



Date:  
22 October 2020 - 08:00 to 23 October  
2020 - 21:00  
Location:  
Paris, France

The Symposium will be an innovative mixed virtual and in person event. As travel restrictions are likely to still be in place, the symposium offers virtual participation options for those of the international data community who will not be able to participate in person.

The [International FAIR Convergence Symposium](#) is organised by CODATA and GO FAIR on 22-23 October 2020 in Paris. This event will provide a unique forum for advancing international and cross-domain convergence around FAIR. The two internationally recognized organisations will convene a global community with an interest in combining data across domains for a host of research issues - including major global challenges, such as those relating to the SDGs or the COVID-19 pandemic. Outcomes will directly inform the CODATA Decadal Programme 'Making data work for cross-domain grand challenges' and the GO FAIR community's convergence towards bottom-up development of the Internet of FAIR data and services globally.

The outcomes will address fundamental issues, such as an improved alignment with parallel and emerging data initiatives around the world and lessons learned during the current crisis (virus outbreak) in relation to international research data sharing and the role of FAIR.

The approach in many sessions will be detailed and technical, resulting in recommendations, consensus for action and draft implementations.

Participation is open to ALL researchers, data experts, funders, and science policy makers.

## Programme

The Symposium programme in virtual and in person format will be announced early in September.

It will include keynotes and/or plenary sessions introducing each of the four themes, parallel sessions of various formats (paper sessions, workshops, interactive practical sessions and demos) and a plenary poster session. A plenary panel discussion will close the second day of the Symposium. See also paragraph on session types above.

## Important dates:

- 30 April: call for session proposals released
- 22 May: registration open
- 20 July: deadline for session proposals
- 17 August: accepted session proposals notified
- 21 August: deadline for posters and lightning talks submissions
- 4 September: programme announced
- 2 October: close of registration
- 22-23 October: International FAIR Convergence Symposium



## Organization

- Convenors: CODATA, GO FAIR
- Supporter / Local organiser: Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation of the French Republic

