research and innovation through Open Science.

The benefits and challenges of Open Science in the region will be discussed with policy-makers, researchers and practitioners from the Pacific countries during the workshop.

Programme

- **Welcome remarks by INCT, OACPS and PIF Secretariat**
- **OACPS R&I PSF – Timor Leste**
- **Open discussion on Open Science in the Pacific**
- **Co-creation activity towards an Open Science for the Pacific "manifesto"**
- **Plenary session**
- **Closing remarks by INCT, OACPS and PIF Secretariat**

Facilitators

Paula Morais has more than two decades advising and driving open science, open innovation, e-infrastructures, e-inclusion, digital transformation, open data, and citizen science, working across the world for various organizations, such as the European Commission, United Nations Development Programme, CARICOM, Governments, companies, Higher Education, NGOs and civil society. She is currently leading atingi/Africa Cloud- a GIZ/BMZ flagship project on open digital transformation and learning, in consortium with GOPA and common sense. She has extensive expertise in the development, management and operationalisation of open science cloud, digital repositories. She was one of the experts for OACPS in the Timor-Leste policy support service to develop a national digital repository and a STI programme.

Paula Morais

Ron Dekker is Project Director on Open Science at Technopolis Group Belgium. He is the project leader of the EOSC Future project on the realisation of the European Open Science Cloud. He worked as an expert on Open Science at the Dutch Research Council, at the Ministry of Science in the Netherlands, and as a seconded national expert at the European Commission. He was a member of the EOSC Executive Board and has been Director of the Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives, a European research infrastructure in 23 countries with its main office in Bergen, Norway. He is one of the co-chairs of the RDA Interest Group on Social Science Research Data, and is an advisor to the Australian ARDC on arts & humanities and social science research infrastructures. He was one of the experts for OACPS in the Timor-Leste policy support service to develop a national digital repository and a STI programme.

Ron Dekker

The Pacific Community is the principal scientific and technical organisation in the Pacific region, comprising 27 country and territory members.

In pursuit of sustainable development to benefit the Pacific people, the SPC works across more than 20 sectors, guided by a deep understanding of Pacific Island contexts and cultures. This international development organisation is known for its knowledge and innovation in such areas as fisheries science, public health surveillance, geoscience, education, and conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

Agustin de la Varga Gonzalez

The SPC actively promotes Open Science, notably through the Pacific Data Hub, and the Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Sciences (PCCOS).

Agustin de la Varga Gonzalez and Seci Waqabaca are respectively Principal Adviser, and Pacific Regional Education Framework (PacREF) Implementation Adviser, at the Educational Quality and Assessment Programme EQAP at the Pacific Community.

Seci Waqabaca

Publications and useful links

- EU's Open Science Strategy (2016).
- Amsterdam Call for Action on Open Science (2016), with an overview of other countries
- Pascal Lamy (2017), LAB–FAB– APP, Investing in the European future we want : report of the independent High Level Group on maximising the impact of EU research & innovation programmes
- Peter Suber, Open Access, Harvard (2012)

- UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science: in English and French versions) and more info on the UNESCO website
- Frank Miedema (2021), Open Science the very idea, free download
- Australia's Research Data Commons: Data-Driven Research Impact (2022)
- Open Data Barometer- East Asia and the Pacific (2017)
- Malaysia Open Science Platform (MOSP)
- Toolkit: the digital Ethics Compass