



Connecting, engaging and supporting the growing community of data practitioners across the federal government

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GCDC mission

The GC Data Community (GCDC) seeks to connect, engage, and serve the growing number of data practitioners, enablers, and users across the Government of Canada to improve policies, programs, and service delivery to Canadians. Our four strategic priorities are to: connect data practitioners, advance data learning and development, promote innovation across the GC, and support data standards and governance.

Progress to date 2022-23

Connect data practitioners

Planned 2023 Data Conference with ISED

February 22-23, 2023 | Canada.ca/data-conference

Increased community reach

- 2,000+ subscribers to monthly newsletter
- 1,000+ members of GCDC GCcollab group

Grew the GC Data Ecosystem initiative

 Over 1.6k entities and 2.6k connections with 480+ engaged members from 60+ departments.

Promote innovation across GC

Hosted Analysing Program and Policy Results with Linked Data event in July

1,788 registered, 8.1/10 overall satisfaction

Built the GC Data Demo Library

Collected additional videos, 2k total views so far

Data scientist recruitment pilot

 New stream in Post-Secondary Recruitment program, developed and implemented in collaboration with Public Service Commission

GCDC operations

- Welcomed 4 new MOU partners in 2022-23
- Welcomed new VP at CSPS
- +/- 3 GCDC staff turn-over with team stable at 8 FTE

Advance data learning and development

Promoted data sharing and innovation

Co-hosted 10 meetings of the People and Culture Working Group; over 280 members from 48 organizations

Delivered GC Data Ecosystem views and demos

- 10 demos and 21 workshops to the data community
- 9 new thematic visualizations (i.e. views)

Advanced Data Talent initiative

- Environmental scan, user research, defined priorities, community-generated recommendations for solutions
- 25 organizations consulted, 12 practitioner interviews, 3 workshops (62 participants)
- Data Talent environmental scan informed the renewed data strategy - mission #4

Support data standards and governance

Hosted 5 learning events in Q1-3 2022-23, reaching over 4.5k participants, including:

- Bringing information and data together to deliver value for Canadians | September | 1,695 participants
- Renewing the Federal Data Strategy | October | 1,122 participants

Planned activities and deliverables

Connect data practitioners

- Increase **newsletter subscribers** and average open rate (>34%) + click-rate (>19%)
- Grow membership of GCDC GCcollab group
- Continue to engage with the GC Data **Ecosystem** community and recruit new volunteers

Promote innovation across GC

- · Use experimentation to improve member experience and engagement
- Augment GC Data Demo Library with new use cases from partner organizations
- Plan future learning event series to promote data sharing and analytics solutions
- Promote community innovation initiatives (e.g., Public Service Data Challenge, PSC Data Scientist Recruitment Pilot)

GCDC operations

- Maintain support of 25 MOU partners, and prepare for future growth
- · Grow team from 8 to 10 FTE

Advance data learning and development

- Launch of Data Competency Framework with dissemination on GC Wiki and as CSPS Job Aid
- · Plan for implementation of Federal Data Strategy Renewal
- Continue to increase # of entities, connections, thematic views, and enable space for GC Data **Ecosystem** volunteers to learn and practice skills.
- Publish and distribute **Data Talent** initiative findings, and prototype new solutions
- Host learning event on data strategy March 2023

Support data standards and governance

- Hand-over GC Data Conference 2024 co-host role from ISED to next partner
- Integrate governance and standardization considerations into learning series
- Promote opportunities to encourage engagement in standards development processes, and uptake of existing data standards
- Collaborate with the Research Ethics Community of Practice to promote data ethics standards

Partners departments and agencies

Level 1		Level 2	Level 3
AAFC	ISED	HC CRA	PCO TBS
PCH CSE	LAC NRC	ECCC	StatCan
DFO	NRCan	SSC	ESDC
GAC IRCC	PHAC WAGE	TC	DND/CAF CSPS
ISC/CIRNAC	VV/\OL		CBSA CONNECTION