

WEBINAR ON OPEN SCIENCE

Topic

The COVID-19 pandemic has served as a catalyst to accelerate the implementation of open science and open data initiatives. However, significant challenges need to be addressed in order to boost open science and make it an accelerator for tackling global challenges (such as pandemics, climate change, biodiversity loss, etc.), and achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals in OACPS member countries.

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 **24 February 2022**

 **14:00-15:30 CET**

How to assure that data generated through scientific research are open, reliable and useful for policy decision-making?

Programme

- **Opening of the virtual waiting room**
- **Introduction of the topic and speakers (moderator)**
- **Opening remarks (representative from the OACPS Secretariat)**
- **Presentations from speakers: an overview of the topic, its importance, opportunities, challenges and best practices**
- **Q&A session**
- **Wrapping up of the webinar (practical take-away and conclusion of the discussions)**

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Speakers



Ana Peršić

Ana Peršić is the Programme Specialist at the Section of Science Policy and Partnerships at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. Ecologist by training (Master in Ecological Sciences at the University of Padova, Italy and PhD in Ecotoxicology at the University of Paris South, France), Ana Peršić joined UNESCO in April 2006 as an assistant program specialist serving the UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere program within the division of Ecological and Earth Sciences.

She has then served as Science Specialist at the UNESCO Liaison Office in New York. Her work relates to strengthening the science-policy interface and the promotion of science technology and innovation in the implementation of the United Nations 2030 agenda for sustainable development and the sustainable development goals (SDGs). Her current work focuses on the implementation of the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science and strengthening inclusive and gender transformative STI systems.



Joseph Mwelwa

Joseph Mwelwa is the founder and principal researcher at Joint Minds Consult, a research, education and training Institute in Gaborone, Botswana.

He is an English language and bilingual expert and advocates for African indigenous languages as enablers of open science and open data in Africa. He holds a Ph.D. in Literature and English language studies. His interest in open science and open data began when he collaborated on a discussion position paper: Participating in the Global Open Science/Open Data Space – Towards a Botswana National Data Forum and Strategy in 2016. He went on to serve a three-year term as a Technical Advisory Board member (TAB) on the African Open Science Platform (AOSP). He is the author and co-author of many publications on Open Science in Africa, notably *Open Science in Research and Innovation for Development in Africa*; *Techno policy Brief No 52- The Digital Revolution, Open Science and Innovation for Development in Sub-Saharan Africa*. and *Developing Open Science in Africa – Barriers, Solutions and Opportunities*.



Gareth O'Neill

Gareth O'Neill is a principal consultant on Open Science at Technopolis Group where he currently works on the strategic development and implementation of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) in the [EOSC Future project](#). He is an expert on Open Science and EOSC and was involved in the creation of the [EOSC Association](#) and the development of the [EOSC Partnership](#). Gareth is also an ambassador for [Open Access and Plan S](#) at cOAlition S and is an adviser to multiple European projects on Open Science including the [DIOSI](#) and [TORCH](#) projects. He has a passion for linguistics and is finishing a Ph.D. on the grammatical expression of experience in Irish Gaelic at the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics.

Publications and useful links

- [ATPS Technopolicy Brief N°52 'The digital revolution, Open Science and Innovation for Development in sub-Saharan Africa'](#)
- [ATPS Technopolicy Brief N°32 'Open Science in Research and Innovation for Development in Africa'](#)
- [EU's Open Science Strategy](#)
- [Lancaster \(2016\): Open Science and Its Discontents](#)
- [Masuzzo et Martens \(2017\): Do You Speak Open Science?](#)
- [McKiernan et al \(2016\): How Open Science Helps Researchers Succeed](#)
- [O'Neill et Hnátková \(2018\): Open Science for Early-Career Researchers](#)
- [Rentier \(2019\): Open Science](#)
- UNESCO Recommendation: in [English](#) and [French](#) versions) and more info on the [UNESCO website](#)