



Inclusive Data Charter governance overview

The [Inclusive Data Charter \(IDC\)](#) is a global multi-stakeholder initiative working to advance the availability and use of inclusive and disaggregated data through partnership. It is one of the key flagship initiatives of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (the Global Partnership), who established the Charter, alongside partners in July 2018.

The IDC advocates for governments and organizations to take action on inclusive data and provides a framework and support to do so. Institutions join the IDC and become Champions by committing to a high-level vision and set of five principles that form the foundations of a more inclusive approach to data. Champions then develop and publicly share a tailored action plan that outlines their priorities and actions to achieve the vision and principles.

The IDC does not receive funding through membership fees. We operate on a small annual budget enabled by the IDC Co-facilitating organizations' contributions and ad hoc financial and in-kind contributions from other Champions and partners.

IDC governance structure

The governance of the IDC is comprised of the Secretariat and the Co-Facilitators.

The IDC Secretariat

To support the advancement of the network, the IDC has a Secretariat which works with Champions to accelerate commitments, action towards realizing the IDC principles, and knowledge sharing around inclusive data.

The IDC Secretariat is the primary interface with the Champions network and its day-to-day operations.

The three IDC Secretariat members are responsible for: Advocacy & Outreach, Technical Advice, Network Management & Learning and are seconded from the Global Partnership, the UK's Office for National Statistics and Sightsavers.

Responsibilities of the IDC Secretariat include:

- Building awareness, interest, and understanding of the need for more inclusive data to achieve the leave no one behind agenda.
- Undertaking outreach and direct advocacy with governments and organizations to encourage them to prioritize inclusive data by joining the IDC and making commitments, ensuring that we grow and expand the IDC network, in a careful and balanced way.
- Supporting IDC Champions to build their capacity to collect, analyze, and use inclusive data more effectively through technical assistance to develop and implement their action plans.
- Supporting the IDC Champions network to advance their inclusive data objectives and amplify their work through communications, events, capturing progress and impact.
- Facilitating collaborations to build knowledge and capacity between Champions and other organizations, to share expertise, experiences and learning.



The IDC Co-facilitators

The Secretariat's work is enabled by co-facilitating organizations, who bring a range of sectoral and working-level expertise on inclusive data and data for development from a technical, programmatic and policy perspective.

Currently, the four co-facilitating organizations are the Global Partnership, the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, the UK's Office for National Statistics and Sightsavers.

The current four co-facilitating organizations were all part of an early task team focused on mobilizing political support for and action on inclusive data. This task was part of the Leave No One Behind collaborative convened by GPSDD in 2017. The task team was comprised of partners from governments, civil society and international organizations, who went on to develop the IDC and its vision and principles and thus became the original ten Champions when the IDC was launched in 2018.

Following the launch of the IDC, there was a recognition that resources would be required to advance the network and support its Champions. Three of the Champion organizations who were heavily involved in the establishment of the IDC, committed to invest resources, alongside the Global Partnership, through providing secondments from their respective organizations to set up an IDC secretariat. Through that investment, these organizations became the IDC Co-facilitators.

Since the launch of the IDC, these organizations have maintained their financial contribution for the three IDC secretariat roles, alongside providing additional operational resources where needed, and strategic oversight to sustain and grow the network.

Responsibilities of IDC co-facilitating organizations include:

- Hosting the 3 IDC secretariat members within their respective organizations and investing the resources for their engagement in the IDC.
- Providing other substantive resources, where needed, to support the effective running of the network.
- Decision making including review, approvals and sign off on expressions of interest submitted by prospective Champions to join the IDC.
- Providing strategic guidance and oversight, including overseeing IDC strategy, growth and ambition, annual plans and priorities.

To learn more about the Inclusive Data Charter, [get in touch here](#).