



## data@breakfast webinar series

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Date: Friday, 14 August 2020 Time: 7h30 -8h30

### **“Open Science and Societal Benefit: It Needs a Bit of Work!”**

**Abstract:** The increasing emphasis on Open Science, and increased availability of data and evidence as a result, has created expectations that decision and policy-making will improve too. This assumption requires closer examination, because there are many systemic reasons why this is not a simple proposition. In order to understand the issue, we look at three perspectives - after an introduction to Open Science and its current status.

Part 1: Open Science - aspirations, rationale, objectives, impediments, and legitimate concerns.

Part 2: The Perspective of Science: how does science work, and how does it arrive at facts and evidence? What are the current issues with this?

Part 3: The Perspective of Society, Decision- and Policy-makers: how do we make decisions, and why?

Part 4: Gaps in the system, and what to do about them: A conceptual model, review of issues, remedies, and future improvements.

**Bio:** "Wim Hugo - until recently the Chief Information Officer of the South African Environmental Observation Network, and former vice-chair of the WDS Scientific Committee. Will start as the Director of Strategy for the World Data System in Tokyo in November (travel permitting...). Research Data Management, Infrastructure and Architecture specialist, and also working on frameworks for evidence-based decision support. On the CoreTrustSeal Board at present, and the chair of the ILTER Information Management Committee." A full biography can be found [here](#).

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