



G-8 International Conference on Open Data for Agriculture

*Open access to publicly funded agriculturally relevant data
is critical to increasing global food security.*

At the 2012 G-8 Summit leaders committed to the *New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition*, the next phase of our shared commitment to achieving global food security. As part of this commitment we agreed to “Share relevant agricultural data available from G-8 countries with African partners and convene an international conference on Open Data for Agriculture, to develop options for the establishment of a global platform to make reliable agricultural and related information available to African farmers, researchers and policymakers, taking into account existing agricultural data systems”. *

The United States is currently planning the conference in coordination with G-8 colleagues and will host the conference in Washington, D.C., April 29-30, 2013. The World Bank will be the site host and the conference proceedings will be held at the International Finance Corporation, 2121 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.

Conference Topline Goal: Obtain commitment and action from nations and relevant stakeholders to promote policies and invest in projects that open access to publicly funded global agriculturally relevant data streams, making such data readily accessible to users in Africa and world-wide, and ultimately supporting a sustainable increase in food security in developed and developing countries.

If you would like more information on the conference, or if you or your organization is interested in participating in the conference, please feel free to contact G8AGOPENDATA@osec.usda.gov or visit the [conference website](https://sites.google.com/site/g8opendataconference/home) (<https://sites.google.com/site/g8opendataconference/home>)

* <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/05/18/fact-sheet-g-8-action-food-security-and-nutrition>