



Malaysia Open Science Platform

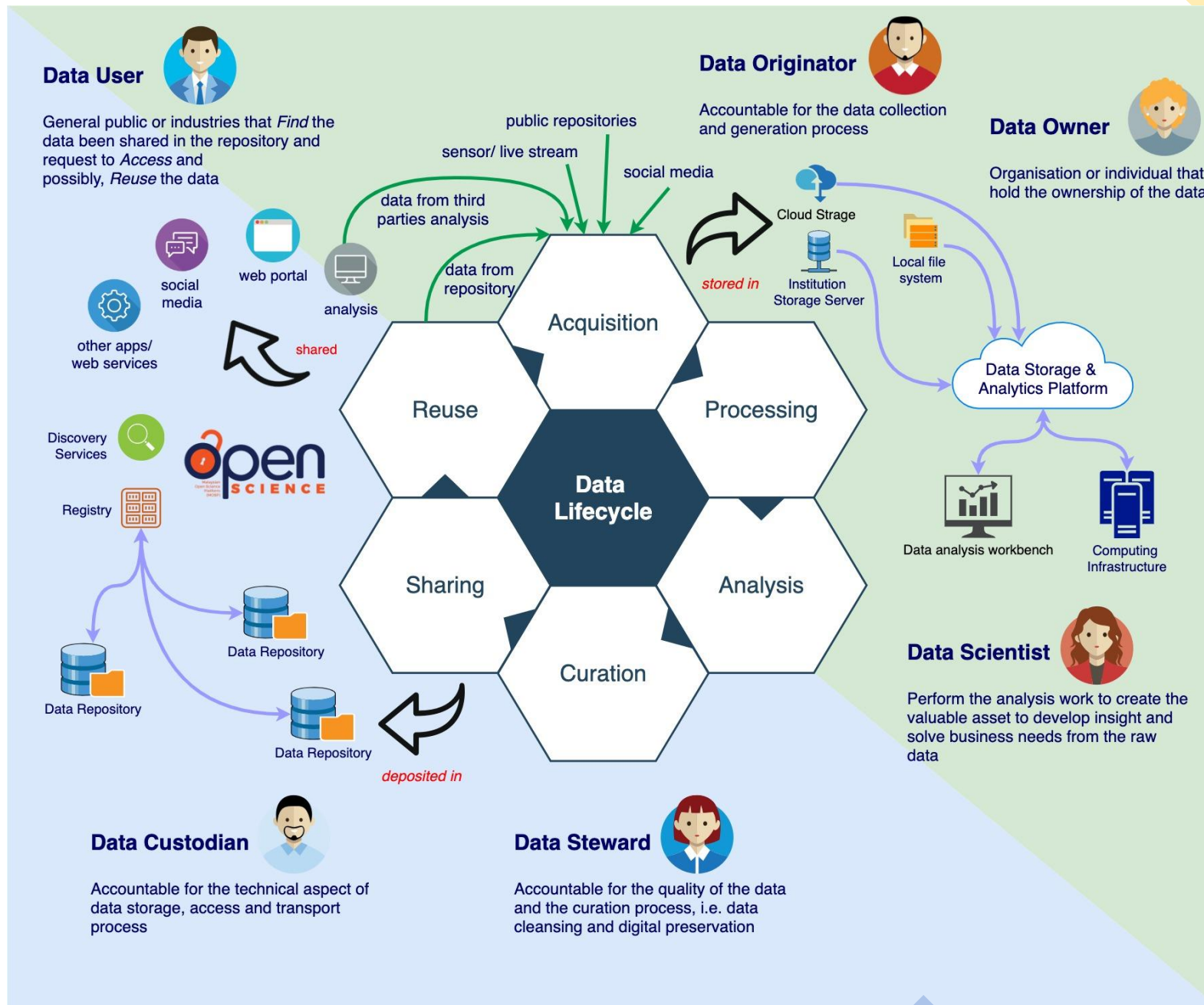
Open science today for new science tomorrow

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The Beijing Declaration on Research Data

The Beijing Declaration supports international efforts to make research data as open as possible and only as closed as necessary. It seeks to make data and metadata Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR)ⁱⁱⁱ on a global basis and, wherever possible, automatically processable by machines. Although this Declaration is relevant mostly for research data that are generated through public funding, there are also instances in which privately funded data are made broadly available, in which case these principles would also apply. In addition, data not initially generated for research may be used in research at a later stage. The Beijing Declaration endorses many existing research data policies and management practices that have been promoted by previous declarations and statements, and they are included as references in the Appendix. The participants in the September 2019 policy meeting have produced the following set of ten principles:

1. **Research is increasingly driven by data** that are beyond human processing alone. Researchers therefore should have access to diverse, trustworthy, and reusable sources of data that are readily available and machine actionable. Data stewardship capacity building and comprehensive policies that enable the creation, dissemination, preservation, and above all the **global reuse of data and information** are essential, including sustained support for the required infrastructure and expertise.
2. **Research data have global public good characteristics.** A pure public good cannot be depleted by use (also called non-rivalrous) and cannot be excluded from use. Research data cannot be depleted, but can be restricted in use, although exclusion of reuse by others can be very inefficient and controversial, especially if the data are generated by public funding. **The value of research data increases with use.**
3. Publicly funded research data should be **findable** online to build an **international data commons**. Findable data require comprehensive metadata descriptions and persistent identifier tags, because data that cannot be easily located by potential users—whether by humans or machines—are of limited value. Together, principles three to seven result in “**FAIR**” data (data that are Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable)—both for machines and humans.
4. Publicly funded research data are, by default, **in the public interest and should be accessible to the greatest extent possible for international reuse**. They were created or collected on behalf of the public that paid for them, and thus should be **as open as possible and only as closed as necessary**. This is even more important in cases where the data relate to issues covered by the UN landmark agreements.
5. Publicly funded research data should be **interoperable, and preferably without further manipulation or conversion**, to facilitate their broad reuse in scientific research.” Software, instruments, and data formats should be well-documented and should not impose any proprietary lock-in that restricts reuse. Data should be described with rich metadata and should use community-recognized terminologies to maximize interoperability and reuse.
6. Despite strong reasons for making research data as open as possible, there are **legitimate reasons to restrict access to and reuse of data**, including interests of national security, law enforcement, privacy, confidentiality, intellectual property, and indigenous data governance, among others. Restrictions should have an express justification and research data **otherwise should be open by default on a global basis**. If the data need to be closed, an effort should be made to provide responsible and proportionately controlled access.
7. **National legislation** that exempts research data from copyright or other intellectual property (IP) protections is one way to enable and support reuse of public data. Another way is for researchers to choose a minimally restrictive and **voluntary common-use license**^v.
8. Funders of academic and applied research should require the **submission of adequate data stewardship plans**, including clear guidelines for the provision of long-term availability, accessibility, and conditions for reuse. Open data policies should be accompanied by commensurate penalties for noncompliance as well as appropriate incentives.
9. **Activities that address the “divide in scientific production”** between less economically advanced regions and those economies with advanced research infrastructures should include access to publicly funded research data and related information. The wider deployment and access to advanced technical research infrastructures is a necessary, but not sufficient, condition to reduce the divide.
10. **Research data policies should promote the principles in this Declaration and be coordinated internationally.** They should be implemented with clear policy wording and guidelines, specific funding, and a commitment to monitor their impact with the overall objective of building a global FAIR data commons.

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What is Open Science?



“An inclusive construct that combines **various movements and practices** aiming to make scientific knowledge openly available, accessible and reusable for everyone, to **increase scientific collaborations and sharing of information** for the benefits of science and society, and to **open the processes of scientific knowledge creation, evaluation and communication to societal actors** beyond the traditional scientific community.” - *UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science*

It demands science, which includes **basic and applied sciences, natural and social sciences and the humanities**, to be done with integrity that assures accuracy of research data, in an open, reliable and reproducible fashion.

For Open Science, data sharing is guided by **the FAIR principle**.

FAIR stands for **F**indable, **A**ccessible, **I**nteroperable and **R**eusable. Specifically, FAIR is described as:

- a. **Findable** – Data and metadata are easily to find by both humans and computers. Usually this task is enabled by machine-readable persistent identifiers and metadata
- b. **Accessible** – Data can be retrieved using the outlined protocols
- c. **Interoperable** – System can be used with other tools
- d. **Reusable** - Data is well-defined and can be used for different purposes and in different settings

What is Open Science?

OPEN ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE

timely, free and affordable access to: i) scientific publication, ii) open research data, iii) open-source software and source code, and iv) open hardware

OPEN ENGAGEMENT OF SOCIETAL ACTORS

extended collaboration between scientists and societal actors beyond the scientific community, by opening up practices and tools that are part of the research cycle and by making the scientific process more inclusive and accessible to the broader inquiring society.

OPEN SCIENCE INFRASTRUCTURES

shared research infrastructures (including major scientific equipment or sets of instruments, knowledge-based resources, open computational infrastructures that enable data analysis and digital infrastructures) that are needed to support Open Science and serve the needs of different communities.

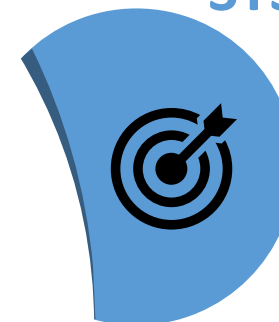
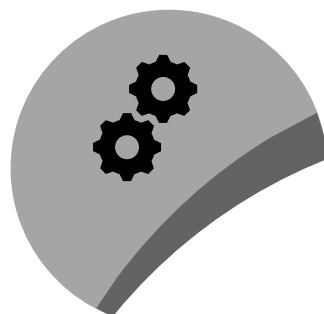
OPEN SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

a range of science communication activities that accompany Open Science practices and that support the dissemination of scientific knowledge to scholars in other research fields, decision-makers, and the public at large.

OPEN DIALOGUE WITH OTHER KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

dialogue between different knowledge holders, that recognizes the richness of diverse knowledge systems and epistemologies and diversity of knowledge producers

FIVE KEY PILLARS OF OPEN SCIENCE



About MOSP



1. MOSP is initiated by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), managed by Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) through the Malaysia Open Science Alliance
2. Launched on 7 November 2019 (then MESTECC)
3. A 2-year pilot project (2019 to 2021), linking all 5 Research Universities and Research Institutes under MOSTI
4. The pilot project is to look into the initial 3 main areas:
 - a. Landscape studies and Guidelines for Open Science in Malaysia;
 - b. Capacity Building and Awareness and
 - c. Infrastructure

Malaysian Cabinet Paper (Memorandum Jemaah Menteri; MJM)



The Cabinet approved a paper for Malaysia Open Science Platform (tabled by MOSTI) to be initiated on 14 August 2020.

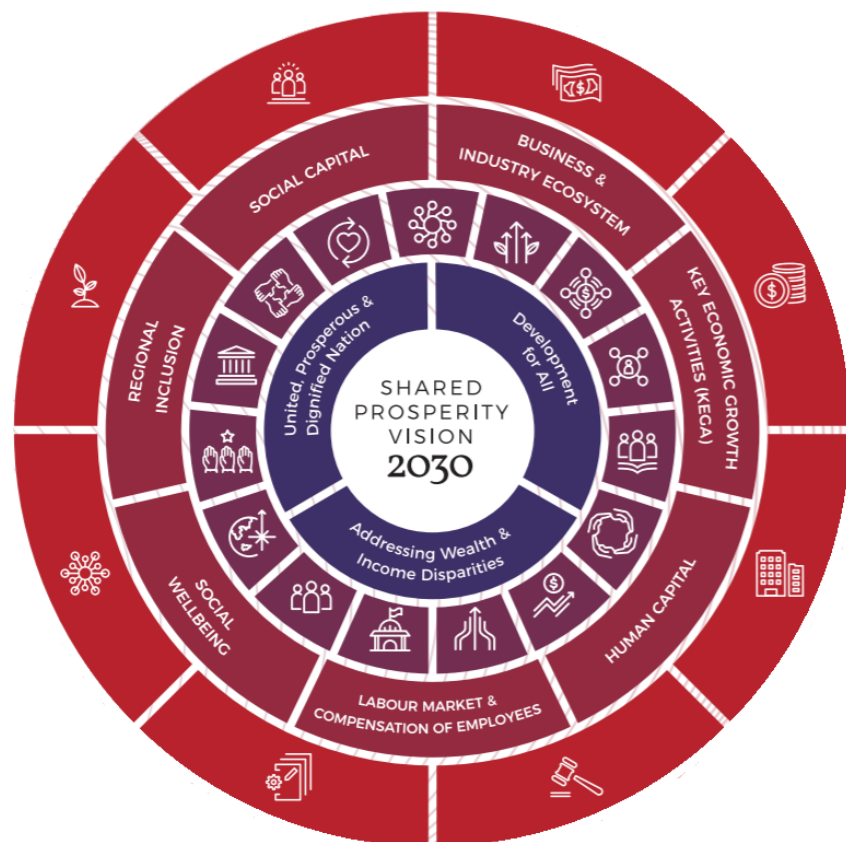
Aim:

To gather and consolidate Malaysia's research data which are **valuable national assets** in a platform that would enable accessibility and sharing of these research data in accordance with the FAIR principle.

**Memorandum
daripada Menteri
Sains, Teknologi dan
Inovasi**

**Pewujudan Malaysia
Open Science
Platform**

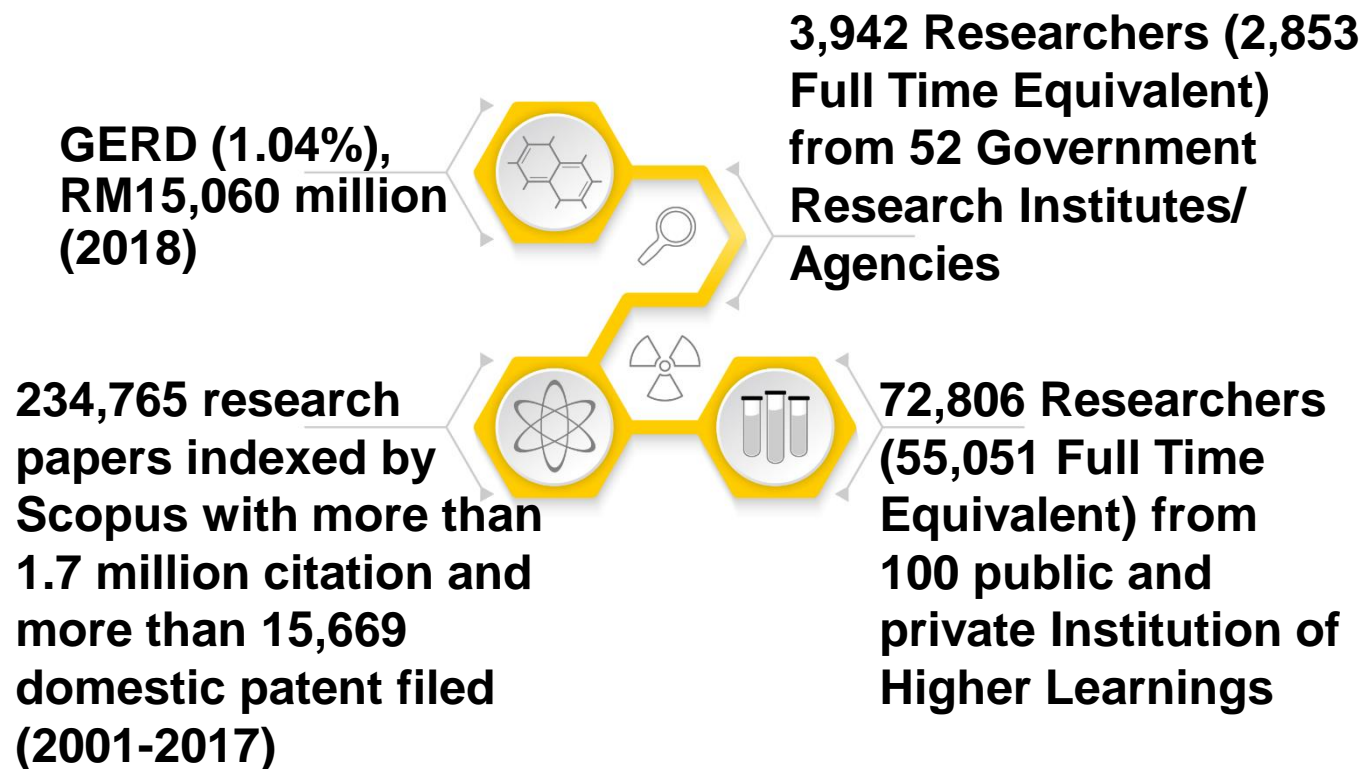
Purpose of MOSP



MOSP is a strategic transformative initiative to strengthen Malaysia's STI Collaborative Ecosystem towards achieving Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 and addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



Malaysia Research Landscape



Source: MASTIC, 2019

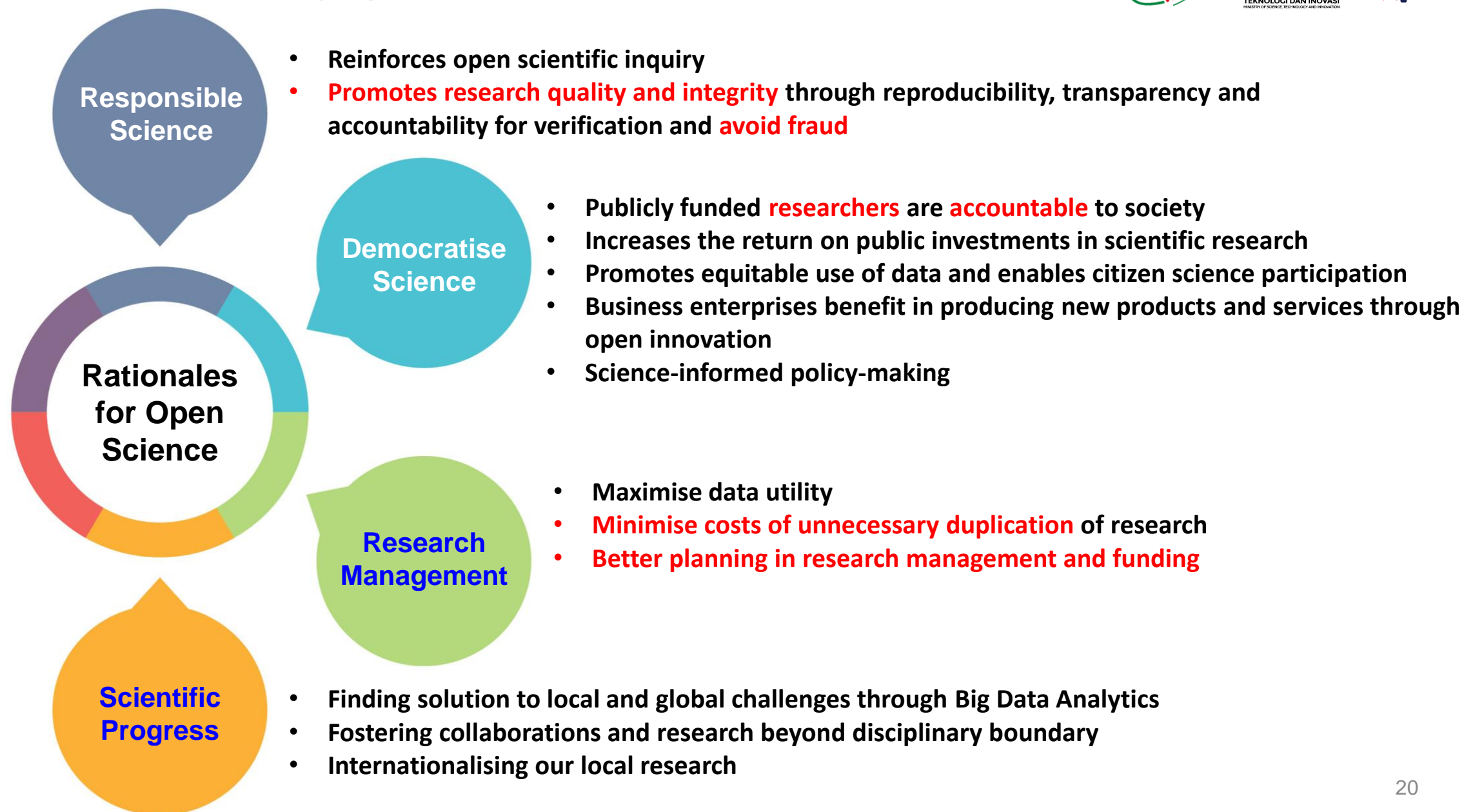
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Source:

- i. National Survey of Research and Development (R&D) 2019
- ii. National Bibliometric Study 2001-2017

Value of MOSP



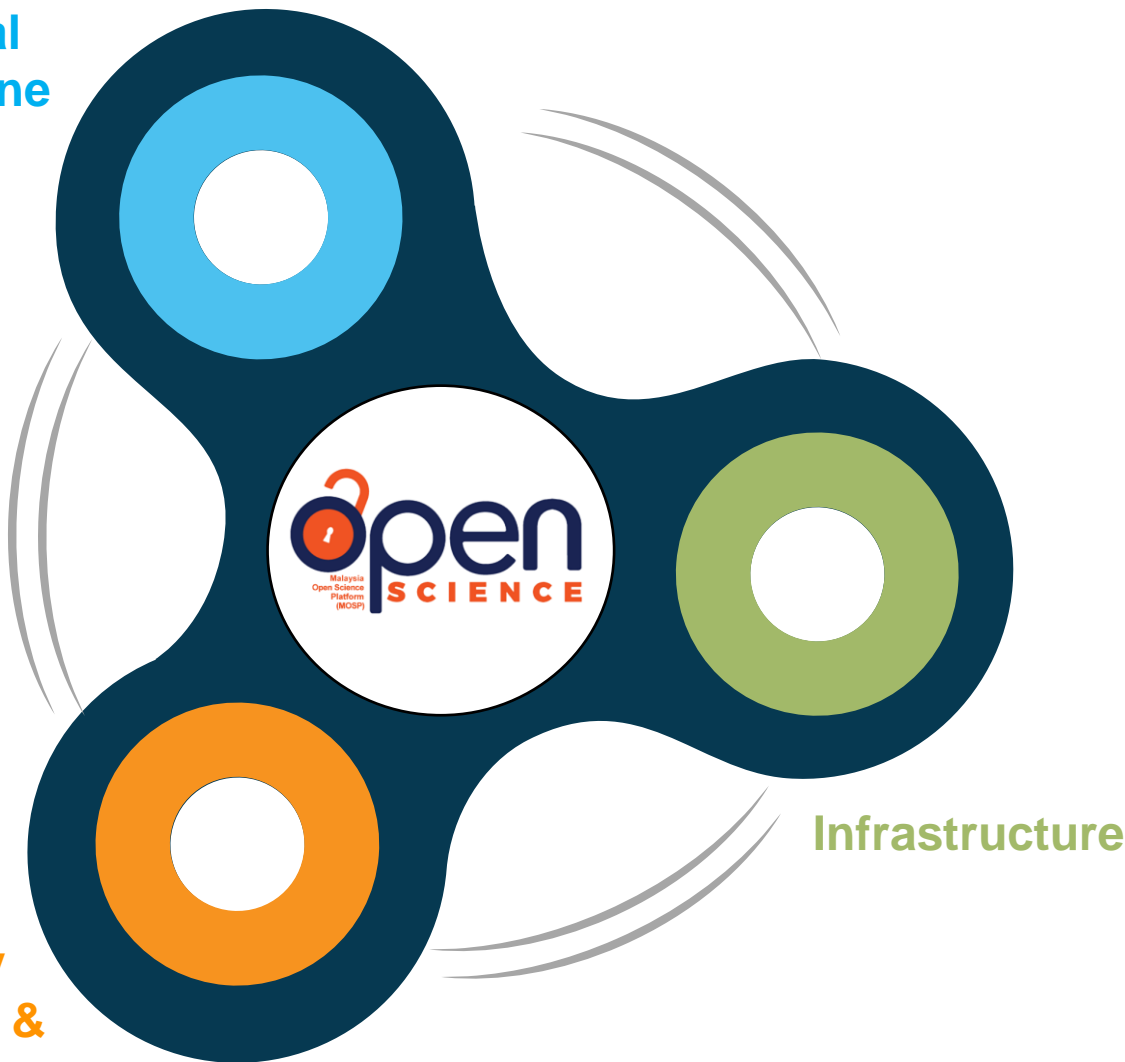
UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science

1. promoting a common understanding of Open Science, associated benefits and challenges, as well as diverse paths to Open Science;
2. developing an enabling policy environment for Open Science;
3. investing in Open Science infrastructures and services;
4. investing in human resources, education, digital literacy and capacity building for Open Science;
5. fostering a culture of Open Science and aligning incentives for Open Science;
6. promoting innovative approaches for Open Science at different stages of the scientific process;



MOSP Focus Areas

National
Guideline



Capacity
Building &
Awareness

Infrastructure

TARGETS:

1. To develop one Landscape Study on Open Science in Malaysia by end of 2020
2. To develop one National Guidelines on Open Science by end of 2020
3. To train 200 data stewards by 2022
4. To reach 500,000 people and raise awareness about Open Science
5. To develop and execute one Platform for raw research data sharing by 2022

Engagement of MOSP with International Agencies working on Open Science



Open Science Forum for Asia and The Pacific, 13 Feb 2020

MOSP has been in consultation with other open science initiatives globally such as Australia's ANDS, OECD, ISC-CODATA, and Japan's RCOS to learn best practices of Open Science and to get their support to materialise MOSP.



Dialogue on Open Science, 14 Feb 2020



MOSP is also a member of international open science networks such as the

- Global Open Science Cloud (GOSC), CODATA**
- UNESCO Open Science Advisory Committee**

Draft PPSTI Statement on Open Science

The Policy Statement on Science, Technology and Innovation Communication endorsed by the 2017 APEC PPSTI-10 in Viet Nam recognized the importance of open science and open access and the need to set clear policies that will help increase the returns from public and private investment, reinforcing cooperation and open scientific inquiry, as evidenced by the COVID-19 pandemic, and promoting research in new areas, which can have regional and global benefits.

Open Science represents an approach to the scientific process which is based on cooperative work and new ways of disseminating knowledge by using digital technologies and new collaborative tools. The idea captures a systemic change to the way science and research have been carried out for the last fifty years: complementing the standard practices of publishing research results in scientific publications by sharing and using all available knowledge at an earlier stage in the research process.

The recent response of the scientific community to the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated how Open Science can accelerate scientific solutions to a global challenge. The genetic sequence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus was posted in an open access repository and made freely available for all researchers. Several companies also made the designs for protective face shields open-source, allowing these shields to be freely 3D printed in cities and societies where they are needed the most.

Open Science does not require that all data are fully open and accessible. They should be available under well-defined conditions and that is why we support the FAIR guiding principles, rendering data Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable. Our emphasis also includes the collective benefits, authority to control, responsibility and ethics, including principles such as the CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance. These principles will cultivate a culture of openness and transparency, whilst at the same time ensuring ethics and integrity are maintained.

Pursuant to this, we recognise that Open Science has a vital role in fostering sustainable and inclusive economic growth and development, bringing with it the full benefit of innovation. This can only be realized by increasing the commitment of the public and private sector to a robust Open Science ecosystem which will underpin the aspirations of society for a more equitable sharing of scientific information.

21 Aug 2020, Kuala Lumpur



OPEN SCIENCE IS HERE TO STAY

(Excerpt from the Joint Statement Endorsed by APEC Community)

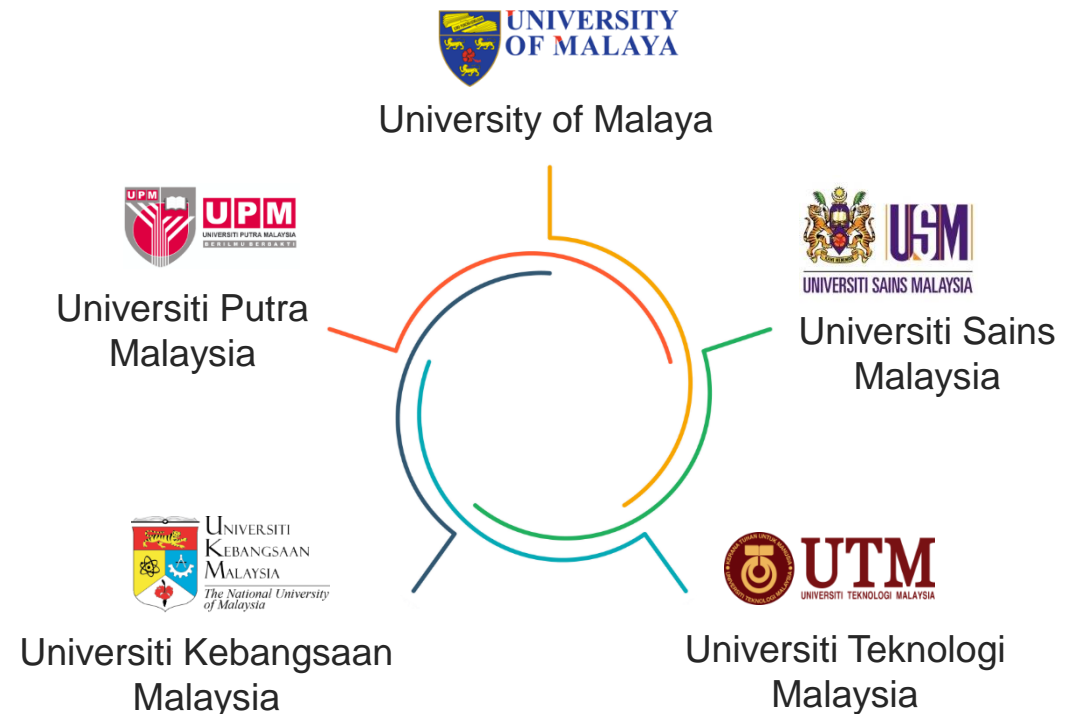
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Malaysia Open Science Alliance



1. Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM)
2. Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE)
3. Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH)
4. Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change
5. Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation – Malaysia Science and Technology Information Center (MASTIC)
6. Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU)
7. Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM)
8. Malaysia Research University Network (MRUN)
 - i. University of Malaya
 - ii. Universiti Sains Malaysia
 - iii. Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
 - iv. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
 - v. Universiti Putra Malaysia

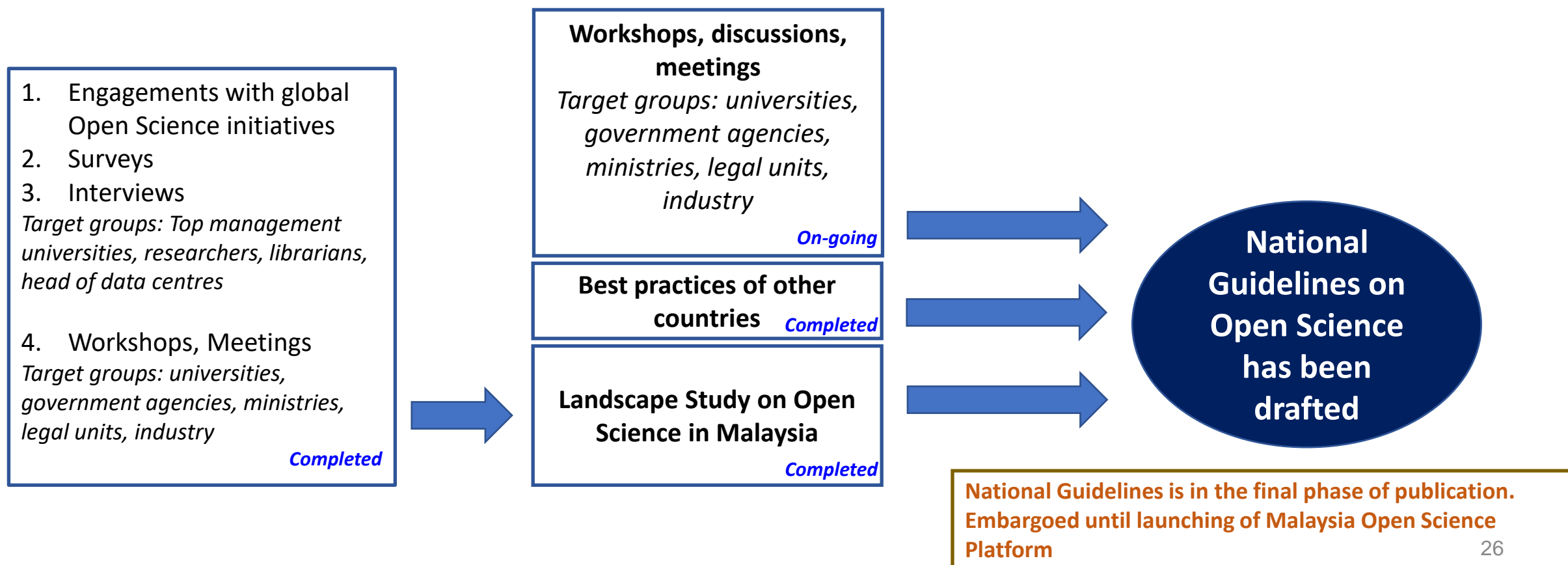
Pilot Initiative: Linking Platform for sharing of Research Data



National Guidelines for Open Science

Targets:

1. To develop one Landscape Study on Open Science in Malaysia by end of 2020
2. To develop one National Guidelines on Open Science by end of 2020



Training of Trainers Program for Data Stewardship on Open Science



Target: To train 200 data stewards by 2022

Trained by
eLearning Curve
(online),
certified by CIMP
Jun-Sept 2020
Status: Completed



2 Masters
Trainers

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Trainers

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Trainers

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Trainers

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Trainers

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Trained by Masters Trainers (online)

ToT Program	SERIE 1	SERIE 2	SERIE 3
Duration	09/2020-01/2021	03/2021 – 08/2021	11/2021 – 03/2022
Trained data stewards	56	137	42
Target groups	Librarians & research managers	Researchers, librarians, & research manager	Researchers, librarians, & research manager
Institutions	5 Research Universities and agencies under MOSTI	Higher learning institutes (public & private), research institutes and agencies	Higher learning institutes (public & private), research institutes and agencies

Trained Data Stewards Statistics



Institute	Total
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM)	36
Universiti Malaya (UM)	25
Universiti Sains Malaysia	19
Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)	11
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)	11
Universiti teknologi mara (UiTM)	6
Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM)	6
Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM)	5
Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM)	4
Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM)	3
Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI)	1
Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UniMAS)	1

Institute	Total
Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT)	1
Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA)	1
Xiamen University	10
Multimedia University	8
Monash University	6
University of Southampton	3
Newcastle University	1
International Medical University (IMU)	1
MAHSA University	1
Asia e University	1
Peserta Pasca Pengajian	2
UNESCO	14

Institute	Total
PLAN Malaysia	10
Akademi Sains Malaysia	3
MASTIC	2
Kementerian Pengajian Tinggi (KPT)	1
National Institute of Health (NIH)	10
Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA)	5
Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM)	6
Malaysia Space Agency (MYSA)	5
Jabatan Kimia Malaysia	4
Institute for medical Research (IMR)	4
Jabatan Metereologi Malaysia (MET)	3
Jabatan Nuklear Malaysia	1

Awareness about Open Science



Target: To reach 500,000 people and raise awareness about Open Science

Website & Social Media updates

Infographics:

1. Malaysia Open Science Platform
2. Future careers in Open Science
3. Research data lifecycle

Events:

1. Launching of MOSP (7 Nov 2019)
2. Open Science Forum for Asia and the Asia Pacific (13 Feb 2020)
3. Dialogue on Open Science (14 Feb 2020)
4. APEC Policy Sharing Webinar on Open Science (21 Aug 2020)
5. Asia-Pacific Online Regional Consultation Towards a UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science (15 Sep 2020)
6. Citizen Science from Malaysia's Perspective (05 Oct 2020)
7. Webinar on Open Science by UM (11 Jan 2021)
8. Open Science Symposium @ USM (4 March 2021)
9. K-Sharing: Normalizing Open Science by UTM (30 March 2021)

Completed

Video promotions

Newspaper articles

Media appearance

Webinars on Open Science

Side events/roadshows

Planning

**500,000
people
reached by
end of 2021**

MOSTI nominated Prof Dr Noorsaadah Abd Rahman FASc as a representative for Malaysia at UNESCO Open Science Advisory Committee

Awareness Activities And Outreach



1.5 mil



- Professor ChM Dr Noorsaadah Abd Rahman presented about MOSP on RTM – Selamat Pagi Malaysia



350,000



- Newspaper articles:
 - **Open Science, Envisioning that No One is Left Behind**
 - **Malaysia Open Science Platform: A Dream or A Reality?**



145,000



- Online outreach through webinars, presentations and news



169,000



- Public and private engagements



33,000



- Promotional video for Open Science by ML Studio

= 2 mil

Open Science In The 5 Research Universities



- 1 RDM Policy
- 1 Research Data Repository Pilot Project
- 1 UM Open Science Committee
- 25 Trained Data Stewards



- 1 Open Science Guidelines
- 1 USM Library TV
- 1 Jawatankuasa Pemandu Open Science USM (2021)
- 19 Trained Data Stewards



- 1 Research Data Management Platform
- 2 Open Science Academic Presentation
- 1 Open Science Policy and Guidelines in review
- 36 Trained Data Stewards



- 1 Raw Research Data Repository
- 11 Trained Data Stewards



- 1 Data Repository in development
- 11 Trained Data Stewards

Open Science Outreach Beyond MOSP Initiative



Besides the 5 research universities under the pilot project, MOSP is also being discussed and promoted by other institutes and individuals



Keluarga Malaysia Berbudaya Ilmu Dengan 'Sains Terbuka'

"MOSP diharapkan menjadi suatu strategi penting bagi universiti, institusi penyelidikan, perpustakaan dan para penerbit untuk mencapai hasrat mencipta, menyebarkan, dan memelihara ilmu untuk manfaat seluruh masyarakat tanpa sempadan.

Perpustakaan Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) pula telah menggerakkan Inisiatif Akses Terbuka sejak tahun 2018 sehingga berjaya melancarkan Dasar Akses Terbuka USIM pada 23 Mei 2019, serta membina Sistem Repositori Penyelidikan USIM yang boleh diakses umum bermula pada bulan Jun 2020. Ia membolehkan orang awam mengakses secara percuma kepada semua penulisan warga USIM yang dihasilkan berasaskan penyelidikan."

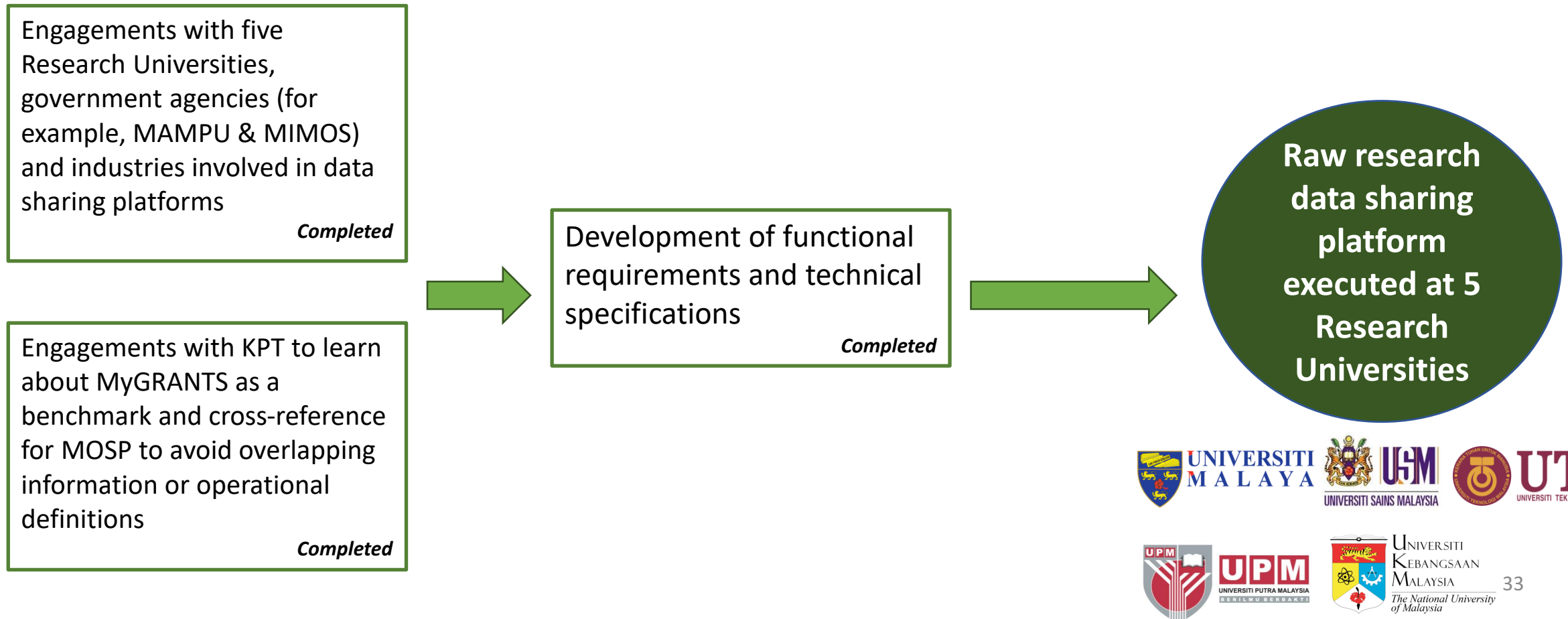
- Nor Azzah Momin (Head Librarian, USIM Library)

Source: <https://www.bernama.com/bm/tintaminda/news.php?id=2031765>

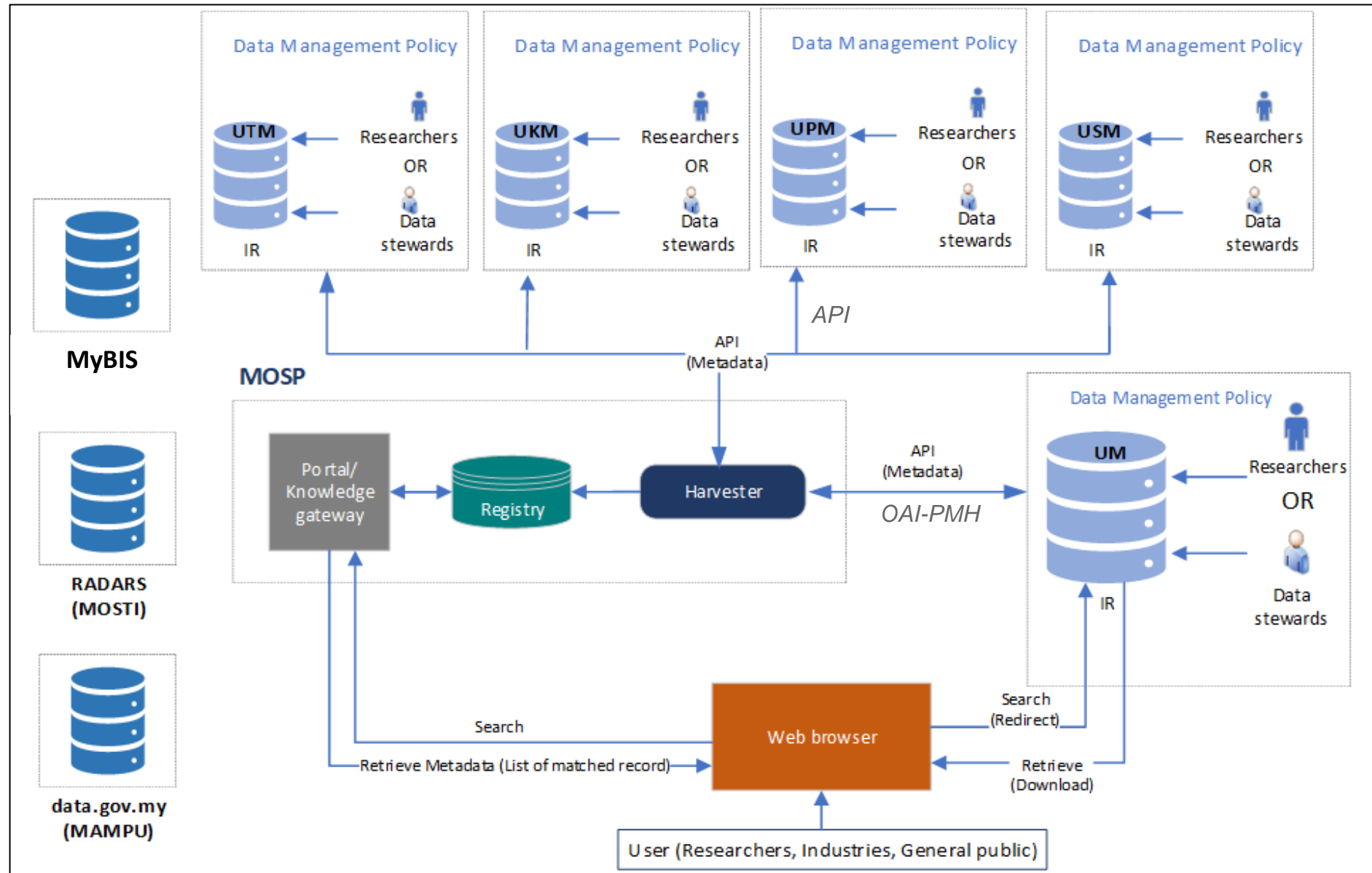
Infrastructure development

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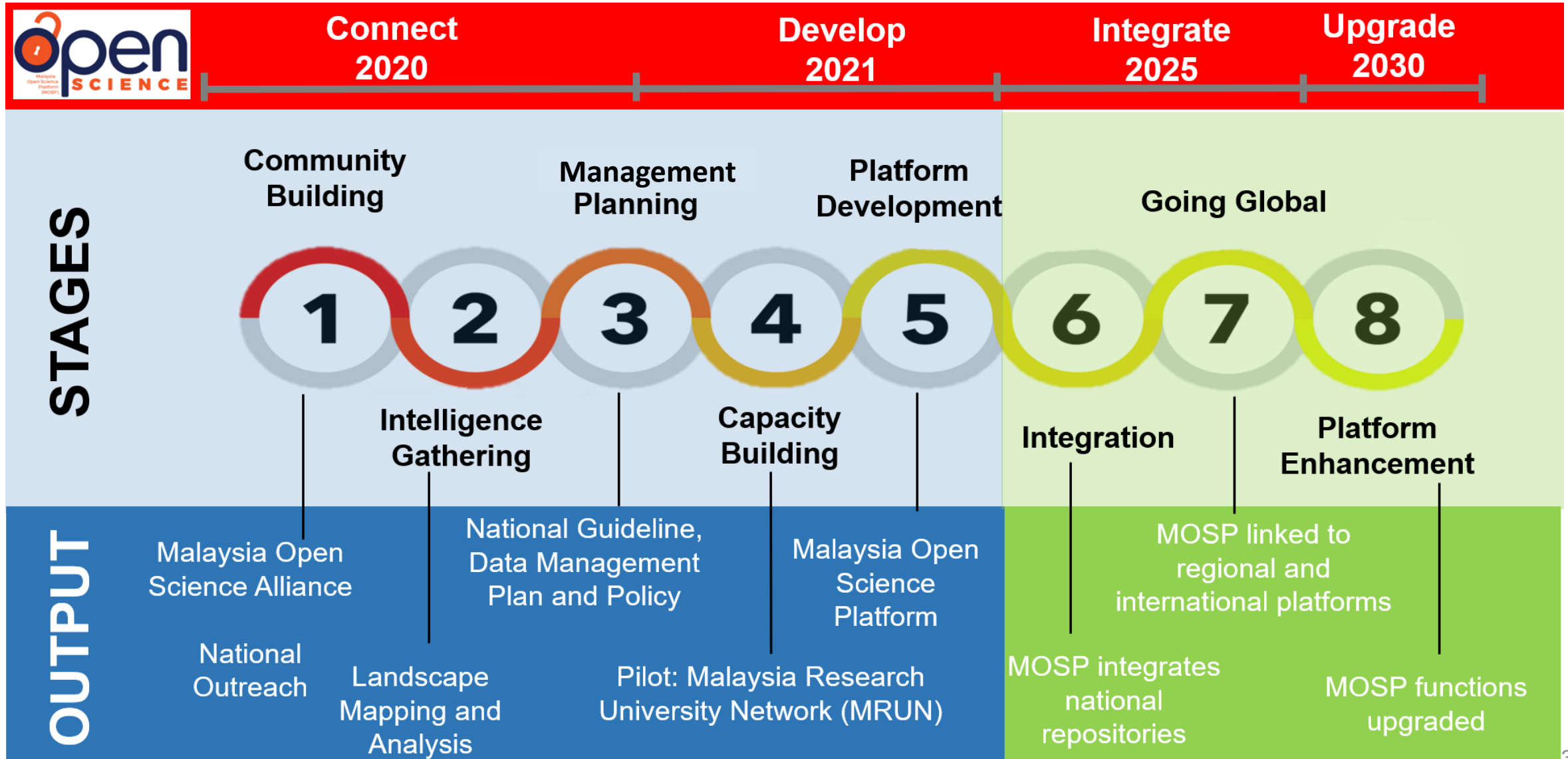
To develop and execute one Platform for raw research data sharing by 2022



MOSP Architecture (Pilot Project)



MOSP Activity and Timeframe



Data Stewardship for Biodiversity

Laying the foundation for Open Science Journey in Malaysia



Project Overview



1. **Project title:** FAIR Data Stewardship Guidelines for Reproducibility in Biodiversity Research (Phase I)
2. **Project duration:** 1 year; from 01.10.2021 until 30.09.2022.
3. **Funder:** ISC ROAP/Academy of Sciences Malaysia
4. **Implementer / Secretariat:** Universiti Malaya

Project Deliverables



1. Produce sets of biodiversity (specimen) stewardship guidelines & training materials.

Three core modules:

- Biodiversity Data Management
- Digitisation
- Data Cleaning



2. Building capacity in data stewardship for curators, researchers and data custodians

Two parts:

- Part 1: ToT Data Stewardship for Open Science
- Part 2: Physical Training on “FAIR Biodiversity Data Stewardship”

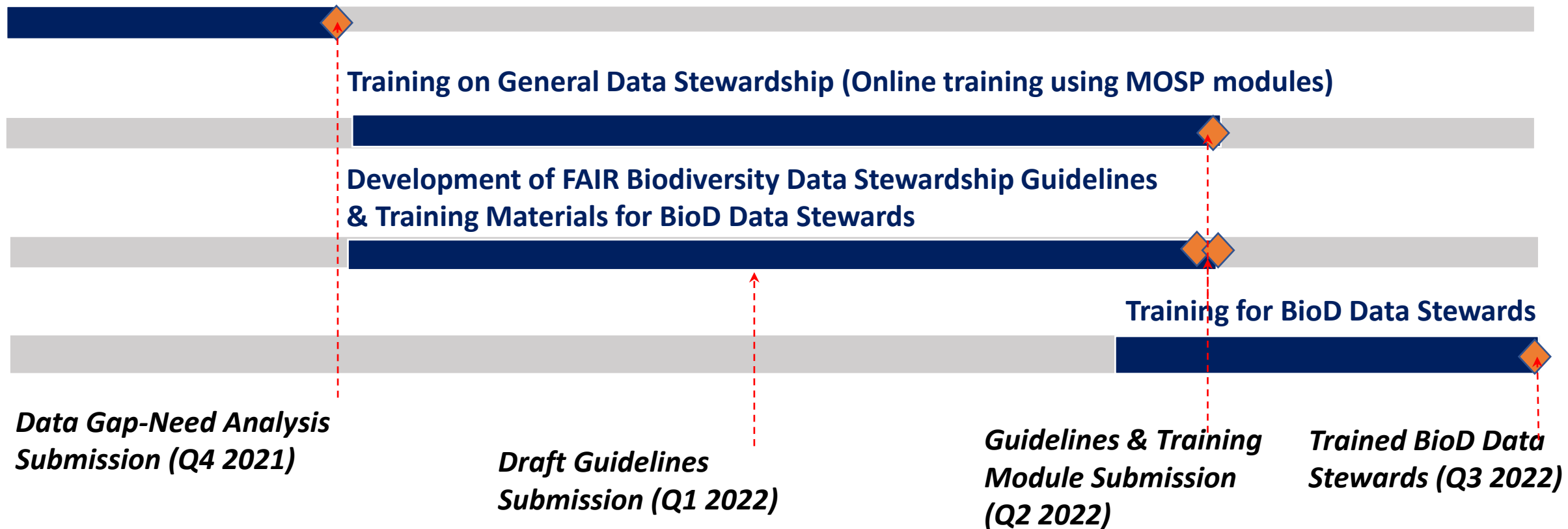


Project Timeline



Oct 21 Nov 21 Dec 21 Jan 22 Feb 22 Mar 22 Apr 22 May 22 June 22 July 22 Aug 22 Sept 22

Landscape Assessment: Desk study, surveys & workshop



Snapshots from engagements organized between September 2021 to March 2022

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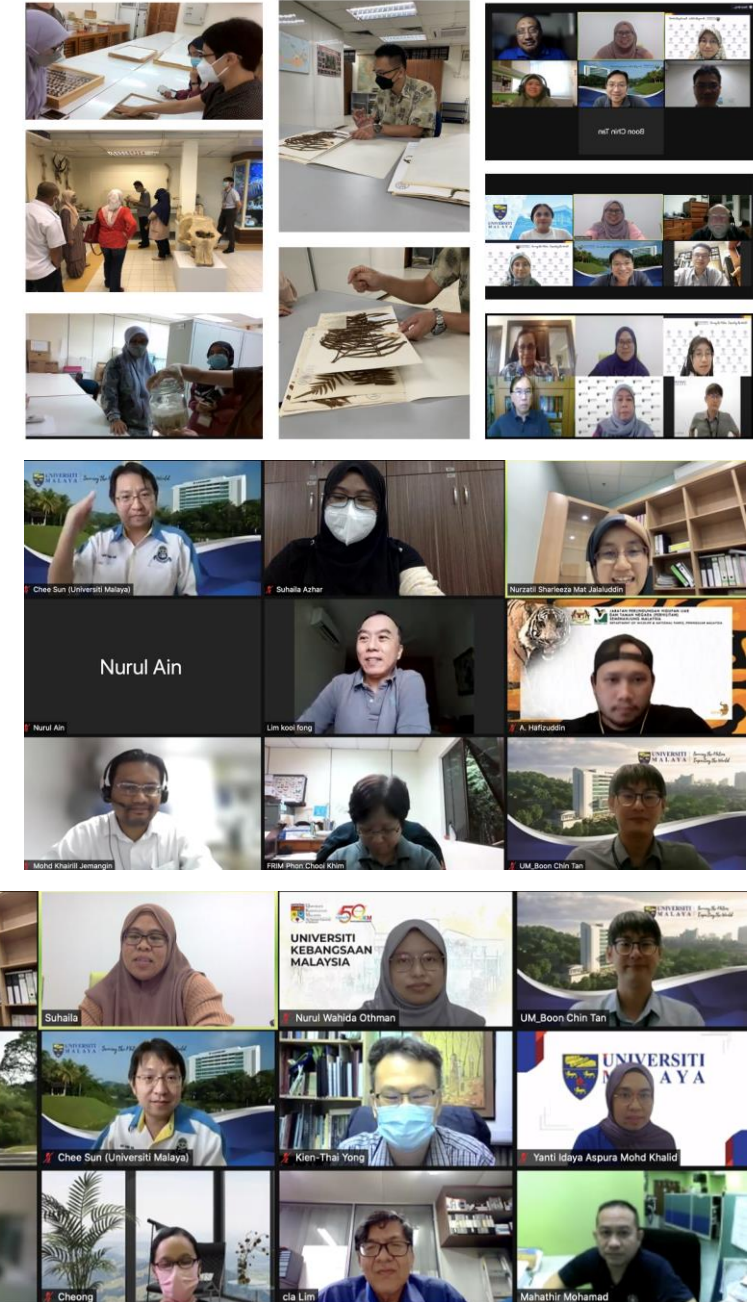
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2. FRIM
3. MyBIS (KeTSA)
4. Universiti Malaya
5. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
6. Universiti Malaysia Sabah
7. Universiti Malaysia Sarawak
8. Sabah Biodiversity Centre
9. Precision BioD Task Force (ASM)

(Presentation & Participation)

1. Naming Nature 2
2. CODATA/Global Open Science Cloud
3. TropSc 2021
4. GBIF Asia Virtual Summit 2021
5. STIPAC Presentations
6. Special Seminar on Biodiversity Conservation and Museum Management

(Overseas)

1. Singapore's Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum
2. Australian Biodiversity Information Services



Findings from the Data Gap-Need Analysis

1. Biodiversity data management processes and workflows are not standardised

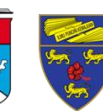
2. Lack of active taxonomists and expertise in digital and physical curation

CURRENT STATE

3. There are nomenclature, taxonomic and spatial errors in data entry.

4. Lack of proper guidance for all stakeholders in the data sharing ecosystem.

Overview of the Guideline



Deliverable	FAIR Data Stewardship Guidelines			
Domains	Biodiversity (<i>Specimen</i>) Data Management	Digitisation	Quality Control	
Scopes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cataloguing 2. Labelling 3. Curating and Storing 4. Retrieving and Analysing 5. Disseminating 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specimen Preparation 2. Specimen Image Capture 3. Specimen Image Processing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data Quality Assessment 2. Data Cleaning 	
Key elements	Roles & Responsibilities	Workflows	Tools	Software
Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standardised biodiversity data management & digitisation processes and workflows. 2. High quality and fitness-for-use of biodiversity data 3. Clear roles and responsibilities for data custodians, data aggregators and data in the data sharing ecosystem for biodiversity 			

Digitization Filming for Demo Tutorial

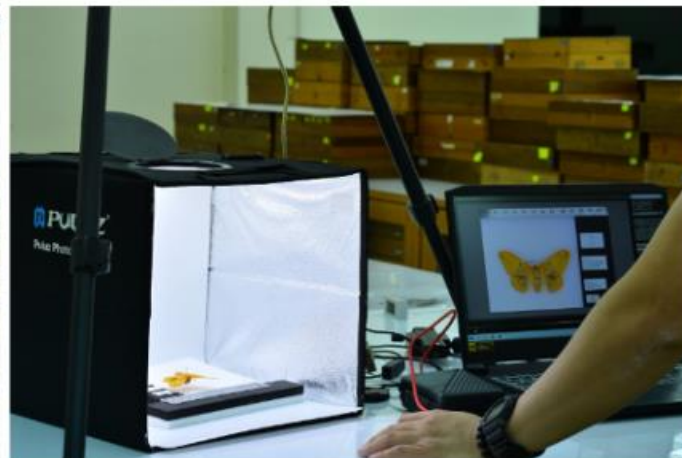
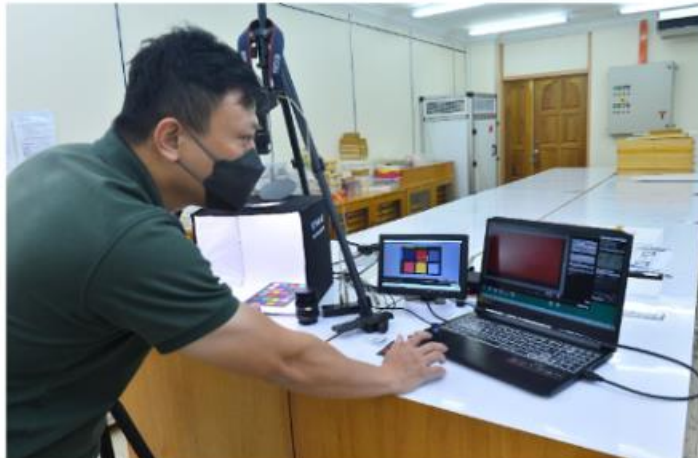


Lee Kong Chian
Natural History Museum

DATE: 22 JUNE 2022

**Photographing and recording
step-by-step:**

1. Introduction of Equipment,
2. Digitization Hands-On,
3. File Naming of Digitized Specimen.



FAIR Data Stewardship Guideline Writing Workshop



Lee Kong Chian
Natural History Museum

DATE: 23 – 24 JUNE 2022

TWO MAIN AGENDA:

1. Refine and finalize Guidelines and Training Materials
2. Planning for Stakeholder Engagement Workshop & Capacity Building Activities



FAIR BIODIVERSITY DATA STEWARDSHIP CAPACITY BUILDING PHYSICAL TRAINING



DATE: 26 - 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

PARTICIPANTS: 46 person from 13 Institutions

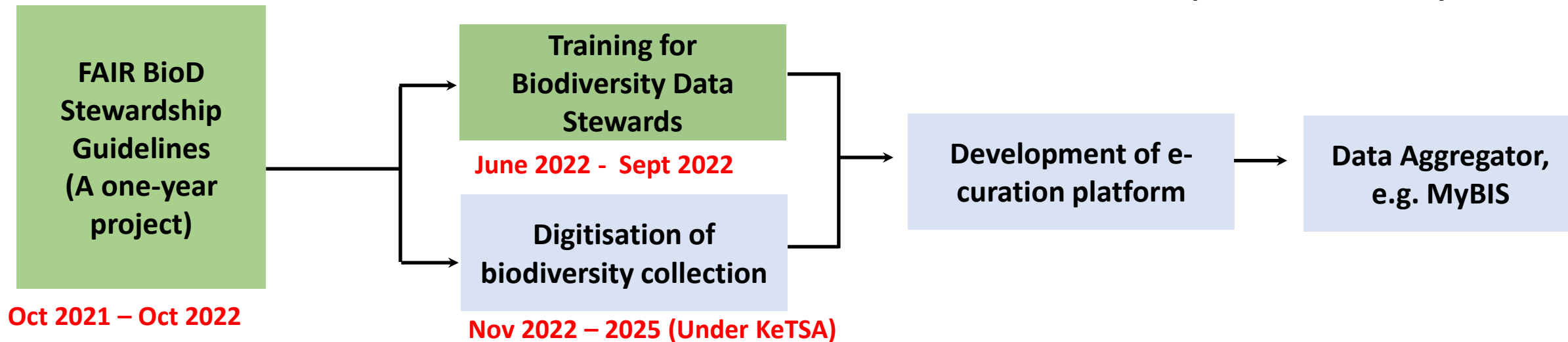
OBJECTIVES:

1. To create awareness and/or improve understanding about FAIR principle, Open Science, biodiversity data management, digitisation and data quality.
2. To refine, validate and improve draft guidelines and training manuals on Biodiversity (Specimen) Data Management, Digitisation and Data Quality.
3. To provide hands-on training for Biodiversity (Species) Data Management, Digitisation and Data Cleaning modules

Way Forward



Open Science Journey



The **digitisation training module will be useful for digitisation of biodiversity collection under the KeTSA's initiative*

Issues & Challenges



1. Researchers' "buy-in"
2. Institutional support
3. *Trained and skilled personnels*
4. *Awareness and understanding*
5. *Technical readiness and capabilities*
6. Central "ownership"
7. MAJOR CHALLENGE: SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

“The best collaborations
create something bigger than
the sum of what each person
can create on their own.”

Thank You



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