



# GeoForAll

Monthly Newsletter



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## 4. Conferences

### Europe

#### May 2026

1. 4-6: [FOR2026 Conference: The Future of Open Research](#)

Venue: Munich, Germany

2. 21-23: EUROGEO Conference (more details in near future)

Venue: Fontys University, Tilburg, The Netherlands

#### June 2026

3. 22-24: [ML4EO](#)

Venue: University of Exeter, Exeter, UK

#### September 2026

4. 7-9: [Environmental Intelligence 2026](#)

Venue: University of Exeter, Streatham Campus, Exeter, UK

5. 16-18: [PLATIAL '26: International Symposium on Platial Information Science](#)

Venue: Salzburg, Austria

#### October 2026

6. 6-8: [RDA 27<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting](#)

Venue: London

### Asia

#### August 2026

7. 30-September 5: [FOSS4G 2026](#)

Venue: Hiroshima, Japan



### North America

#### July 2026

8. 28-31: [ESIP Meeting](#) - Bridging Divides: Data, Technology, Community

Venue: Austin, Texas, USA

#### November 2026

9. 2-4: [FOSS4G NA 2026](#)

Venue: Sacramento, California, USA





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Theme under revision

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Oct 2016, Vol.2, no.10	Sergio Acosta Y Lara, Montevideo Uruguay
Nov 2016, Vol. 2, no. 11	Victoria Rautenbach, Centre of Geoinformation Science Univ. of Pretoria, South Africa
Dec 2016, Vol.2, no.12	Dr. Daria Svidzinska, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine
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April 2017, Vol.3 no.4	Michael P. Finn, U.S. Geological Survey
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February 2018, Vol.4 no.2	Barend Köbben, Department of Geo-Information Processing University of Twente
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## Lab of the Month, Content table

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Sep 2015, Vol.1 no.2	FOSS4G Lab, University of Colorado Denver (USA)
Oct 2015, Vol.1, no.3	Open Source Geospatial Lab, University of Southampton, UK (Europe)
Nov 2015, Vol.1 no.4	The Northeast Institute of Geography and Agroecology of Chinese Academy of Science, China (Asia)
Jan 2016 , Vol.2 no.1	Centre for Geoinformation Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa, (Africa)
Feb 2016, Vol.2 no.2	Open Source Geospatial Lab, University of Newcastle, UK, (Europe)
Mar 2016, Vol.2 no.3	SMART Open Source Geospatial Lab, University of Wollongong, (Australia)
Apr 2016, Vol.2 no.4	Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development, Nairobi, Kenya (Africa)
May 2016, Vol.2 no.5	GeoDa Centre – Arizona State University, (USA)
June 2016, Vol.2 no.6	Direccion Nacional de Topografia – MTOP Montevideo, Uruguay, (South America)
July 2016, Vol.2 no.7	SIGTE – University of Girona, Spain (Europe)
August 2016, Vol.2 no.8	Open Source Geospatial Lab, Department of Geodesy and Surveying, Budapest Univ. of Technology and Economics, Hungary (Europe).
September 2016, Vol.2 no.9	Open Source Geospatial Lab, Faculty of Geodesy, University of Zagreb, Croatia, (Europe)
October 2016, Vol.2 no.10	Hellenic digital earth Centre of Excellence, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, (Europe)
November 2016, Vol.2 no.11	Department of Geoinformatics, Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic
December 2016, Vol.2 no.12	Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand
January 2017, Vol.3 no.1	Spatial Lab, Texas A&M, Corpus Christi, USA
February 2017, Vol.3 no.2	Open Source Geospatial Lab, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Belgrade, Serbia
March 2017, Vol.3 no.3	Geomatics and Earth Observation Laboratory (GEOLab) , Politecnico di Milano, Italy
April 2017, Vol.3 no.4	Faculty of Civil Engineering, Department of Geomatics, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic
May 2017, Vol.3 no.5	the Laboratory of socio-geographical research of the University of Siena, ITALY
June 2017, Vol.3 no.6	A World Bridge program
July 2017, Vol.3 no.7	Department of Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering of the University of Trento, Italy
August 2017, Vol.3 no.8	Institute of Geography, Faculty of Science, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Slovakia
November 2020, Vol.6 no.11	Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC), Spain
January 2021, Vol.7 no.01	gvSIG Uruguay Community, Uruguay



## 5. Webinars

- If you want to start learning how to use QGIS, there are some excellent free resources at <https://www.gislounge.com/free-ways-to-learn-qgis/>

## 7. Training programs

- GeoForAll educational materials have been transferred to our new web site. [GeoForAll educational inventory system, a place to search and share educational materials](#)
- [Harmonized Landsat and Sentinel-2 2026 workshop](#).  
Start date: May 12, 2026  
End Date: May 13, 2026  
Host: NASA  
Venue: Virtual
- Second [ESA-NASA International Workshop on AI Foundation Models for Earth Observation](#)  
Start Date: May 19, 2026  
End Date: May 22, 2026  
Host: NASA and ESA  
Venue: Huntsville, Alabama, USA
- [ARSET - Introduction to Thermal Remote Sensing](#).  
Start Date: May 26, 2026  
End Date: June 2, 2026  
Host: NASA-ARSET  
Training type: Online Instructor-Led  
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## 11. Free books, educational materials, etc.

- Visit the YouTube QGIS channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGS162t4hkOA0b35ucf1yng/videos> to get videos of QGIS applications, representations and ideas.

## 12. Articles

### South African Open Science Policy 2026

*By the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation, Republic of South Africa.*

Scientific research seeks to meet human development goals, while sustaining the ability of natural systems to provide both resources and the ecosystem on which our socio-economic conditions depend. Faster, less costly access to scientific results, data, and methods can accelerate the pace of scientific discovery and the uptake of the results.

Global inter-connectedness supports the rapid exchange of these outputs. Open Science is defined as research and development that is collaborative, transparent, and reproducible, and whose outputs are made publicly available.

The benefits of using the Open Science paradigm are broadening the benefits of science across society, recognition that reproducibility and validation are required for science to remain credible, and the enabling of new mechanisms for technological changes. An outstanding example has been seen with the high-speed development of a global scientific response to COVID-19, where barriers to exchanging the results of scientific discoveries were lowered or removed – supporting the often held view that Open Science is effectively a vehicle for “the democratisation of knowledge”.



Open Science can only be successful with the mindful application of the cardinal guiding principle “As Open As Possible, As Closed As Necessary”. This principle recognises both the legislative environment, and the critical socio-economic role of intellectual property rights.

South Africa’s competitiveness depends on understanding and embracing this new paradigm. There is also an urgent need for change in access to research publications in terms of the present cost.

This Open Science policy sets out guiding principles, objectives, and policy linkages. The seven policy intents concern (1) the policy and regulatory environment, (2) Open Access to the scientific literature, (3) access to valuable Open Data, (4) the required supporting education and skills, (5) the potential incentives, (6) the required Infrastructure, and (7) the relationship to Citizen Science. Among the critical success factors are trusted security and financial sustainability in implementation. The move to Open Science supports the need for district and local internet access. Since Open Science is a global movement generated by researchers themselves, engagement of stakeholders is a critical element. Transition towards an open research culture requires an enabling environment with appropriate support mechanisms in place.

Open practices result in a transformation in the way in which science is done. An Open Science Observatory is proposed, which will continuously monitor the efficiency and relevance of the system, and will provide feedback on implementation.

Through the adoption of an Open Science Policy, South Africa will facilitate equality of opportunity



within the National System of Innovation, as well as benefiting from a global and African trend.

Download the full article [here](#).

## Acronyms

by **Nikos Lambrinos**, Chief Editor, and **Michael Finn**.

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3DEP: 3-D Elevation Program

AAG: Association of American Geographers

AGI: Ambient Geographic Information

AGS: American Geographical Society

AGU: American Geophysical Union

AI: Artificial Intelligence

AM/FM: Automated Mapping/Facilities Management

AOSP: African Open Space Platform

API: Application Programming Interface

ASPRS: American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

AURIN: Australian Urban Research Infrastructure Network

BBSRC: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council

BDS: BeiDou Navigation Satellite Demonstration System

BIM: Building Information Modelling

CAADP: Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme

CAD: Computer Aided Design

CaGIS: Cartography and Geographic Information Society

CCGI: Collaboratively Contributed Geographic Information

CDSE: Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem

CEGIS: Center of Excellence for Geospatial Information Science

CEOS: Committee on Earth Observation Satellites

CHIRPS - Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation with Station data

CI: CyberInfrastructure



CLGE: The Council of European Geodetic Surveyors

CLMS Data: Copernicus Land Monitoring Service Data

CODATA: Committee on Data for Science and Technology

COGO: Coordinate geometry

CRC: Census Research Centre

CRS: Coordinate Reference System

CSA: Canadian Space Agency

CSSTEAP: Center for Space Science & Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific

CUDA: Compute Unified Device Architecture

DAAC: Distributed Active Archive Center (of NASA)

DEM: Digital Elevation Model

DSM: Digital Surface Models

DWG: Design file format

DXF: Drawing Interchange File

ECMWF: European Center for Medium range Weather Forecasting

EOS: Earth Observation Science

EOSDIS: Earth Observing System and Data Information System

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

EPSG: European Petrol Survey Group (used in projection IDs)

ESA: European Space Agency

ESERO: European Space Education Resource Office

EUROGI: European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information

EuroSDR: European Spatial Data Research

FDO: FAIR (Find, Access, Interoperate, and Reuse) Digital Objects

FOSS: Free and Open Source Software

FOSS4G: Free and Open Source Software For Geospatial

GCP: Ground Control Point

GDAL: Geospatial Data Abstraction Library

GEO: Group on Earth Observations

GEO: Geosynchronous Earth Orbits

GloFAS: Global Flood Awareness System

GNSS: Global Navigational Satellite System

GODAN: Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition

GPS: Global Positioning System

GPX: GPS Exchange Format

GRACE: Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (satellite program)

GRASPgfs: Geospatial Resource for Agricultural Species and Pests and Pathogens with workflow integrated modeling to support Global Food Security

GSoC: Google Summer of Code

HLPF: High Level Political Forum (of UN)

HOT: Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team

HPC: high-performance computing

ICA: International Cartographic Association

ICIMOD – International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development

ICSU-WDS: International Council for Science – World Data System

IDE: Spatial Data Infrastructure

IFAD – International Fund for Agricultural Development

INSPIRE: Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe

IPCC – Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

IPGH: Pan American Institute of Geography and History

ISO: International Organization for Standardization

ISPRS: International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

ISRO: Indian Space Research Organization

JAXA: Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

KML: Keyhole Markup Language

LBS: Location-Based Service



LEO: Low Earth Orbits	ROSCOSMOS: Russian Federal Space Agency
LiDAR: Light Detection and Ranging	ROSHYDROMET: Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring
LOC: Local Organizing Committee	RUFORUM: Regional Universities Forum for capacity building in agriculture
LOD: Level Of Detail	SaaS: Software as a Service
MEO: Medium Earth Orbits	SAR: Synthetic Aperture Radar
MIL: Media and Information Literacy	SDG: Sustainable Development Goal
MoU: Memorandum of Understanding	SDI: Spatial Data Infrastructure
MSS: Multispectral Scanner	SIG: Geographic Information System
NAD: North American Datum	SIGTE: The GIS and Remote Sensing Service of the University of Girona, Spain
NARSS: National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Sciences of Egypt	SPIDER: open SPatial data Infrastructure eEducation EtwoRk
NCSA: National Center for Supercomputing Applications	SQL: Structured Query Language
NDVI - Normalized Difference Vegetation Index	STISA 2024: Science Technology Innovation Strategy for Africa
NDWI - Normalized Difference Water Index	STSM: Short Term Scientific Missions
NED: National Elevation Dataset	SWIR: Short Wave Infrared
NEPAD: NEw Partnership for African Development	TIN: Triangulated Irregular Network
NGA: National Geospatial Intelligence Agency	UAV: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
NHD: National Hydrologic Dataset	UML: Unified Modeling Language
NIR - Near-Infrared	UN-GGIM: United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management
NLCD: National Land Cover Dataset	USGS: U.S. Geological Survey
NOOSA: United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs	USGIF: United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation
NRSA: Indian National Remote Sensing Agency	VGI: Volunteered Geographic Information
NSDI: National Spatial Data Infrastructure	VNIR: Visible Near Infrared
NSF: National Science Foundation	XSEDE: Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment
OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development	WCS: Web Coverage Service
OER: Open Educational Resources	WFS: Web Feature Service
OGC: Open Geospatial Consortium	WGCapD: Working Group on Capacity Building and Data Democracy
OHI: International Hydrographic Office	WGS: World Geodetic System
OSGeo: Open Source Geospatial Foundation	WISERD: Wales Institute of Social & Economic Research, Data & Methods
OSM: OpenStreetMap	WMO: World Meteorological Organization
OTB: Orfeo Tool Box	WMS: Web Map Service
PPGIS: Public Participation in Geographic Information Systems	WMTS: Web Map Tiles Services
PPSR: Public Participation in Scientific Research	WOIS: Water Observation Information System
RBV: Return Beam Vidicon	WPS: Web Processing Service
RCMRD: Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development	
RDA: Research Data Alliance	



## 17. Ideas / Information

1. If you are interested in educational material, then go to <https://www.osgeo.org/initiatives/geo-for-all/in-your-classroom/> where you can find software resources for your classroom. Also, go to “Resources” <https://www.osgeo.org/resources/> to get a guidance on how to use open source projects and tools.

2. From Prof. Suchith Anand

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In an increasingly complex and fast-changing world, national statistical offices are under growing pressure to deliver timely, diverse, and high-quality data. To meet these demands, they are expanding beyond traditional methods by using alternative data sources, data science, and modern integration techniques. These shifts raise important ethical questions, while public trust, shaped by concerns around privacy, data use, and credibility, has become a vital asset that must be actively protected through clear ethical standards and communication.

The Expert Meeting on Ethics in Official Statistics offers a forum to address these challenges by bringing together experts to share practical experiences and lessons learned. The meeting is designed for senior and middle-level managers responsible for business, institutional and data ethics, as well as communication professionals working on ethical issues within national statistical offices.

The papers and presentation slides from the Expert Meeting on Ethics in Official Statistics, 12 - 13 March 2026 United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland, are at <https://unece.org/statistics/events/Ethics2026>

This EDI blogpost titled “My Ethical Data Initiative: Intelligent transparency in the use of official statistics” by Ed Humpherson, Director General of the [UK’s Office for Statistics Regulation](#) might be of interest. Details at <https://ethicaldatainitiative.org/2025/05/02/my-ethical-data-initiative-intelligent-transparency-in-the-use-of-official-statistics>

3. A number of publications of open science and AI which might be of interest to the members.

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