

Make Data Count Sustainability Committee Charter

1. Introduction

[Make Data Count](#) (MDC) is an initiative that drives the development and adoption of standardized metrics for the evaluation and reward of research data reuse and impact.

The Make Data Count Sustainability Committee is a standing committee established to oversee and ensure sustainability across all operational, governance, and financial aspects of the Make Data Count initiative. Comprising key stakeholders, including Principal Investigators from recent MDC awards and representatives from MDC's current fiscal home, DataCite. The committee's primary objective is to promote the long-term viability and effectiveness of MDC's initiatives.

2. Committee Members

The Sustainability Committee members are as follows:

- John Chodacki, California Digital Library
- Daniella Lowenberg, University of California Office of the President
- Matthew Buys, DataCite
- Britta Dreyer, DataCite

3. Responsibilities

The Sustainability Committee is tasked with the following responsibilities:

Operational Sustainability:

- Regularly assess the operational framework of MDC to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.
- Identify opportunities for streamlining processes and improving resource allocation.
- Recommend adjustments to operational strategies to enhance sustainability.

Governance Sustainability:

- Oversee adherence to governance principles.
- Review and propose updates to governance policies and procedures as necessary.
- Ensure transparency and accountability in decision-making processes.

Financial Sustainability:

- Monitor the financial health of MDC, including budgeting, cash flow, spending, and revenue generation.
- Assess the sustainability of funding sources and explore opportunities for diversification.
- Provide recommendations for optimizing financial resources and minimizing costs.

4. Meetings

The Sustainability Committee shall aim to convene every two months (more frequently, as needed) to discuss and address pertinent issues related to sustainability. Meetings may be held virtually or in person, as deemed appropriate by the committee members. The agenda for each meeting shall include:

- Review of operational, governance, and financial performance.
- Identification of challenges and opportunities.
- Development of action plans and initiatives.
- Any other business deemed relevant by the committee.

5. Reporting

The Sustainability Committee shall share updates with the MDC Director and MDC Advisory Group, outlining key discussions, decisions, and action items.

6. Review

This is a standing committee and the charter will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with operational objectives. The charter shall remain valid, unless otherwise determined by mutual agreement of the committee members and stakeholders.