



**RDA**  
**VP26**

RESEARCH DATA ALLIANCE

**26th Plenary Meeting**

**16-20 March 2026 | Fully Virtual**

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# Navigation Guide to Whova [hu:va] Platform



<https://www.rd-alliance.org/plenaries/p26/>

# Accessing Whova

## Registration

Every registered RDA VP26 attendee will get access to Whova. If you have not registered yet, you can do so at

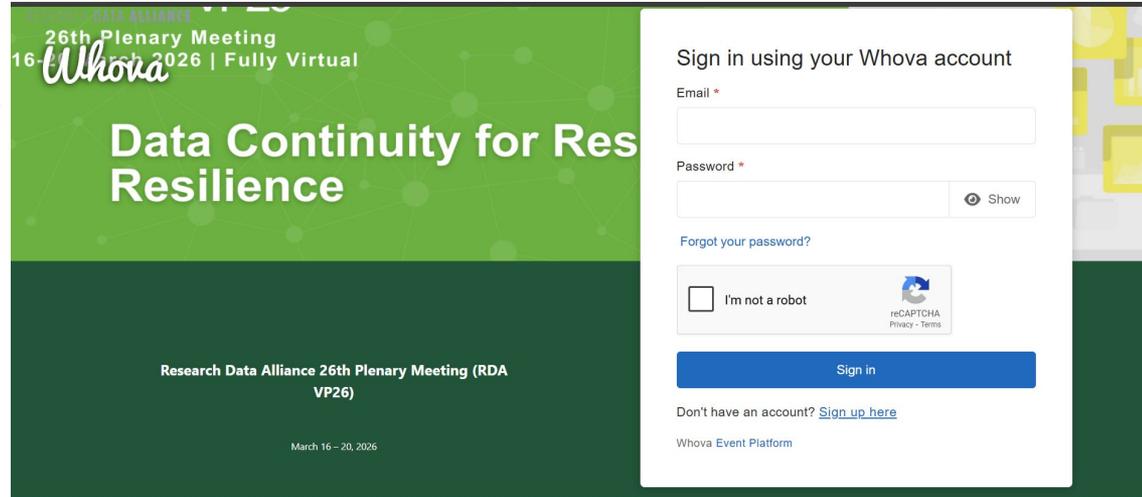
<https://RDAVP26.events.whova.com/registration>

## Log-In

Once you receive the link to access Whova, please click “Sign up here” if you don’t have an account yet.

**Please use the email you used when registering for the RDA VP26.**

***Please note:*** Google Chrome is recommended for best performance.



The screenshot shows the Whova login interface for the Research Data Alliance 26th Plenary Meeting (RDA VP26). The background is a green banner with the text: "RESEARCH DATA ALLIANCE 26th Plenary Meeting 16-17 March 2026 | Fully Virtual Whova Data Continuity for Resilience". Below the banner, it says "Research Data Alliance 26th Plenary Meeting (RDA VP26)" and "March 16 - 20, 2026". On the right side, there is a white login box titled "Sign in using your Whova account". It contains an "Email" field, a "Password" field with a "Show" toggle, a "Forgot your password?" link, a reCAPTCHA "I'm not a robot" checkbox, and a blue "Sign in" button. At the bottom of the login box, there are links for "Don't have an account? Sign up here" and "Whova Event Platform".

**Whova Mobile app** is also available to access RDA VP26. To download the app, please visit the Play Store on your phone > search for ‘Whova - Events & Conference App’. Use the email you used when registering for the RDA VP26 to log in to the app. You will then see RDA VP26 listed as one of your events. The direct link for downloading the app is

<https://RDAVP26.events.whova.com>.

# Whova Menu - Home Page

Once you have logged in to Whova, you will see the VP26 main home page as shown on the slide.

Using the menu on the left hand side, you can navigate to: agenda (programme), browse sessions, view participants and speakers, initiate new discussions with others, and message VP26 attendees.

On the right hand side, you will see announcements made by organisers. You can also participate and create any new discussion topics.



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### Data Continuity for Research Resilience

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Under the theme 'Data Continuity for Research Resilience', RDA VP26 will explore data continuity strategies that strengthen research resilience in times of change, crisis, and transformation. Join our global community of data experts online 16-20 March 2026 to learn and share how we can keep research data accessible when everything is changing.

**Useful resources:**

#### Activity Feed

Hello everyone! This is Uwe Schindler from...  
[View ice breaker](#)

 Is Your AI Tool Actually Agentic? 2 hours ago  
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 Are you new to the RDA? Want to know more? 2 hours ago  
[View 2 messages](#)

 Looking to Connect with the Right People at VP26? 2 hours ago

# RDA VP26 Agenda - Navigating the Programme

## View VP26 sessions

By navigating to the Agenda > Sessions, you can access all VP26 programme sessions.

As seen on the slide, you can move to a day of your preference by clicking on the correct day/date at the top of the agenda.

## Timezone

The system is set to show the agenda times in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

## Create your own agenda

You can add a session of interest to your calendar by clicking 'Add to My Agenda'. A choice of calendars is Google, Outlook, and Apple.

The screenshot displays the RDA VP26 Agenda interface. At the top, the title 'Research Data Alliance 26th Plenary Meeting (RDA VP26)' is shown with the dates 'Mar 16 - 20, 2026'. A left-hand navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Agenda' (highlighted with a red box), 'Sessions', 'Speakers', 'Attendees', 'Community' (with a red notification badge), 'My Stuff', 'Feedback to Whova', and 'Organizer Tips'. The main content area features a search bar and a 'Tracks & filters' button. Below this is a calendar view with 'Full Agenda' and 'My Agenda' tabs. The current view is for 'Mon Mar 16' (highlighted with a red box). A session titled 'Opening RDA VP26 Plenary Meeting' is listed for 'Mon Mar 16, 2026' from '7:00 AM - 8:30 AM' at 'Location: Whova'. Three buttons are visible: 'View details' (highlighted with a red box), 'Add notes' (with a plus icon), and 'Add to My Agenda' (highlighted with a red box).

# RDA VP26 Agenda - Navigation by Pathways

The programme in Whova can be navigated by one of eleven pathways or data-related topics.

Each pathway offers a unique perspective on key topics, allowing you to focus on sessions that align with your interests and professional needs.

## Filter by Pathway

Select a pathway of interest under Agenda > Sessions > Tracks & filters. A list of sessions under that pathway across all days will be shown.

Navigate to a pathway of interest (as shown on the image) and a list of session under that pathway will appear.

The screenshot displays the Whova agenda interface for the "Research Data Alliance 26th Plenary Meeting (RDA VP26)" held from March 16 to 20, 2026. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Header:** A dark green banner at the top contains the event title and dates.
- Left Navigation Menu:** A vertical sidebar on the left lists navigation options: Home, Agenda (with a dropdown arrow), Sessions (highlighted in blue), Speakers, Attendees, Community (with a red notification badge showing '4'), Messages, My Stuff (with a right-pointing arrow), and Feedback to Whova.
- Tracks & filters:** A central panel with a search bar and a list of tracks. The "Tracks & filters" tab is highlighted with a red box. The search bar contains the text "Search by session name, location, speaker, or author". The track list includes:
  - AI meets data: exploring use cases, applications and innovation
  - Data Infrastructures and Environments - Discipline Focused (highlighted with a red arrow)
  - Data Infrastructures and Environments - Generalist
  - Data Lifecycles - Versioning, Provenance, Citation, and Reward
  - Ethical data
  - FAIR, CARE, TRUST - Adoption, Implementation, and Deployment
  - FAIR, CARE, TRUST - Evaluation and PolicyA button at the bottom of this list says "See 5 more tracks".
- My Agenda:** A section on the right titled "My Agenda" shows a calendar view for "Wed Mar 18" with a right-pointing arrow. Below this are three buttons: "details", "Add notes", and "Add to My Agenda".

# RDA VP26 Agenda - Programme Details

Clicking on a session on the agenda in Whova will open a new page as shown on the slide.

A brief summary of each session is provided on the page, along with a link to additional information, links, agenda, and speakers.

RDA's session pages are maintained by the RDA groups themselves. Please ensure you check the [RDA website](#) for up to date information on each group session.

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FAIR, CARE, TRUST - Adoption, ... 0 Likes

### Bridging FAIR Enabling Resources, Implementation Profiles and Cross-Domain Interoperability

Mon Mar 16, 2026 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Whova 4 Attending

Breakout 1

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**Speaker**

**Speaker**  
FAIR Development Coordinator  
GO FAIR Foundation  
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**Speaker**  
Bioinformatician/Data steward  
ELIXIR Sweden / NBIS, SciLifeLab,  
Uppsala University  
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**Authors**  
Birds of a Feather - Barbara Magagna

**Description**  
Explore discipline-developed guidelines and interventions for implementing FAIR principles. Building on IDW2025 discussions, this session presents a draft Statement of Work toward an RDA recommendation on sharing FAIR implementation resources. Help define the structure for a new RDA group bringing together global FAIR initiatives and establish collaborative next steps for standardization, training, and cross-domain integration.

[Read full agenda](#)

Zoom link to join the session will be added on Sunday, 15th March 2026

# RDA VP26 Agenda - Joining a Live Stream

To join live sessions, navigate to Agenda > Sessions and click on the session you would like to join. Then click on 'Join the stream' as shown on the image.

This will launch your Zoom application. Click on 'Open Zoom Meeting' to launch Zoom and join the session.

**Please note:** Currently no Zoom links are added in Whova, therefore the platform looks different to the image on the right.

**Zoom links will be added to sessions on Sunday, 15th March 2026.**

Latest Zoom app download version

<https://zoom.us/>

The screenshot displays the Whova app interface. On the left is a navigation menu with items: Home, Agenda (highlighted with a red box), Sessions, Speakers, Attendees (8), Community (12), Messages (2), Photos, Leaderboard, Resources, My Stuff, Feedback to Whova, and Organizer Tips. The main content area shows a session card for 'RDA for Newcomers' with details: 'Wed May 15, 2024', '9:30 AM - 11:00 AM', 'Whova', and '5 Attending'. A green callout box with a red border is overlaid on the session card, containing the text 'View with a Zoom link (from 15th March)'. A blue 'Join the stream' button is also highlighted with a red box. The top right of the main area has a 'Show Agenda' button and a message: 'The session broadcast is live. Click the button below to join the stream.' with a camera icon.

# RDA VP26 Community Board

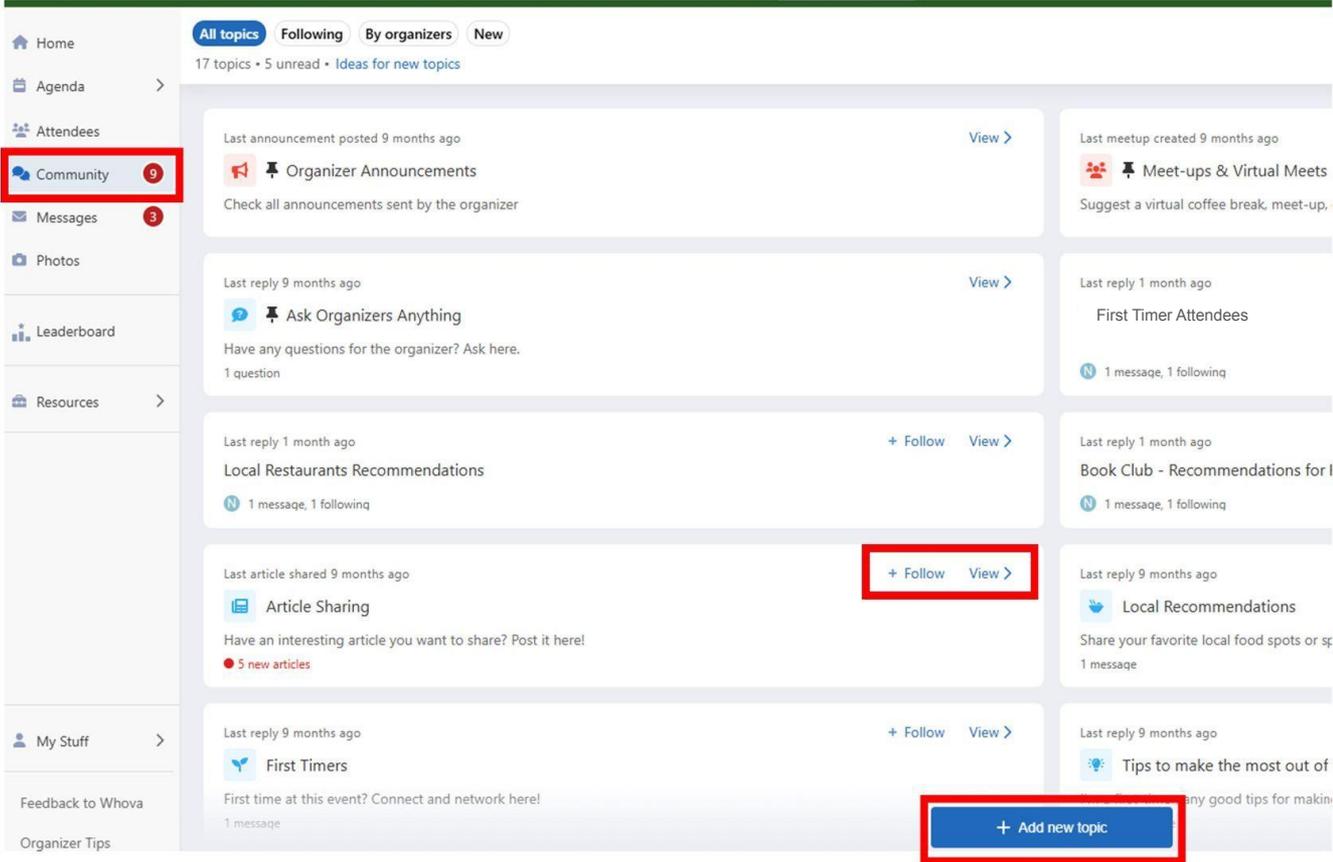
'Community' gives you access to organiser announcements and a forum.

### Engage with attendees

You can create a new conversation topic ('Add new topic'), or use existing topics like "Meet-ups". Click "Follow" directly next to the topics on the Community Board that you want to stay up to date with.

### Join or create Meet-ups

Anyone can schedule and join virtual meet-ups. From the Community Board, you can find the meetup you are interested in, join directly, or click to see more details and "RSVP". When the meetup starts, click "Join meeting room" to start chatting.





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## Do you have questions for the organisers?

You can message the organisers in the “Ask Organizers Anything” section of the Whova Community Board for any other queries you might have.

## Useful guides provided by Whova

- ❖ Whova Frequently Asked Questions: [whova.com/faq/](https://whova.com/faq/)
- ❖ Whova attendee guide: [whova.com/user-guide](https://whova.com/user-guide)
- ❖ Whova speaker guide: [whova.com/speaker-guide](https://whova.com/speaker-guide)

