



In the past 30 years, the amount of organizations seeking to impact how data is governed and managed has grown tremendously. A new report shines a light on this expanding community of international organizations, national government agencies, private companies and not-for-profit organizations, covering sectors as varied as health, environment, education, transportation, and gender. The findings reveal key insights into their breadth and scope and how this community might influence the future of data governance.

The new flagship report of the Datasphere Initiative - a new global network of stakeholders building agile frameworks to responsibly unlock the value of data for all, the Datasphere Governance Atlas gathers 261 organizations and initiatives working on data governance in a one-stop-shop resource for anyone seeking to understand this vast and complex policy environment.

With most organizations, 56.5% (113) of those identified, aiming to have a global impact, the Atlas finds:

- The majority of organizations, 61.4% (135), are non-governmental groups.
- The most popular activities used to execute the organizations' missions are research, 69.5% (139), and networking, 67% (134) with community building as a leading outcome 69% (138).
- The environment is the leading theme with 20% (40), followed by the health sector, 19.5% (39), and the justice sector, 12% (24).

"The Data Governance Atlas adds to the body of research not only on data use and governance but also provides insights to international organizations and their activities across sectors and geographies" said Carolina Rossini, Chief Impact and Partnerships Officer at the Datasphere Initiative.

The Datasphere Governance Atlas is the first step in mapping the "Datasphere" itself a concept, that the organization stipulates as "the complex system encompassing all types of data and their dynamic interactions with human groups and norms". The Atlas begins to frame the actors in this system and provides seed for a larger effort to feed global, transdisciplinary, and multistakeholder dialogue on data.

"It is with a bold purpose that we release this report as the first step in understanding the need and potential for a collaboratively governed Datasphere" said Lorraine Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative.

About the Datasphere Initiative

The Datasphere Initiative is a global network of stakeholders building agile frameworks to responsibly unlock the value of data for all.

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Download the Datasphere Governance Atlas, Executive Summary, and infographics [here](#) (available on April 5, 2022, 1pm UTC)

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