## Consultancy Opportunity:

## Research Assistant for the Datasphere Initiative

"A unique opportunity to work on cutting-edge research, high-level events, and support the development of a mission-driving organization. The Datasphere Initiative, currently incubated by the Internet and Jurisdiction Policy Secretariat, is the world's first global network of stakeholders that fosters a holistic and innovative approach to data governance!"

**Start Date:** Immediate
**Duration:** 6 months, renewable
**Location:** Remote (Americas or Europe/Africa time zones preferred)
**Remuneration:** Competitive and based on experience
**Application deadline:** Jan 31st, 2022

## Background

The Datasphere can be defined as the ecosystem encompassing all types of data and the complex dynamics between data, human groups and norms. How we collectively govern the Datasphere matters to everyone and will define the digital society we live in. We deeply believe that approaching the ecosystem in which all digital data exists as the Datasphere provides the fundamental perspective shift needed to develop innovative norms, contracts, and tools, and govern data for the well-being of all.

The Datasphere Initiative, currently incubated by the Internet and Jurisdiction Policy Secretariat, is hiring a Research Assistant to lead and support various foundational and core activities of this nascent mission-driven non-profit organization.

The Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network is the leading multistakeholder organization addressing the tension between the cross-border Internet and national jurisdictions. Its Paris-based Secretariat facilitates a global policy process engaging over 400 key entities from governments, the world's largest internet companies, technical operators, civil society groups, academia, and international organizations from over 70 countries. Stakeholders currently work in three Programs (Data & Jurisdiction, Content & Jurisdiction and Domains & Jurisdiction) to jointly develop policy standards and operational solutions to pressing legal challenges at the intersection of the global digital economy, human rights, and security. The organization is also the home of the I&J Retrospect Database tracking global trends and the world's first Internet & Jurisdiction Global Status Report.

The deliverables of the Research Assistant will support setting the stage for the core Programs of Datasphere Initiative, specifically the Dialogue and Intelligence. The Dialogue Program is dedicated to increasing awareness, capacity building, and identifying real-world challenges that can be addressed by data and innovative data governance frameworks. The Intelligence Program

will gather insights and evidence on concrete challenges, identify innovative practices, and translate complex technical data issues into actionable outcomes.

More details are available here.

## The Position

The Datasphere Initiative is seeking an experienced consultant to serve as a Research Assistant for at least 6 months, and based on a consultancy contract. The Research Assistant will respond to a point of contact within the Datasphere Initiative leadership team and have the opportunity to interact with the broader Datasphere Initiative community of partners and fellows. In addition to research experience, the consultant should have strong project management skills and demonstrable experience in working in a fully remote working environment across time zones. More details are under "Eligibility".

## Responsibilities

- *Research and Writing;*
    - Support the finalization of the data governance field organizations' benchmark report, update the benchmark with potentially newly identified organizations as necessary
    - Develop a short report on the work of international and regional organizations on data governance
    - Develop a short report on a comparative analysis of data governance principles identified
- *Communications:*
    - Support the communications team by providing content to communications efforts, including the Datasphere Pulse Newsletter, and other social media and Partners communications campaigns as needed
- *Datasphere Events and Launch:*
    - Support DI events, from panels and workshops, to Partners meetings as necessary
    - Support the launch of the Datasphere Initiative, from the development of materials to invitations and logistics
- *Fellows Program:*
    - Support the Fellows Program, from activities tracking, and joining meetings, to reviewing fellows' productions
- *Other:*
    - Support operations related to technological solutions for the ecosystem benchmarking (Dashboard), CRM and CMS management, as required
    - Other activities related to the Dialogues or Intelligence Programs to be agreed upon

## Eligibility

- You are intellectually excited about international data governance issues and open to learning. And thus you are committed to our mission.
- Have at least 2-3 years of relevant research experience.
- Detail-oriented and organized with excellent time and project management skills.
- Highly motivated, with strong analytical and conceptual skills, and a good understanding of data governance policy debates.
- Flexible to juggle competing or changing deadlines and stay calm under stress.
- Have great interpersonal and communications skills.
- Able to positively interact with a range of multi-stakeholder partners and beneficiaries, as well as the private sector, international development partners, and governments.
- Tech-savvy, with research or professional experience in the technology sector, and have technological aptitude with cloud-based services and the ability to swiftly learn new tools
- Able to work with a global team, located in different time zones, and flexibility to work remotely.
- Able to handle data, use numerical evidence and statistical software systematically is a differential.
- Fluent in English. Knowledge of other languages is a valuable asset.

## How to apply:

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- ☐ A letter of motivation, explaining your qualifications to deliver on the responsibilities above, and your vision for this position (2 pages max)
- ☐ Your CV (3 pages max)
- ☐ Two writing samples in English
- ☐ The contact details for two relevant references

**Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.**