

RDA 27th Plenary Meeting Programme			
Time (BST)	Programme Session	Session Description	Room allocation
Monday, 5 October 2026			
09:00-17:00	Co-located event 'AI in Research: Understanding trust, federation, and the user experience'	From search assistants to co-scientist systems, AI is entering research faster than we can govern it. Join this event to tackle the UX, governance, and data readiness challenges head-on. Learn more.	
09:00-17:00	Co-located event 'Tools and Networks for Enhancing Long-term Data Preservation'	Hands-on training in trustworthy data preservation, FAIR principles, and EOSC practices. Plus the chance to join two brand-new expert networks. Just 50 places. Learn more.	
14:00-17:00	Co-located event 'The Ethical Data Initiative Stakeholder Forum: Framing the Future of the Global Research Commons'	A forum on building a fairer, more ethical global research commons, bringing together top voices in data governance, funding, and policy. Two panels tackle inclusive data sharing and putting FAIR, CARE, and TRUST principles into practice. Learn more.	
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Tuesday, 6 October 2026			
08:00-18:00	Wellbeing and Quiet Spaces	Available on the third floor for all attendees who need a quiet moment or space to themselves. These rooms are not for private meetings.	Prayer and Quiet Rooms (third floor)
08:00-10:00	Arrival Tea & Coffee Break		Jardin Suite (ground floor)
08:45-16:00	Registration: name badges collection, check-in	Collect your name badge and get checked in for RDA P27. Come early to catch up with familiar faces, meet new RDA members, and settle in before the Opening session begins.	Jardin Suite (ground floor)
09:15-09:45	Session for newcomers	New to the Research Data Alliance, or attending your first Plenary? Join this 30-minute informal session to get oriented. You will learn what RDA is, how it's structured, and how to make the most of your three days at P27. Meet members of the RDA Secretariat team, get your questions answered, and walk away knowing exactly how to get involved.	Pakistan Room (1st floor)
10:00-11:30	RDA P27 Welcome Session. Research data: improving lives, advancing knowledge and driving growth	This session will kick off RDA P27 to welcome delegates to London. It will focus on the overarching importance of good research data management and sharing to our research ambitions – benefiting society and the economy while supporting collaboration, knowledge, and robust research.	England Suite (2nd floor)
11:30-12:00	Morning Tea & Coffee Break		
12:00-13:30	Breakout Session 1 (90 minutes long, 7 parallel sessions. One slot hosts two back-to-back 40-minute BoF (Birds of a Feather) sessions.)		Room allocation
	Research Data Policy IG - Research Data Policy: showcasing recent development from international projects		Pakistan Room (1st floor)
	Evaluation of Research IG - Evaluation of Research IG - Disciplinary and interdisciplinary aspects of research evaluation		West Indies Room (1st floor)
	PID IG - Bridge or Barrier? Exploring the Limits and Possibilities of PID Interoperability		India Room (2nd floor)
	RDA/WDS Certification of Digital Repositories IG - Sustaining the Life Cycle of Trustworthy Data Repositories		Double Executive Box 1 (3rd floor)
	Artificial Intelligence and Data Visitation (AIDV) WG - From Governance to Deployment: Trust-Centered Strategies for Agentic AI		John Major Room (2nd floor)
	Community-based catalogue of requirements for trustworthy Technical Repository Service Providers WG (TRSP WG) - Broadening the Umbrella of Trust: TRSP WG Final Outputs		Double Executive Box 2 (3rd floor)

12:00-12:40	BoF, Romain David - <i>Data Quality: Towards Cross-domain Harmonisation, Provenance-aware Approaches, Uncertainty Management and Interoperable Practices</i>		England Suite (2nd floor)
12:50-13:30	BoF, Satu Tuomikorpi - <i>Advancing scientific use of digital twins through open science and FAIR data</i>		England Suite (2nd floor)
13:30-14:30	Lunch break		Jardin Suite (ground floor)
14:30-16:00	Breakout Session 2 (90 minutes long, 7 parallel sessions. One slot hosts two back-to-back 40-minute BoF (Birds of a Feather) sessions.)		Room allocation
	Data Steward Career Tracks WG / Professionalising Data Stewardship IG - <i>Data Stewards: Professionalisation, Value, Impact</i>		Double Executive Box 1 (3rd floor)
	Earth, Space and Environmental Sciences Data (ESES CoP) - <i>Perspectives on Earth, Space and Environmental Science Data: Connections, FAIR Practices and Resilience</i>		Double Executive Box 2 (3rd floor)
	National PID Strategies Interest Group - <i>The New Era of National PID Strategies: From Vision to Reality</i>		India Room (2nd floor)
	FAIR for Machine Learning (FAIR4ML) IG - <i>Towards building a FAIR ML management Plan</i>		Pakistan Room (1st floor)
	Multi-Omics Metadata Standards Integration (MOMSI) WG - <i>MOMSI Unleashed: Shaping an Open, Interoperable Multi-Omics Commons</i>		John Major Room (2nd floor)
	FAIR Run Time Environments WG - <i>The AI Triad: Data, Software, and Environment - FAIR Runtime Environments</i>		West Indies Room (1st floor)
14:30-15:10	BoF, Nathanael Sheehan - <i>Research Data Management Ethics</i>		England Suite (2nd floor)
15:20-16:00	BoF, Simon Hodson - <i>Essential Variables: case studies in FAIR commensurability and interoperability</i>		England Suite (2nd floor)
16:00-16:30	Afternoon Tea & Coffee Break		Jardin Suite (ground floor)
16:30-18:00	Plenary Session 'Community & Sustainability'		England Suite (2nd floor)
18:00-19:30	Poster and Drinks Reception	Kick off P27 with drinks, canapés, and the poster exhibition on the first evening. A relaxed opportunity to meet fellow delegates, sponsors, and exhibitors. One ticket is included in each P27 delegate registration.	Jardin Suite (ground floor)
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Wednesday, 7 October 2026			
08:00-18:00	Wellbeing and Quiet Spaces	Available on the third floor for all attendees who need a quiet moment or space to themselves. These rooms are not for private meetings.	Prayer and Quiet Rooms (third floor)
08:00-09:00	Arrival Tea & Coffee Break		Jardin Suite (ground floor)
09:00-10:30	Breakout Session 3 (90 minutes long, 7 parallel sessions. One slot hosts two back-to-back 40-minute BoF (Birds of a Feather) sessions.)		
	GORC International Implementations Working Group (GORC II WG) - <i>GORC II WG - concluding reports on deliverables and outputs</i>		John Major Room (2nd floor)
	Trusted Research Environments for Sensitive or Confidential Data: FAIRness for Controlled Data and Processes WG (TRE WG) - <i>Advancing Trusted Research Environments (TREs): From Insights to Action</i>		Pakistan Room (1st floor)
	Data Versioning IG - <i>Data Versioning: Where to next for the Interest group?</i>		Double Executive Box 1 (3rd floor)
	Research Data Architectures in Research Institutions IG - <i>The Role of Data Stewards in Linking Institutional and Data Commons Architectures</i>		India Room (2nd floor)
	RDA/CODATA Data Systems, Tools, and Services for Crisis Situations WG - <i>Data Policy for Times of Crisis Facilitated by Open Science (DPTC) Toolkit Survey and Analytics</i>		West Indies Room (1st floor)
	Persistent Identification of Instruments WG - <i>Updates from Persistent Identifications of Instruments</i>		Double Executive Box 2 (3rd floor)
09:00-09:40	BoF, Agnes Jasinska - <i>Harnessing automation and AI tools to advance data curation and connect digital research infrastructures</i>		England Suite (2nd floor)
09:50-10:30	BoF, Poppy Townsend - <i>Understanding user needs: how can research data experts learn from each other?</i>		England Suite (2nd floor)

10:30-11:00	Morning Tea & Coffee Break		Jardin Suite (ground floor)
11:00-12:30	Plenary Session 'Inspiring Leadership and securing commitment for research data infrastructure into the future'	In this session, the panel will reflect on the challenges and successes of engaging and sustaining leadership for research data infrastructure. They will explore how to gain buy-in, maintain commitment, and deliver equitable, sustainable infrastructure across local and global contexts. An interconnected global research data infrastructure is key to effective and impactful research. It requires investment and partnership across stakeholders, strategic leadership at all levels, from governments and funders to research organisations and policy makers, and the ability to adapt and meet growing capacity demands.	England Suite (2nd floor)
12:30-13:30	Lunch break		
13:30-15:00	Ideas Pitch Session		Room allocation
13:32-13:39	Pitch 1. Room 1: A national training programme for data stewards in the Netherlands - Social Sciences. Presenter - Dorien Huijser	Presents a Dutch national curriculum and certification platform for data stewards (funded by Open Science NL), built on existing European frameworks. Invites RDA community alignment; could feed into the Professionalising Data Stewardship interest group.	India Room (2nd floor)
13:32-13:39	Pitch 1. Room 2: agriRDM: Overcoming Discipline-Specific Research Data Management Challenges in Agri-Food Research - Agricultural Sciences. Presenter - Darragh Scully	Cross-national study (Ireland, Netherlands, Germany) into why agri-food researchers don't share data, using behavioural theory surveys and workshops. Aims to produce discipline-specific RDM guidance and policy recommendations.	John Major Room (2nd floor)
13:44-13:51	Pitch 2. Room 1: Making AI Visible in Open Research - Social Sciences. Presenter - Vinay Devgan	Proposes 'AI visibility' as a framework (invisible / partially visible / fully disclosed AI) for making AI's role in research decisions transparent and contestable. Proposes an interest or working group to develop vocabulary, metadata recommendations, and a governance checklist.	India Room (2nd floor)
13:44-13:51	Pitch 2. Room 2: Beyond the Warehouse: Active State Stewardship and the Sovereign Vessels - Agricultural Sciences. Presenter - Reynold J Branche	Proposes a new data primitive, a 'Sovereign Vessel', where data, logic, and governance are inseparably bundled, enabling FAIR/CARE enforcement at a structural level.	John Major Room (2nd floor)
13:56-14:03	Pitch 3. Room 1: FAIRER-MH: Federated AI for Equitable Mental Health Research Across African HDSS Cohorts - Social Sciences. Presenter - Bylhah Mugotitsa	Extends an existing federated infrastructure (INSPIRE Network) across HDSS sites in Kenya, Uganda, Senegal, and Ethiopia for mental health research. Proposes founding a formal RDA interest group on African Population Health Federated Data, with three defined workstreams and named partners (CODATA, LSHTM).	India Room (2nd floor)
13:56-14:03	Pitch 3. Room 2: NeuroNose for Parkinson's: Building the First High-Fidelity VOC Dataset for Early Detection Using AI and Advanced Sensing - Medical & Health Sciences. Presenters - Carlos Claiton Noschang Kuhn	Electronic nose platform generating VOC datasets from breath/skin for pre-symptomatic Parkinson's detection. Combines sensor engineering, embedded acquisition, and ML-ready preprocessing. Proposes FAIR-aligned standards for sensor-derived biomedical data, with a pilot dataset as starting point, and a working group on VOC/sensor biomedical data standardisation.	John Major Room (2nd floor)
14:08-14:15	Pitch 4. Room 1: Towards a Core Metadata Schema for Linguistic Data - Humanities. Presenters - Helene N. Andreassen, Philipp Conzett, Mara van der Ploeg	Proposes a working group to define a minimal shared metadata schema for linguistic research data across the many existing but fragmented standards (OLAC, IMDI, CMDI, etc.).	India Room (2nd floor)
14:08-14:15	Pitch 4. Room 2: Fitness, Trust, and Community-Driven Data Standards: A Pilot Project - Medical & Health Sciences. Presenter - Sarah Myer	Uses a paediatric asthma case study to examine how different audiences (clinicians, caregivers, journalists, etc.) assess whether open health data is trustworthy and usable. Proposes an interest group on community-centred data reuse evaluation.	John Major Room (2nd floor)

14:20-14:27	Pitch 5. Room 1: Connecting Large Research Infrastructures with PIDs in the AI Era - Engineering & Technology. Presenters - Xiaolei Xia, Jia Liu, Lijuan Wang, Yuanchun Zhou	Explores how PIDs can better connect large research infrastructures (telescopes, etc.) with the datasets and publications they generate, particularly for AI-readiness. Proposes possible interest or working group on the topic.	India Room (2nd floor)
14:20-14:27	Pitch 5. Room 2: FAIR from the Ground Up: Nanopublications as Knowledge Building Blocks - Natural Sciences. Presenters - Tobias Kuhn and Ashley Caselli	Argues FAIR should be applied at the individual statement level, not just datasets. Demonstrates a working decentralised network (nanopub.net) where each assertion carries provenance and a signature. Proposes an interest group leading to working group on conventions and tooling.	John Major Room (2nd floor)
14:32-14:39	Pitch 6. Room 1: Liberata: Rewiring Incentives for Open, Trustworthy Science - Engineering & Technology. Presenter - Patrick Prochazka	Proposes an open-access publishing platform where peer review and replication are compensated via tradeable 'contribution shares.' Pitches both an interest group on incentive-aligned open research validation and a working group on a machine-readable contribution attribution metadata standard.	India Room (2nd floor)
14:32-14:39	Pitch 6. Room 2: How Resilient is Your Earth and Environmental Data Infrastructure: Documenting Disasters, Near Misses and Successes. - Natural Sciences. Presenter - Lesley Wyborn	Responds to the 2025 US federal funding crisis and growing threats to repository infrastructure. Calls for a collection of case study essays ('disasters, near misses, successes') on repository resilience, to be published in the Data Science Journal, informing a future RDA working group on sustaining earth/environmental data supply chains.	John Major Room (2nd floor)
14:44-14:51	Pitch 7. Room 1: From machine interpretability to machine actionability – FAIR Digital Objects for persistent, modular, and well described metadata - Engineering & Technology. Presenters - Maximilian Inckmann, Karsten Peters-von Gehlen, Andreas Pfeil	Demonstrates FAIR Digital Object capabilities: modular metadata profiles, technology-independent type systems, and machine-actionable operations. Calls for collaborators to build FDO use cases with the existing RDA FDOF IG or the FDO Forum testbed.	India Room (2nd floor)
15:00-15:30	Afternoon Tea & Coffee Break		Jardin Suite (ground floor)
15:30-17:00	Breakout Session 4 (90 minutes long, 7 parallel sessions. One slot hosts two back-to-back 40-minute BoF (Birds of a Feather) sessions.)		Room allocation
	Life Science Data Infrastructures IG - AI-ready data infrastructure: Technical federation, knowledge network & social fabric		India Room (2nd floor)
	Physical Samples and Collections in the Research Data Ecosystem IG - Trustworthy sample and sample metadata repositories: what defines a curated sample collection?		Double Executive Box 1 (3rd floor)
	Uptake of Digital Research Infrastructure IG - Surveying the Uptake of Digital Research Infrastructure: Early Results and Implications		West Indies Room (1st floor)
	Collections as Data IG - Catalogues as data: cultural heritage interoperability		Double Executive Box 2 (3rd floor)
	Education and Training on Handling of Research Data IG (ETHRD IG) - Shaping Research Data Skills: Competency Frameworks for Open Research		John Major Room (2nd floor)
	Software Source Code IG - Aligning Research Software Communities, Infrastructures, and Institutions		Pakistan Room (1st floor)
15:30-16:10	BoF, Christin Keller - Federation by Necessity? Governing Research Commons Beyond Interoperability		England Suite (2nd floor)
16:20-17:00	BoF, Chandan Seth Nanda - Interoperable Pharmacogenomics: Enabling Trusted Genomics–Clinical Trial Data Integration For Precision Medicine At Scale		England Suite (2nd floor)
17:30-20:00	Evening Gathering	An evening of bowl food and drinks in a relaxed, informal setting. The perfect opportunity to socialise and connect with colleagues from across the global RDA community. One ticket is included in each P27 delegate registration.	Jardin Suite (ground floor)
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Thursday, 8 October 2026			

08:00-18:00	Wellbeing and Quiet Spaces	Available on the third floor for all attendees who need a quiet moment or space to themselves. These rooms are not for private meetings.	Prayer and Quiet Rooms (third floor)
08:00-09:00	Arrival Tea & Coffee Break		Jardin Suite (ground floor)
09:00-10:30	Plenary Session on Data Resilience	Much of RDA's work deals with ways to make data sharing more straightforward and more efficient within and across domains. Underlying this work is a degree of confidence that the data will continue to exist. All in the field recognise that this is not always a given; the challenges and the solutions for data resilience have political, social, technical, legal and environmental aspects. This panel session, featuring voices with a range of experiences, will focus on actions that are working on maintaining the capability, capacity and infrastructure to increase data resilience.	
10:30-11:00	Morning Tea & Coffee Break		England Suite (2nd floor)
11:00-12:30	Breakout Session 5 (90 minutes long, 6 parallel sessions. One slot hosts two back-to-back 40-minute BoF (Birds of a Feather) sessions.)		Room allocation
	Complex Citation Implementation Interest Group (CCI IG) - <i>Complex Citations: Implementing, Structuring and Adopting Research Citation Objects</i>		Pakistan Room (1st floor)
	Mapping the Landscape of Digital Research Tools II (MaLDReTH II) - <i>When Research Tools Connect: MaLDReTH II's Approach to Interoperability</i>		West Indies Room (1st floor)
	Reproducibility IG - <i>Reproducibility Efforts within RDA: Activities from the IG, WG, and shared task group</i>		Double Executive Box 1 (3rd floor)
	Sample Type Classification WG - <i>Bringing the Universe of Samples into Focus</i>		Double Executive Box 2 (3rd floor)
	Professionalising Data Stewardship IG / FAIRsharing Registry WG / FAIRification of Genomic Annotations WG / Life Science Data Infrastructures IG - <i>Community driven FAIR assessment across research domains and infrastructures</i>		John Major Room (2nd floor)
11:00-11:40	BoF, Lindsey Anderson - <i>Beyond the Chatbot: Standards for AI Agents in Research Data Workflows</i>		England Suite (2nd floor)
11:50-12:30	BoF, Rishika Sharma - <i>Advancing Interoperability in Pediatric Oncology: A Zero Data Movement Framework</i>		England Suite (2nd floor)
12:30-13:30	Lunch break		Jardin Suite (ground floor)
13:30-15:00	Breakout Session 6 (90 minutes long, 6 parallel sessions)		Room allocation
	Data Discovery Paradigms IG - <i>Rethinking Data Discovery: From Keyword Search to AI</i>		Pakistan Room (1st floor)
	National Data Services IG - <i>National Data Services - the Sustainability Challenge</i>		India Room (2nd floor)
	RDA/CODATA Legal Interoperability IG - <i>Actionable Data Through Legal and Organisational Interoperability</i>		West Indies Room (1st floor)
	Linguistics Data Interest Group - <i>Data Management and Sharing in Linguistics: Current uptake, needs, and next steps</i>		Double Executive Box 1 (3rd floor)
	Active Data Management Plans IG / DMP Common Standards WG / Common API for maDMPs WG - <i>Realizing the Potential of Active DMPs: Implementing and Evolving Common Standards</i>		John Major Room (2nd floor)
	Infrastructure for Non-Traditional Research Outputs and Processes (Infra4NTROs) - <i>Consolidating and coordinating energies in Infra4NTROs: from case studies to mapping outputs</i>		Double Executive Box 2 (3rd floor)
15:00-15:30	Afternoon Tea & Coffee Break		Jardin Suite (ground floor)

15:30-17:15	RDA P27 Closing Session 'Making the Global Open Research Commons a reality' Keynote Speakers: Hilary Hanahoe (RDA), Lautaro Matas (LA Referencia), Natalie Harrower (CRDCN), Tony Burdett (BioFAIR).	The closing session of RDA P27 will take the opportunity to reflect on what we have heard during the three days and what it means to “shape a global open research commons”. Hearing from speakers across regional and thematic perspectives, the session will explore practical approaches, challenges, lessons learned, and how the community can work together to make it a reality.	England Suite (2nd floor)
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Friday, 9 October 2026			
09:30-16:00	Co-located event: CDIF4EOSC: an AI-ready, data engineering playbook for FAIR Integration in EOSC and beyond	From ocean sciences to sustainable materials, CDIF4EOSC is turning FAIR principles into practical, AI-assisted tools. Join this event to see how. Learn more.	