

Joined-up Data Alliance: Statement of Collaboration

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Endorsed by:

Development Gateway; Development Initiatives; Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency; Humanitarian Exchange Language; International Aid Transparency Initiative; Natural Resource Governance Institute; Open Contracting Partnership; OpenCorporates; Open Data Services Cooperative; Open Knowledge; Open North; Publish What You Fund; Web Foundation

1. The Joined-up Data Alliance (JDA) is a coalition of open data standards setters, users and advocates who will collaborate on matters of mutual interest to the development and usage of data standards especially where we face supranational and cross-domain issues.
2. Our alliance recognises that, in an increasingly interconnected world, there is a need to consolidate and broaden our interactions to ensure that the data we produce are properly joined up to maximise their accessibility and effectiveness and to place the needs of our users at the heart of our standards choices.
3. We will collaborate on common approaches in order to:
 - a. Foster user-centred design in creation and dissemination of our standards
 - b. Seek common, open solutions to common problems
 - c. Share common open methodologies and coding systems
 - d. Cooperate on pilots, whether formally or informally
 - e. Adopt a common strategy in calling for joined up global open standards including in fields such as geospatial data, functional sectors and organisational, corporate and demographic identifiers
 - f. Share knowledge and learning and peer assist each other
4. Our alliance is open to all organisations engaged in the development, maintenance or use of open data standards who agree to this statement of collaboration and who agree on good working practices, such as sharing problems when we confront them, being transparent about our resources to solve them, and making sure that our standards invite contributions from others when we meet or consider an upgrade.
5. Joining our alliance does not entail any binding commitment.
6. We will convene virtually at times agreed by members.

Notes from Ottawa discussions on 30 May 2015:

Development Initiatives, with funding from Omidyar Network, will provide light-touch administrative and coordination duties.

We agreed to identify a set of immediate common problems through monthly calls with a clear problem pitch and a common action approach to following-up.

Mailing group at <https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!forum/joined-up-data-alliance>
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