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GODAN: Origins and Future

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Origins of the U.S. Commitment to Open Data

- President Obama's "Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government"
- OSTP's Memo: "Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research"
- OMB's "Open Data Policy"

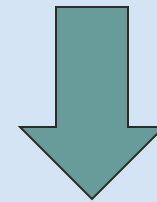


G8 Origins



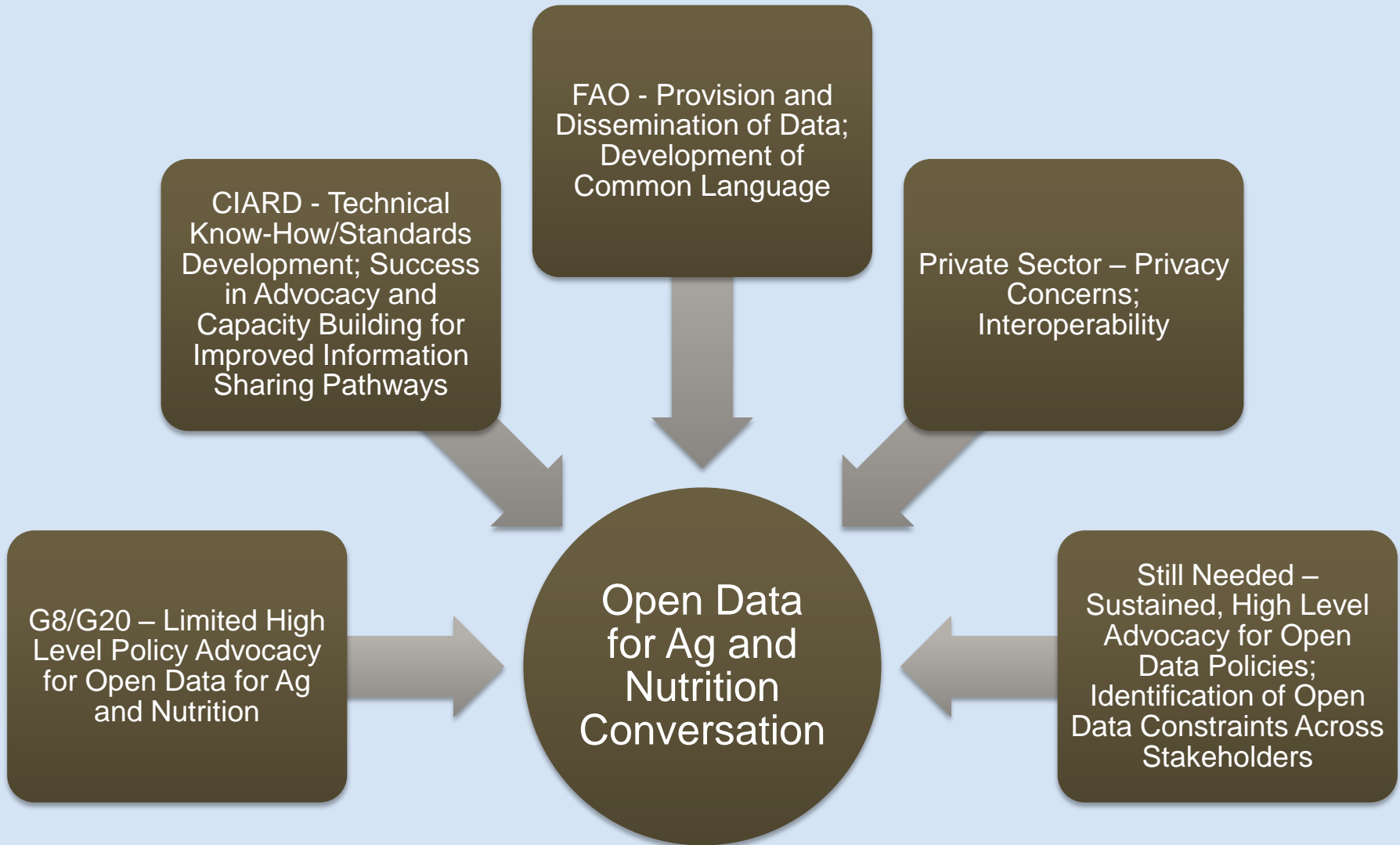
2012 G8

Camp David Summit



2013 G8

International Conference
on Open Data for
Agriculture





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In response to the identification of a lack of a sustained, high level policy advocacy voice within the conversation about open data for agriculture and nutrition, GODAN was launched in October 2013.





FAO/CIARD

- Technical Expertise
- Network of Data Providers/Some Users
- Provision of Data
- Systems Coherence
- Strengthening Capacities

GODAN

Other Open Data Stakeholders

- Other Users
- Technical Providers
- Policy Makers
- Governments
- Open Data Project Funders
- Private Sector

Identifies and addresses open data technical and policy constraints

Encourages coordination and collaboration on open data projects among stakeholder organizations

Advocates at the political level for open data policies bilaterally and multilaterally



GODAN is NOT:

- A multi-donor trust fund
- An implementation body



Challenges to GODAN Thus Far:

- Lacks permanently assigned US/UK Staff
- Needs leadership beyond G8 countries, ensuring that it is a broader, partner-driven initiative
- Needs to engage open data users to identify how to better take open data for agriculture and nutrition from dissemination to application
- Needs to elevate itself among multiple open data movements globally



Going Forward:

- No question that CIARD and GODAN must be interlinked

BUT

- GODAN needs to be more than just an advocacy voice for CIARD



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QUESTIONS?