



## Press Release: New WDS Endorsement with Creative Commons for the Open Climate Campaign

**World Data System, 4 April 2024** — World Data System (WDS) is proud to join international organizations and open access advocates to [endorse](#) and promote the Open Climate Campaign. To make open sharing of research outputs the standard in climate science, Creative Commons, SPARC, and Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL) launched a 4-year Open Climate Campaign in August 2022. Climate change, and the resulting harm to our global biodiversity, is one of the world's most pressing challenges. While the existence of climate change and the resulting loss of biodiversity is certain, knowledge and data about these global challenges and the possible solutions, mitigations, and actions to tackle them are too often not publicly accessible.

The WDS, alongside many researchers, governments, and global environmental organizations recognizes the importance of sharing research openly to accelerate progress in combating climate change through facilitating effective knowledge sharing and collaboration across disciplinary and geographical borders. The [Open Climate Campaign](#) is taking advantage of the opportunity to take open access lessons learned from the [COVID-19 pandemic](#) and is now actively coordinating the campaign to apply it to climate change.

WDS looks forward to contributing to the campaign goals and the climate change conversation by providing the partnership with direct, hands-on support to open access to knowledge about climate change and biodiversity preservation. One way of contributing is to encourage our members and partners to participate in the campaign when the opportunity arises. Make sure to share with WDS if you engage so we can also highlight your efforts.

WDS will also contribute by sharing information on the Open Climate Campaign on social media and also host at least one webinar per year on data and the Open Climate Campaign on how to identify progressive actions in climate conversations. To get more involved, visit their [informational page](#) for researchers and other organizations to take action now.

To learn more about the Open Climate Campaign or to connect, please visit the Open Climate Campaign [website](#). If you have suggestions on upcoming topics, webinars, or events, please contact [wds-ipo@utk.edu](mailto:wds-ipo@utk.edu).

### Information about the organizations involved with the campaign:

#### [Creative Commons](#)

Creative Commons is a nonprofit organization that helps overcome legal obstacles to the sharing of knowledge and creativity to address the world's pressing challenges.

#### [SPARC](#)

SPARC is a non-profit advocacy organization that supports systems for research and education that are open by default and equitable by design.

#### [EIFL](#)

EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries) works with libraries in Africa, Asia Pacific and Europe to enable access to knowledge for education, learning, research and sustainable community development.

#### [Arcadia](#)

Arcadia supports charities and scholarly institutions that preserve cultural heritage and the environment. Arcadia also supports projects that promote open access and all of its awards are granted on the condition that any materials produced are made available for free online. Since 2002, Arcadia has awarded more than \$910 million to projects around the world.

#### [Open Society Foundations](#)

The Open Society Foundations, founded by George Soros, are the world's largest private funder of independent groups working for justice, democratic governance, and human rights.

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