About the Global Data Barometer

Tracking the data revolution — We’re creating a new resource to support research, practice, and national actions on data for the public good. The Global Data Barometer will fill critical knowledge gaps on how data policy and practice are unfolding in different sectors, regions, and countries around the world. Building on the Open Data Barometer study, which has been used to drive policymaking, advocacy, and academic research across the world, we are creating a new global benchmark that tracks the extent to which data is governed, shared, and used for the public good.

We started developing the Global Data Barometer in 2019 in response to demand expressed at the 2019 Open Government Partnership summit for updated, in-depth, country-level insights on data governance and availability. Throughout 2020 we’ve been consulting on the study design and building a broad community of regional research hubs and thematic partners. In 2021, the Global Data Barometer survey will generate data on more than 100 countries, leading to a new research-ready open dataset, in-depth analysis, and country and sectoral profiles. We’re building a long-term study; our aim is to put the Barometer on a sound footing for the next decade, in order to consistently power policy and research on data for the public good.

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Global Data Barometer (GDB)

Stakeholder(s):

Global Data Barometer Team:
The Global Data Barometer will be co-created by a network of over 100 researchers, led by a small global team and coordinated through regional hubs. Additionally, we are supported by a community of expert advisors. The global team includes:

Tim Davies:
Project Director — As open data research coordinator with the World Wide Web Foundation, Tim pioneered the creation of the Open Data Barometer, and led formation of the Open Data Research network, publishing widely on the emerging impacts of open data in developing countries and on open data and democracy. He recently co-edited The State of Open Data, working with over 60 collaborators to review a decade of open data practice. He was a co-founder of Open Data Services Co-operative and has developed and supported adoption of technical data standards in use across the world. Tim has also worked on issues of Internet governance and studied at the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Southampton Web Science Institute, and Harvard Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society.

Veronica Cretu:
Director of Strategy & Partnership — Veronica has an established track record working in open government, open data, AI, and Internet governance. As a former civil society steering committee member of the OGP, Veronica has been serving as an envoy to the OGP since 2016. Veronica acted as national researcher for two editions of the Open Data Barometer and has contributed to several papers on open data and open government for the European Public Sector Information reuse platform. Based in Austria, where she co-founded the Innovating Governance Association, Veronica has worked with countries across the Eastern Partnership and the Balkans, as well as undertaking projects in Nepal and Liberia. She is currently a member of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence, where she focuses on multi-stakeholder consultations on AI and the design and application of AI based on access to data, human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. Veronica received her MA in contemporary diplomacy from the University of Malta and took further postgraduate studies in Diplomacy and IT there. She is a graduate of short-term courses from Georgetown University, Harvard University Center for International Development, and DiplomFoundation.

Amy Johnson:
Senior Research Lead — Amy Johnson is a linguistic anthropologist and scholar of digital science and technology studies, with a longstanding focus on government transparency. Conducting research across English, Arabic, and Japanese, she investigates topics such as government adoption of digital technologies, global platform governance, parody, harassment, and software localization. She is a visiting research fellow at the Language and Technology Lab at MIT and a past fellow and current affiliate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. Her research has been supported by the American Council of Learned Societies, the Center for Humanistic Inquiry at Amherst College, The Japan Foundation, the National Freedom of Information Coalition, and the Wennergren Foundation, among others. She regularly presents her research at conferences and publishes in academic journals. In addition, her research and analysis have been featured in the Boston Globe, Fast Company, Forbes, Fortune, The Globe and Mail, Motherboard, Spiegel Online, and The Washington Post. She holds a PhD from MIT’s Program in History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology, and Society.

Nicolás Grossman:
Research and Data Lead — Nicolás is a sociologist and journalist specializing in Open Data and GIS. For more than 6 years he has led the Open Data and Data Journalism strategy of Properati, one of the most well-recognized private-sector platforms using open data in Latin America. In addition to writing widely, including for the OGP, he has participated as a speaker at numerous open data events in Argentina and Latin America and has run data journalism workshops for prominent journalists from some of the most important newsrooms in Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia. In 2018 he founded Socios.red, a web tool that supports government transparency in Argentina by connecting information about companies, political parties, and governments. Dozens of journalists and researchers use the platform every week; when launched, the platform garnered media headlines through a joint investigation into private interests’ influence on government. He obtained his Bachelor’s degree in Sociology at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) and is concluding his Master’s studies in International Political Sociology at the National University of Tres de Febrero (UNTREF), studying the challenges and risks of big data and AI from the perspective of less developed countries.

Global Data Barometer Advisors:
We are developing a broad advisory group for the project, including and extending our early advisory team.

Ania Calderon:
Open Data Charter, Mexico — Ania is the Executive Director of the Open Data Charter, a collaboration between governments and expert organisations working to open up data, based on a shared set of global principles. From 2012–2016, she served as — continued next page
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General Director for the National Digital Strategy, delivering a key presidential mandate for the Open Data Policy in Mexico.

Michael Canares:
Step Up Consulting, the Philippines — Michael is a graduate of law and accountability. He has an MSc in development studies from the London School of Economics. Michael was formerly a research manager at the World Wide Web Foundation and contributed to the Open Data Barometer.

Katie Clancy:
IDRC, Canada — Katie is the lead for the Open Data for Development Network and program officer focusing on issues relating to Technology and Innovation at Canada’s International Development Research Centre. She also contributes to the AI for Development research network and the Feminist Open Government initiative.

Joseph Foti:
Open Government Partnership, United States — Joseph is Chief Research Officer at the Open Government Partnership. He has over eight years of experience in assessing good governance and sustainable development. Prior to his work at OGP, he worked as a Senior Associate for the Access Initiative, a network led by the World Resources Institute (WRI).

Silvana Fumega:
ILDA, Argentina — Silvana Fumega is Research and Policy Lead of the Latin American Initiative for Open Data (ILDA). She holds a PhD in open government and freedom of information policies (University of Tasmania, Australia). Silvana is an active contributor to work on data and gender rights and to the Open Government Partnership.

Maurice McNaughton:
Caribbean Open Institute, Jamaica — Maurice is an engineering graduate of the University of the West Indies and holds a PhD in decision sciences from Georgia State University. He has over 20 years senior management and leadership experience in the planning and direction of enterprise-level information technology in organisations and is currently Director of the Centre of Excellence for IT-enabled innovation at the Mona School of Business & Management, University of the West Indies.

Fernando Perini:
DRC, Latin America — Fernando is IDRC's Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, based in Montevideo, Uruguay. Fernando has extensive international experience as a researcher, consultant, and lecturer, and holds a PhD from the University of Sussex (Science Policy Research Unit) in the management of technology and innovation.

Fabrizio Scrollini:
ILDA, Uruguay — Fabrizio Scrollini is the executive director of the Open Data Latin American Initiative (ILDA) and chairman of DATA Uruguay, a civic association based in Uruguay that builds civic technology to promote human development. He is co-founder of Abrelatam and the Open Data Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Stephen B. Walker:
D4D.net, Canada — Stephen B. Walker was formerly responsible for leading open government and open data for the Government of Canada, developing and implementing national policies and programmes to advance the use of open data. At the international level, Steve was directly involved in the development of the G8 Open Data Charter as well as the Open Data Charter. He also chaired the Open Government Partnership’s Working Group on Open Data. More recently, Steve has worked with the Open Data for Development (OD4D) network, managed the International Open Data Conference, and was senior editor of the State of Open Data.

Global Data Barometer Partners:
The Barometer is being built through the combined efforts of organisations and people working on data for public good all around the world. We have established an international network to share knowledge, to refine our methodology, and to strengthen institutional relationships that will support the Barometer for the next 10 years and beyond. Every member of the Barometer community is as important as all of us together.

Global Data Barometer Funders:
Anchor funding for the Global Data Barometer is provided by Canada’s International Development Research Centre under Grant No. 109517-001. The Global Data Barometer is a project of ILDA and part of the D4D.net programme.

International Development Research Centre:
We are grateful to the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) for providing the anchor grant (Grant No. 109517-001) to develop the first edition of the Global Data Barometer. Developing the Barometer is a resource-intensive effort, involving nearly two hundred people in research, coordination, analysis, and dissemination. To support these endeavours, we draw on a diversified funding model that combines core funding with sponsorship of thematic modules, regional research, and dissemination. We review all funding for potential conflicts of interest and to maintain the research independence of the Global Data Barometer project. For the first edition of the Barometer we have co-funding commitments from:

Open Government Partnership (OGP):
Political Integrity Module

Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT):
Fiscal Transparency Module

Open Contracting Partnership (OCP):
Public Procurement Module

Open Ownership:
Corporate Ownership Module

Global Data Barometer Thematic Partners:
The Global Data Barometer collaborates with well-established international organizations with deep expertise to design thematic survey modules and to analyse the extent to which data governance, capability, availability, and use in a given thematic area enable governments to deliver particular public goods.

Data for Development:
D4D.net is hosted by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and acts as a global partnership working to help create Open Data ecosystems around the world in order to spur
Strategic Plan

Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency:
The Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT) is a global network that facilitates dialogue between its stewards and partners from governments, civil society organizations, international financial institutions, and other stakeholders to find and share solutions to challenges in fiscal transparency and participation. It works through advocacy and high-level dialogue, peer-learning and technical collaboration, research, and tech for participation.

Land Portal Foundation:
The Land Portal Foundation was established to create, curate, and disseminate land governance information by fostering an inclusive and accessible data landscape. Over the last decade, the portal has evolved from a simple information gateway to become a knowledge broker, a resource base, a vibrant online community of users, and a trusted voice within global land governance.

Open Contracting Partnership:
The Open Contracting Partnership is a silo-busting collaboration across governments, businesses, civil society, and technologists to open up and transform government contracting worldwide. OCP brings open data and open government together to make sure public money is spent openly, fairly, and effectively. OCP focuses on public contracts as they are the single biggest item of spending by most governments. They are both a government’s number one corruption risk and vital to making sure citizens get the services that they deserve.

Open Data Charter:
The Open Data Charter is a collaboration between over 100 governments and organisations working to open up data based on a shared set of principles. ODC promotes policies and practices that enable governments and civil society organisations to collect, share, and use well-governed data, and to respond effectively and with accountability to the following focus areas: anti-corruption, climate action, and pay equity.

OpenOwnership:
OpenOwnership accelerates a norms change around corporate transparency by making it simple to publish and access high-quality data about who owns companies. It is a non-profit organisation run by a small, expert team well-positioned to support countries implementing beneficial ownership transparency (BOT). OO provides two key technical tools: the OpenOwnership Register, chiefly serving data users, and the Beneficial Ownership Data Standard, chiefly serving data publishers.

Transparency International:
Transparency International is a global movement working in over 100 countries to end the injustice of corruption. An independent, non-governmental non-profit, Transparency International focuses on issues with the greatest impact on people’s lives and holds the powerful to account for the common good. Through advocacy, campaigning, and research, Transparency International works to expose the systems and networks that enable corruption to thrive, demanding greater transparency and integrity in all areas of public life.

Vision
Critical knowledge gaps are filled on how data policy and practice are unfolding around the world

Mission
To support research, practice, and national actions on data for the public good

Values
Public Good
Research
Data
Practice
Nationality
Regionality
Development
Action
Openness
Collaboration
Metrics
1. Metrics

*Provide metrics that respond to local contexts.*

A global study — Rooted in the Data for Development network, the Barometer seeks to attend to diverse regional and cultural settings to provide comparable metrics that respond to different local contexts.
2. Openness & Collaboration

Work in the open.

A collaborative, open project — We’re working in the open as much as we can: sharing our methods and data under an open license and consulting widely on study design. Our network of regional hubs will become centres of excellence on data for the public good, involved in collecting and communicating Barometer data.

2.1. Methods & Data

Sharing our methods and data under an open license.

2.2. Study Design

Consult widely on study design.

2.3. Regional Hubs

Create centres of excellence on data for the public good, involved in collecting and communicating Barometer data.

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Global Data Barometer Regional Research Hubs:

Regional partners The Global Data Barometer is coordinated through a network of regional research hubs.

Access Info Europe:

Access Info Europe is a human rights organisation established in Madrid in 2006 and dedicated to promoting and protecting the right of access to information. Access Info runs a range of projects designed to leverage the right to information in order to increase participation and accountability, to defend human rights, and to advance democracy. Activities include a mix of research and monitoring, standard-setting, law reform campaigns, and strategic litigation. Access Info also provides support and training for civil society and journalists. We have contributed to developing civil society activism on transparency in Europe, building a network of national organisations dedicated to securing increased transparency in practice. Access Info will coordinate GDB efforts across 20 EU member states. Regional coordinator: Helen Darbishire

Aristotel University and Digital Communication Network:

Digital Communication Network Global is a consortium of Aristotle University, Digital Communication Network, non-profits, public and private organisations and companies, working, or interested to be involved, in the field of digital communication, social impact campaigns, technology, and innovation. It is a unique initiative, a multi-field coalition, forming a continent-spanning network that will attract a wide range of actors, enabling to tap into the best talent, ideas and resources. The hub is a living entity which connects people and organisations, in a dynamic partnership, ready to adapt to the changing realities in the information space and the emerging needs and challenges of the region. DCN GLOBAL, headquartered in Thessaloniki, Greece, provides space, tools, and expertise in order to improve the digital and media spaces, as well. It aims to foster cooperation and promote democratic values as a way to respond to critical challenges that the region faces. It is a Community of Action with core values: impact, excellence and partnership. Thus, knits together organisations in different sectors from countries that have a common goal to empower citizens and maximise the potential of new ideas and technologies, in action. The goal is to encourage new, independent voices, well-equipped technologically and socially aware and also generate products, services and content that cannot be created unless putting minds, creativity and skills together. In order to achieve mentioned goals, DCN GLOBAL will have three units: 1) Training 2) Research 3) Innovation/Action. Regional coordinator: To be defined.

Birzeit University:

The Center for Continuing Education (CCE) at Birzeit University is the University’s community outreach arm working in the areas of educational reform, professional and organizational development, enterprising & entrepreneurship and capacity building for the current and future work with special focus

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on data skills. It was established in 1991 and has since worked with various sectors and stakeholders to carry out training and development projects and programs. In the past few years, the Center has been working on several data projects with regional partners and is acting as the MENA OD4D node. Regional coordinator: Rula Al-Qutami

Center for Open Data Enterprise (CODE) : The Center for Open Data Enterprise (CODE) is an independent nonprofit organization based in Washington, DC. CODE’s mission is to maximize the value of open and shared data for the public good, by working with government agencies, businesses, nonprofits, and researchers who are both data providers and data users. Since it was founded in January 2015, CODE has held more than two dozen roundtables and workshops with the White House, federal agencies, and international governments, and organizations, focusing on topics including medical research and health care, climate and the environment, and private-sector use of open data. CODE has also developed informational materials and recommendations to promote the use of government data and public–private collaboration. CODE developed and maintains the Open Data Impact Map, a global project funded by IDRC, which is the largest searchable, sortable database of examples of open data applications. For more information, please visit www.opendataenterprise.org. CODE will be collaborating with Open North to form the North America hub. Regional coordinator: Joel Gurin

Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) : The Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) is a Georgia-based non-governmental organization that aims to support the development of an informed and empowered society for democratic governance. Since its establishment in 2009, IDFI has rapidly become a respected leader in advancing open democracy in Georgia and increasingly, around the globe. IDFI works to access quality information, develop rigorous analysis and use innovative tools in order to improve governance, advance the rule of law, reduce corruption, promote informed civic participation, expand accountability, spark innovation, and encourage inclusive growth. IDFI believes that information fuels democratic and prosperous societies; it empowers citizens to hold governments and businesses accountable; governments to better respond to society’s needs; and businesses to design innovative and socially responsible products. Regional coordinator: Teona Tarashvili

ILDA : ILDA is a Latin American organization based in Uruguay that seeks to address public policy issues in the region through reflecting and promoting ethical uses of data. Since 2012 ILDA has developed applied research to advance the open data field and connect evidence and policy makers. ILDA was in charge of delivering the LAC report of the Open Data Barometer in 2016, using the Web Foundation methodology and data. ILDA took a closer look at the performance of the 11 countries in the Latin America region featured in that Barometer edition. ILDA is currently in charge of the Open Data Barometer 2020, LAC edition. It is the host organization for the Global Data Barometer project. Regional coordinator: To be defined.

ISOC Chapter Hong Kong : Internet Society Hong Kong (ISOC Hong Kong) is a local Chapter of Internet Society (ISOC) founded in 2005. ISOC Hong Kong dedicated to the open, uncumbered, beneficial use of the Internet; the upholding of the freedom of expression and opinion, privacy of personal information and assertion of social determination; through responsible self-regulation and harmonized governance. Regional coordinator: Benjamin Zhou - Stacey Tsui

Local Development Research Institute (LDRI) : The Local development Research Institute (LDRI) is an action-oriented non-profit think tank based in Nairobi whose work contributes to the efforts of African governments to end extreme poverty, end hunger and reduce inequalities. LDRI’s work is organised in two main practice areas focusing on the use of data for development practice and evidence informed decision making and covering themes such as agriculture, open government, gender equality, health, education and energy. LDRI’s work seeks to inform public policy in favour of an improved enabling environment, strengthening human capital development and mobilising domestic financing for better development outcomes. Through its Africa Open Data Network Program, LDRI is currently providing technical assistance to four African countries in strengthening evidence-informed decision-making. Regional coordinator: Linet Juma | Local Development Research Institute (LDRI) is the regional hub for: Uganda, Tunisia, Togo, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Seychelles, Senegal, Rwanda, Nigeria, Namibia, Mozambique, Morocco, Malawi, Liberia, Kenya, Ghana, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Cabo Verde, Botswana, Benin, Angola

Open Data Kosovo : Open Data Kosovo is a civic-tech organization based in Pristina, Kosovo focused on government transparency pertaining to open and good governance. Accessibility to government data, ICT-educated youth, and active citizenship lie at the heart of OKD’s mission. OKD’s work has started with the development of a procurement data visualizer and analyzer called e-prokurimi.org. This platform raised red-flags on suspicious contracts awarded by a municipality. Besides, OKD has developed the first open data portal for Kosovo in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Administration in Kosovo. Following OKD’s recent work, digitizing public procurement processes through the development of impactful — continued next page
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digital solutions via high-end technologies has remained at the core of its mission. In addition, young leaders at Open Data Kosovo were included in the Forbes’ 30 under 30 Europe list. The nomination highlights ODK’s work in developing impact-driven software to support advocacy groups and policy-makers so that they may efficiently operate in the digital age. Regional coordinator: To be defined.

Open North’s Applied Research Lab:
Founded in 2011 in Montreal, Open North is Canada’s leading not-for-profit organization specializing in open smart cities, governance and data management, open governments, partnerships, data sharing, digital inclusion, open sourcing, and AI ethics. We work with research partners, public and private partners, and with different stakeholders to promote the effective, responsible, and collaborative use of data and information in the technologies and solve complex problems. We encourage peer networking on data and technology, both nationally and internationally, in order to amplify our collective influence. We convene communities of practice and practitioners and connect public administrators, researchers, civic leaders, and eminent practitioners with thinkers and practitioners. For more information, please visit www.opennorth.ca. Open North will be collaborating with CODE to form the North America hub. Regional coordinator: Jean-Noé Landry - Peck Sangiambut

Pacific Community (SPC):
SPC – The Pacific Community is the principal scientific and technical organisation in the Pacific region, supporting development since 1947. SPC is an international development organisation owned and governed by their 26 country and territory members. SPC works for the well-being of Pacific people through the effective and innovative application of science and knowledge, guided by a deep understanding of Pacific Island contexts and cultures. Regional coordinator: Sioeli Tonga - Scott Pontifex

Caribbean Open Institute (COI):
The Caribbean Open Institute (COI) is a regional coalition of individuals and organizations that promotes open development approaches to inclusion, participation, and innovation within the Caribbean, using open data as a catalyst. Our focus is on (i) advocacy, awareness, and engagement with public sector stakeholders on Open Government and Open Data; (ii) evidence of the potential impacts of Open Data initiatives through demand-side research initiatives in various thematic sectors; and (iii) capacity building in data literacy, competence, and application as an essential component of Caribbean development. The COI is a member of the Open Data for Development (OD4D) Network and as the regional hub for the Caribbean, is an active participant in the broad open data community, bringing the Caribbean’s nuanced voice to contribute to the global discourse and partnerships for sustainable development using data as a catalyst. Regional coordinator: Maurice McNaughton | Lila Rao-Graham | Suzana Russell

Open Development Initiative:
The Open Development Initiative, a project of the East-West Management Institute, Inc. (EWMI-ODI), which hosts the OD4D Asia Hub, will coordinate the research along with partner Sinar Project. Open Data for Development (OD4D) was launched to improve the availability and impact of open data in Southeast Asia through research and strategic coordination of existing, as well as new regional collaboration initiatives. The hub aims to build a stronger community of practice in Southeast Asia, consisting of open data technologists, civil society organizations, government officials, donors, and researchers. Through collaboration between OD4D, Open Development Mekong, Sinar Project (Malaysia), and partners in Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia, and Laos, the community of open data advocates are increasing the quality, impact, and sustainability of individual initiatives and collaboration in the region, establishing links with regional and global networks, and building on the vision outlined in the Open Data in Asia 2020 report. Regional coordinator To be defined.

UNDP Serbia:
UNDP Serbia, The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) works in around 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. UNDP helps countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results. The UNDP office in Serbia has been working on establishing and supporting a dynamic open data ecosystem since 2014. Its work has helped establish the national Open Data Portal, introduce open data into Serbia’s legal framework, raise the capacities of different sectors (government, civil society, media, private companies and startups, as well as academia) for working with open data, and facilitate the opening of more than 2000 data resources. Additionally, UNDP works actively to engage both data holders and data users, hence creating a feedback loop that can continually improve the quality of open data in Serbia. The network of UNDP offices across the Western Balkans allows the exchange of expertise and resources across the region, thus presenting a solid foundation for enabling a regional open data ecosystem. Regional coordinator: To be defined.
3. Public Good

Furnish a macro view of national policy and practice around data for the public good.

A survey that is more than the sum of its parts — The evidence we gather through our peer-reviewed expert survey will furnish a macro view of national policy and practice around data for the public good. At the same time, the many variables that come together to form this big picture will provide actionable insights on how data is working in specific sectors. By collaborating with thematic partners, we will maximise the value of the data we collect—supporting spin-off reports, follow-up research, and digital tools driven by our data.
4. Development

Advance the governance and use of data as a tool to deliver the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Driving data for development — We will provide evidence that advances the governance and use of data as a tool to deliver the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, ensuring that no one is left behind.
5. Research

*Drive improvements in research.*

Powering critical research — Our predecessor project, the Open Data Barometer, has been cited more than 1200 times; it has provided the data for critical comparative studies, country reports, and hypothesis-testing research. Our global dataset will drive improvements in research on data governance, capability, availability, and use, and will support the creation of hundreds of new research papers and reports.

5.1. Data Governance

*Drive improvements in research on data governance.*

5.2. Data Capability

*Drive improvements in research on data capability.*

5.3. Data Availability

*Drive improvements in research on data availability.*

5.4. Data Use

*Drive improvements in research on data use.*

5.5. Papers & Reports

*Support the creation of new research papers and reports.*

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**Administrative Information**

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