Group Objectives
To serve as a neutral and democratic space for research data management discussion and promotion of RDA activities in Brazil, as well as to represent regional interests in the global RDA forum.

Background
The National Group "RDA - Brazil" was initially driven by an emerging community in Brazil that started working together around one of the commitments of the OGP's National Action Plan 2018-2020 [1]. The Commitment #3 in the Action Plan regards the "establishment of scientific data governance mechanisms for the advance of open science in Brazil", which includes actions to raise awareness over Open Science and to deploy a "human network" around this topic in Brazil.

The desire to create a Brazilian National Group dates since 2015, when one of the RNP’s directors was appointed as a member of the RDA council, but the group came true only in Dec 2018. Representatives from five national-level institutions came together to lead the group setup: MCTIC, Ibict, Fiocruz, RNP and EMBRAPA. [1] www.opengovpartnership.org/members/brazil/

First Steps
- A document to set up a Governance Model for the group was agreed on May 5th 2019 and published on Sep 5th 2019.
- A comparative survey of national RDA groups was published in the group file repository.
- Cooperation activities with RDA Portugal are under discussions.

Expectations
To strengthen the collaboration with the GO FAIR Brazil office, hosted by Ibict since December 2018, which has the responsibility to disseminate, support and coordinate the activities related to the adoption of FAIR principles throughout the whole Brazilian territory.

In addition to the local adoption of the RDA recommendations, this group is expected to foster important new connections between researchers, research data managers, policymakers, information science professionals in scientific and technological institutions, universities, companies and funding agencies, laying the foundations of a national network and reinforcing Brazil's contribution to the global landscape of research data management.