

Rapporteur's write-up from Session 12a : What should the governance structure for an inter-linked GODAN-CIARD look like?

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Question: Should there be a secretariat?

- No objections were raised
- The present momentum requires an agile organisation structure, a secretariat could be the backbone

Question: Should the secretariat be physical or virtual?

- Both could work
- A virtual secretariat offers an opportunity to have a presence in different regions of the world
- If there is a physical secretariat in one place, there could be "ambassadors" in different regions of the world

Question: What should the structure of an interlinked GODAN / CIARD look like?

- Behind GODAN and CIARD there are different communities, but the but the dividing line is diffuse
- GODAN started as an intergovernmental initiative, but it is widening now and is forming a community of organisations
- For organisations that are not yet involved the picture may look confusing: "which movement should we join?". Hence the discussion resulted in a slogan:
- ***"One secretariat, one movement, more than data"***