

US CODATA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE IN BRDI: OVERVIEW, OPTIONS & RECOMMENDATION

CODATA

Committee on Data for Science & Technology, 1966, ICSU affiliation

US CODATA is located within the National Academy of Sciences

- Non-governmental, international (int'l), interdisciplinary
- Improve scientific & technical data management & use
- 22 national members with its work done by int'l task groups

Options

Two organizational structures for US CODATA with pros & cons

1. US CODATA represented by BRDI as adhering Int'l CODATA member
 - + Simple, cost- & time-effective arrangement w/i NAS w/ int'l focus
 - Int'l work, especially business issues, not core BRDI interest
2. US CODATA as BRDI independent committee
 - + Increase autonomy, time & tailored membership for int'l data & CODATA
 - Duplicate, add budget, staff overhead, time, & travel; reduce int'l data in BRDI

Recommendation

Option 1 with effectiveness & efficiency enhancements to BRDI's int'l work

- Make membership in both BRDI & CODATA more explicit
- Minimize CODATA business issues; emphasize int'l issues & activities
- Involve ex-officio BRDI members – other US CODATA TG co-chairs