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A black and white photograph of a Native American man sitting on a spotted horse. The man is looking to the left and has a feather in his mouth. He is wearing a patterned jacket and a scarf. The horse is facing right. The background is a plain, light color.


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“When tribal nations collect data we are telling our story in our own way. As promoters of data, we are information gatherers and information keepers. Just as our ancestors we look at essential information to tell the stories. These new stories are being told to sustain our people and forge our future.”

- Patricia Riggs

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US INDIGENOUS DATA SOVEREIGNTY NETWORK

The United States Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network (USIDSN) helps **ensure that data for and about Indigenous nations and peoples in the US** (American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians) **are utilized to advance Indigenous aspirations for collective and individual wellbeing.**

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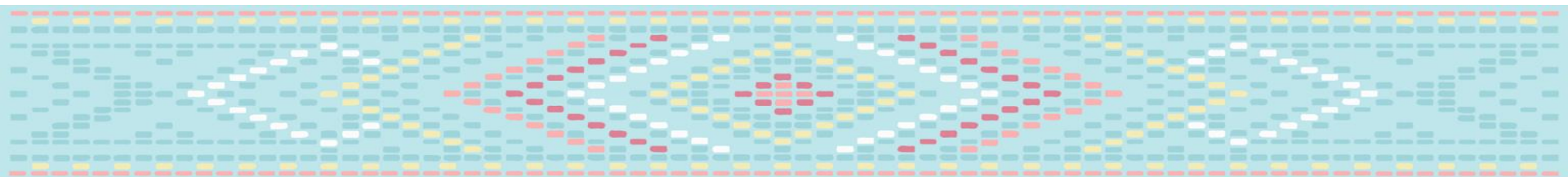
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A COMMITMENT TO INDIGENOUS DATA SOVEREIGNTY SPANS THE GLOBE

▶ TE MANA RARAUNGA MAORI DATA SOVEREIGNTY NETWORK

Advocating for the development of capacity and capability across the Māori data ecosystem including: data rights and interests, data governance, data access and control, and data storage and security

▶ FIRST NATIONS' INFORMATION GOVERNANCE CENTRE

OCAP™ in Canada, from research to data governance

▶ BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRST NATIONS DATA GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE

Nation-based, community-driven data governance; going national

▶ US INDIGENOUS DATA SOVEREIGNTY NETWORK

Share data initiatives, successes, challenges, and resources

▶ MAIAMNAYRI WINGARA ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DATA SOVEREIGNTY GROUP

In Australia

▶ INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS DATA SOVEREIGNTY INTEREST GROUP

Hosted by the Research Data Alliance for more robust and coherent international collaboration to achieve impactful outcomes at the intersection of Indigenous data sovereignty, Indigenous data governance, and research



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Group details

Status: Under TAB review

Chair(s): Stephanie Carroll Rainie, Tahu Kukutai, Maggie Walter, Per Axelsson

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The call for Indigenous data sovereignty (ID-Sov)—the right of a nation to govern the collection, ownership, and application of its own data—has grown in intensity and scope over the past five years. To date three national-level Indigenous data sovereignty networks exist: Te Mana Raraunga - Maori Data Sovereignty Network, the United States Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network (USIDSN), and the Malamayri Wingara Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Data Sovereignty Group in Australia. Similar initiatives are underway in Hawaii and Sweden. Currently, these networks are engaging in an informal, and somewhat adhoc fashion, to share information and strategies, hold joint events, and collaborate on research. In the last two years alone this spirit of collaboration has produced four events, six joint panel/workshops initiatives, and a co-edited book, *Indigenous Data Sovereignty: Toward an Agenda*. *Early available online, the book had about 2,000 downloads within a month of*

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CHARTING THE COURSE

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Building support and resources for Indigenous nation data governance

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Mentoring data warriors and building tribal data capacity and capability

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Connecting domestically and internationally for strategies, resources, and ideas

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Inviting US National Statistics Office/ Federal Agency Responses

Policy Forum: The Governance of Indigenous Data

Purpose:

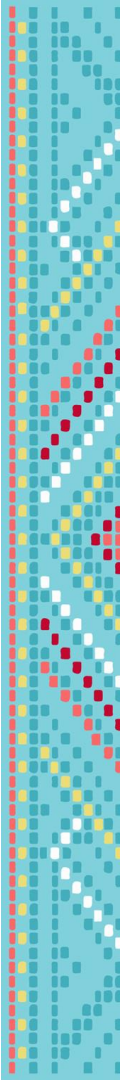
Foster discussion on Indigenous data sovereignty across stakeholder groups: tribal leaders and staff, scholars, federal government officials, and non-profit agencies.

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Hosted by USIDSN.

Outputs:

1. American Indian Culture and Research Journal special issue.
2. Workshops and working groups toward principles and practices.



Policy Forum: The Governance of Indigenous Data

Data Governance Principles

1. Collective wellbeing, past & future oriented, across generation, equitable outcomes
2. Protection, ethics, responsibility, equal explanatory power, equitable outcomes
3. Inherent Sovereignty, self-determination, control, access
4. Relationships, responsibility, reciprocity, between nations and governments
5. Indigenous knowledge (honoring), reflexive of the people, relationship to the non-human world

