Start-up phase and engagement

GC DATA COMMUNITY

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Globally, data is exploding with new sources, uses, analytical techniques, and demands

Data is dynamic and enables everything in the Government of Canada from policy and research, to service delivery to program development and operations

Rapid data growth brings new opportunities and challenges for all sectors, orders of government

An opportunity exists to unify active interest among data practitioners across government
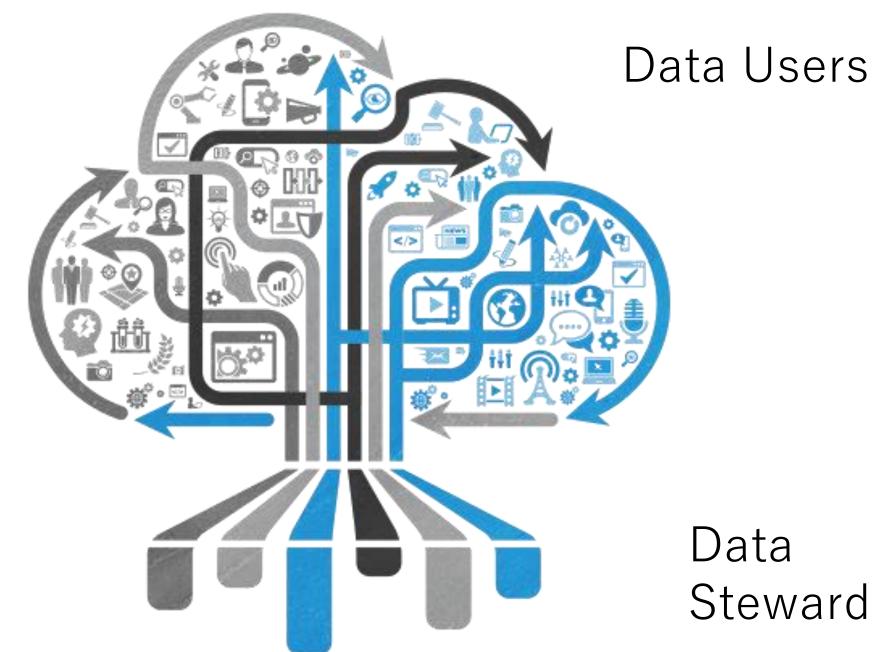
Great potential to create public value while upholding obligations to Canadians

The data community within the Government of Canada is broad and diverse, encompassing many different functional areas of the public service

Information Management

Data Producers

Data Administrators

Data Users

Data Engineers

Data Scientists

Data Stewards

Recognizing the breadth and diversity of this community is essential

- The GC Data Community (GCDC) seeks to connect, engage and serve the growing community of data practitioners, enablers and users across government.
- The GCDC will convene events, build community, promote learning and professional development and undertake projects that ultimately help the Government of Canada to improve data-driven policy, programs and service delivery for Canadians.

Five streams of work:

1 Support and Convene data practitioners

2 Promote Learning and Professional Development

5 Co-Host the Annual Government of Canada Data Conference

3 Strengthen connections between existing Communities of Practice

4 Advocate and Inform Ethical Data Standards and Practices

The GC Data Community will be housed at the Canada School of Public Service (CSPS) and would be mandated to support the entire Government of Canada data community

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"Data is everywhere, data is everything...our jobs as civil servants are changing. The skills that we have now are not the skills that we are going to need to serve Canadians in the years ahead."

Taki Sarantakis, President, Canada School of Public Service @ 2020 Data Conference

Foundational Principles leading to **success**:

STEWARDSHIP	HORIZONTAL	FORWARD LOOKING	OPEN & COLLABORATIVE
Promote sound data governance and information management, including privacy, security and accountability for data	Focus on the collective good, sharing across organizations, being community driven	Innovate and support the emerging data landscape, applying the digital standards	Work in partnership to amplify the efforts of existing government systems and departmental data strategies Open Government Open Data Open by Default

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Build a strong foundation at CSPS through support of partner departments/agencies

Outreach and engagement with data practitioners and experts from across the GoC

Develop online community presence and learning opportunities for data practitioners

12 MOU Signatories to Partner with GC Data Community

- ✓ 1 Interdepartmental Meeting
- ✓ 3 Engagement Sessions (455 public servants)
- ✓ 1 Data event (160 participants)
- ✓ 15 Direct Engagement Sessions (Committees, Communities of Practice, Targeted Teams) across the GOC

- ✓ 55 Mailing List Subscribers
- ✓ SOLD OUT First Data Event
- ✓ GCCollab Page Created
- ✓ GC Wiki Page Created
- ✓ Outreach to various Communities of Practice and Data Specific groups.
- ✓ Planning Virtual Data Conference for Feb 2021

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Top 3 needs identified as areas for support

Top 3 streams of work with the greatest importance to public servants
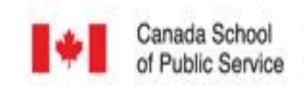
1 **Skill Development Opportunities**

1 **Learning Development**

2 **Online Resources + Data Collaboration Space**

2 **Support and Convene Data Practitioners**

3 **Recruitment of Talent**

3 **Strengthen Existing Communities of Practice**

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PLANNED FOCUS FOR 2021-22

1 Support and convene data practitioners

- Monthly Data Events (panel discussions/workshops) focused on learning opportunities for public servants
- Explore feasibility of data collaboration space

2 Promote learning and professional development

- Support and amplify existing data literacy learning
- Develop online hub of resources and skill development opportunities
- Examine options for recruitment of new talent

3 Strengthen connections between existing Communities of Practice

- Co-chair People and Culture EDCoP Working Group
- Organize networking opportunities for existing communities
- Cross-communication and support for ongoing Data initiatives from across the GOC

4 Advocate and inform ethical data standards and practices

- Support Central Agencies in communicating broadly on ethical data standards and practices
- Examine opportunities to develop learning supports around ethical data standards and practices

5 Co-Host the Annual Government of Canada Data Conference

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