

## WDS Asia-Oceania Conference 2017

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The World Data System (WDS) is an Interdisciplinary Body of the International Council for Science (ICSU) with a mission to promote international collaboration on long-term preservation and provision of quality-assessed research data and data services. ICSU-WDS is a membership organization that federates trustworthy scientific data services—and networks thereof—across a range of disciplines in the Natural and Social Sciences, as well as the Humanities. ICSU-WDS has 76 Regular and Network Members and 25 Partner and Associate Members as of December 2016. The Asia–Oceania region comprises 14 WDS Regular Members. The WDS Asia–Oceania Conference 2017 will reinforce the WDS community in this region, and help establish a collaborative system for access to and dissemination of research data. The principal objectives of the conference are: (1) Strengthen collaboration among China, Japan, and countries in the Asia–Oceania region for WDS activities, (2) Build and expand the WDS community in the Asia–Oceania region, (3) Exchange experience on successful applications for WDS membership, (4) Encourage former World Data Centres to join ICSU-WDS, (5) Introduce advanced technologies connected with WDS-oriented activities, and (6) Promote WDS activities in support of Future Earth in the Asia–Oceania region. Details will be seen at <http://wdc2.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/wds2017/>.

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