

RDA VP26 EVENT POLICY (including PRIVACY, CANCELLATION, REFUND)

The organisers of the Research Data Alliance 26th Virtual Plenary Meeting (RDA VP26) will collect personal information directly from you only via the registration form fields, during the online registration process. Personal information is limited to your job title, professional title, name, email, organisation (employer), and location. The organisers will not collect personal information about you from any publicly available sources or via other means.

RDA VP26 uses Whova [hu:va] online event platform to conduct the event. Registration details for this event and your personal data are stored on the servers of Whova. For the Whova Privacy Policy and information on how to opt out from Whova communications please visit <https://whova.com/privacy/> and Whova Terms of Use <https://whova.com/terms/>.

The organisers will use your personal information for only the following purposes, for which permission is requested:

- For activities directly related to the management of the VP26.
- To publish a plenary delegate list (full name, affiliation, country), but without contact details.
- To contact you with necessary and useful information about the VP26 (start times, logistical information, changes in programme, etc.).
- To provide public summary, non-identified information about delegates (i.e., numbers from different countries, numbers in different professional roles).
- To contact you to request feedback about your experience at the VP26.
- To contact you about future RDA Plenary Meetings (managed through an email list from which you may easily unsubscribe).

The organisers will not give your personal information to any third party unless one of the following applies:

- You have specifically consented or requested us to do so.
- You would reasonably expect that your information be passed on to the recipient as part of the provision of products or services to you ancillary to your registration for the VP26.
- It is required or authorised by law.
- It will prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to somebody's life or health.

You may easily contact the organisers of VP26 to correct or request removal of any personal information held about you through the following email address secretariat@rda-foundation.org.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

RDA VP26 registration fees are subject to the below cancellation and refund conditions. Cancellation of participation must occur via email and be sent to secretariat@rda-foundation.org.

- **Notifications before 2 March 2026 (23:59 UTC)** will be refunded after deduction of the fees imposed by Whova. After that date, only replacement delegates and registration transfers will be accepted. Refunds will be made to the participant's nominated account. Potential bank charges will be borne by the registrant.
- **Notifications received after 2 March 2026 (23:59 UTC)** are not refundable.

❖ **By participating in RDA VP26:**

You consent to being recorded during the VP26.

DISCLAIMER

- You also agree that the organisers may use and publish the recordings as they deem fit to use them, including in connection with any promotional purposes, advertising, exhibition, streaming, webcasting, reproduction, or other publication.
- You acknowledge that the recordings will be published on the RDA YouTube (or other video media) channel and linked to the programme page after the end of the event and that these recordings are publicly available.
- You release the VP26 parties, their employees, and each and all persons involved with the VP26 from (i) any and all liability connected with the recordings, and (ii) any and all claims that you have or may have for infringement of proprietary rights, invasion of privacy, violation of the right of publicity, defamation, or any other cause of action you have or may have arising from or in connection with the foregoing. By default, you waive any right to inspect or approve the recordings. You may, however, request the VP26 organisers to take down any image, which will be done in a timely manner if the request is deemed appropriate.
- You waive and release the VP26 organisers from present and future claims and all liabilities of any kind, known or unknown, arising from your participation in the VP26 or related activities.
- You agree you have been fully informed of your consent, waiver of liability, and release before participating in the VP26.

❖ **VP26 registrants and programme**

The organisers of VP26 reserve the right at any time, in their sole discretion, to (i) refuse to accept or to retain any person as a registrant of the VP26, and (ii) make alterations to any part of the programme in any manner as deemed necessary or desirable.

❖ **Professional conduct**

Registrants of the VP26 agree to conduct themselves in a cordial manner. The organisers of VP26 will not tolerate any registrant who creates a disturbance, or who is disrespectful to other registrants, organisers, speakers and attendees, exhibitors, volunteers, or staff. The organisers of the VP26 reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to investigate any complaint and to dismiss any registrant found to have violated the [RDA's Code of Conduct](#), without refund of registration fees.

❖ **Scope of services, Force Majeure**

In numerous sessions and networking events, participants can exchange information and learn about topics of the VP26. The organisers of VP26 assume no responsibility for the topicality, correctness, and completeness of the content of the VP26 and its components. Announced lectures and speakers can be replaced by others.

If the VP26 is cancelled due to force majeure, cancellation of sessions, or insufficient number of participants, registrants will be informed immediately. The registration fee will be reimbursed in such cases.