Agricultural Data Interoperability
Opportunities and Lessons Learnt from Sharing and Re-Using Data

Formed in 2013, since its inception the Interest Group on Agricultural Data (IGAD) has grown in community strength to over 200 members. IGAD is a domain-oriented group working on all issues related to global agriculture data. It represents stakeholders in managing data for agricultural research and innovation, including producing, aggregating and consuming data. IGAD is a forum for sharing experience and providing visibility to research and work in agricultural data.

The new edition of the IGAD Event at the RDA’s 13th Plenary Meeting will be held on 1 April 2019 in Philadelphia (United States). Following the IGAD Meeting in Gaborone on Data Collection: State of the Art, Challenges and Solutions, we would like to focus on the next related topic Agricultural Data Interoperability: Opportunities and Lessons Learnt from Sharing and Re-Using Data. For example, we invite contributions from agricultural open data projects and initiatives to support new analyses, modeling, or decision support tools. Discussion can involve both policy and technical aspects of agricultural data interoperability.

The conclusions of these activities will be shared at the RDA’s 13th Plenary Meeting at the Agricultural Data Interest Group Session.

For those interested in actively contributing with a short presentation (15 minutes), please send an e-mail to AIMS@fao.org with the title and brief abstract of your contribution before 22 February 2019. If you would like to attend IGAD, whether or not you would like to present, please confirm your availability at AIMS@fao.org, so we can keep you informed about the agenda.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Philadelphia!

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