ABSTRACT: **CODATA Task Group on Data Sources for Sustainable Development in SADC: Activities and challenges in the establishment of data preservation platforms that would support the mitigation of Millennium Development Goal's in the region**.

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The presentation intends to highlight the CODATA Task Group on Data Sources for Sustainable Development milestones that emanates from the CODATA Task Group on Preservation of Access to Scientific and Technical Data in Developing Countries initial meeting of 2007 and its outcome. The main recommendations focused on the following:

- Designate appropriate officials in the SADC countries to actively support the TG Data Sources initiatives of regional interest:
- Promote mutual reinforcement with the converging goals of ICSU Regional Office for Africa, the SADC and NEPAD Secretariats in order to leverage resources; and
- Establish a work plan for the TG Data Sources for 2007/2008.

The activities, challenges and progress made to champion data preservation and stewardship in relation to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) will be enumerated.