



## UNESCO – KISTI High-Level Launch Event

**Fostering Open Solutions:  
Advancing Open Data, Diamond Open Access, and Software Heritage for Sustainable Development**

**Friday, 6 June 2025 14:30 -17:00 (CEST)**

Onsite registration link : <https://indico.un.org/e/kisti-launch>

Room IX, UNESCO Headquarters, 7 place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris

Webstreaming link : <https://webcast.unesco.org/events/2025-06-KISTI/><sup>1</sup>

### Concept Note

As the global research and innovation landscape evolves, UNESCO and the Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI) are launching a landmark collaboration to promote equity, inclusiveness, and sustainability in scientific knowledge sharing. The initiative focuses on strengthening Open Data, Diamond Open Access, and the preservation of Software Heritage, thereby directly supporting the implementation of the UNESCO 2021 Recommendation on Open Science, the UNESCO 2015 Recommendation concerning the preservation of, and access to, documentary heritage including in digital form, and contributing to the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development 2024–2033.

This event, organised by UNESCO, the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Korea to UNESCO, and Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI), will formally introduce the multi-year UNESCO–KISTI collaboration as a flagship effort in support of institutional transformation and policy innovation across Asia and Africa, with the potential for its models, platforms, and tools to be scaled and adapted for broader global use.

The event will underscore the role of science as a global public good and highlight how policies and infrastructures supporting Open Solutions can empower governments, researchers, and citizens to achieve their aims on sustainable development. The collaboration also contributes to preserving software as digital heritage within the framework of UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme.

Structured as a formal launch followed by a high-level strategic roundtable, this event will serve as a diplomatic and policy platform to:

- Promote the importance of leadership in Open Data, Diamond Open Access and Software Heritage as enablers to support research and sustainable development.
- Discuss the significance of regional engagement in promoting global sustainable development through universal access to scientific information.
- Showcase institutional pathways for policy development in support of Diamond Open Access and Open Data.
- Reinforce the recognition of software source code as a key component of global digital heritage.

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<sup>1</sup> Webstreaming available from 15:00 – 17:00 CEST ; Onsite Welcome Coffee from 14:00 – 14:30 CEST

This event marks the beginning of a transformative initiative that contributes to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development particularly by promoting inclusive access to scientific knowledge and fostering innovative ecosystems in the Global South. By connecting Member States, research institutions, and multilateral partners, the KISTI–UNESCO collaboration establishes a new standard for open, equitable, and community-driven science policy and practice.

## Agenda

Time	Topic	Interventions
14:30 – 15:00	Welcome Coffee	
15:00 – 15:30	Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms Sang Mee Bak</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the Republic of Korea to UNESCO</li> <li>• <b>Dr Lee Sik</b>, President, Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI)</li> <li>• <b>Mr Tawfik Jelassi</b>, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO</li> </ul>
15:30 – 15:40	Presentation of the UNESCO–KISTI collaboration framework and vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Fackson Banda</b>, Head of Unit, Documentary Heritage, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO</li> <li>• <b>Ms Zeynep Varoglu</b>, Senior Programme Specialist, Universal Access to Information, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO</li> </ul>
15:40 – 16:50	High-level Roundtable: Advancing Open Data, Diamond Open Access and Software Heritage for Sustainable Development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Eurico Wongo Gungula (in representation of H.E. Minister Albano Vicente Lopes Ferreira)</b>, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Angola</li> <li>• <b>Dr Claire Giry</b>, President, French National Research Agency</li> <li>• <b>Dr Sa-kwang Song</b>, Principal Researcher, KISTI</li> <li>• <b>Prof Roberto Di Cosmo</b>, Founder and Director, Software Heritage</li> <li>• Moderator: <b>Mr Guilherme Canela</b> Director for Digital Inclusion and Policies and Digital Transformation, Communication and Information Sector UNESCO</li> <li>• Rapporteur: <b>Mr David Oliva Uribe</b> Senior Consultant, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO</li> </ul>
16:50 – 17:00	Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Lidia Brito</b>, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO</li> </ul>