



Groningen Declaration Network

**Creating a Global, Sustainable and Equitable
Digital Learner Data Portability Environment**

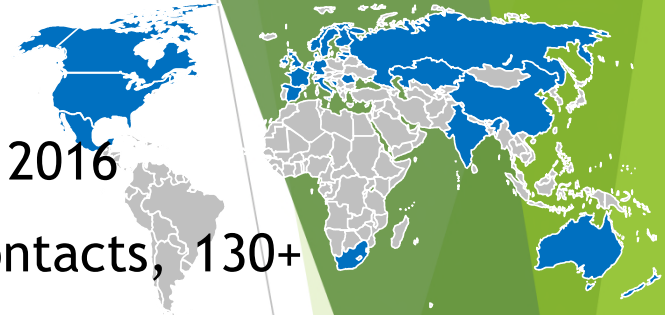
Some GDN History

- ▶ First dissemination efforts at EAIE annual conferences, mainly period 2007-2015: Trondheim, Antwerp, Madrid, Nantes, Copenhagen, Dublin, Istanbul, Prague, Glasgow
- ▶ Parallel with presentations and workshops on document examination and data verification
- ▶ Common denominator: Transition from document based application processing to data based application processing
- ▶ 2010/1: Establishment of EAIE Task Force DSDP - *Digital Student Data Portability*
- ▶ 2012: Founding seminar, *DSDDW Digital Student Data Depositories Worldwide* - adoption of Groningen Declaration , a global declaration of intent
- ▶ Initially hosted as free event, by invitation only
- ▶ 2014: Adoption of Groningen Declaration Network (GDN) to replace DSDDW
- ▶ 2016, December: Establishment as an international public benefit foundation

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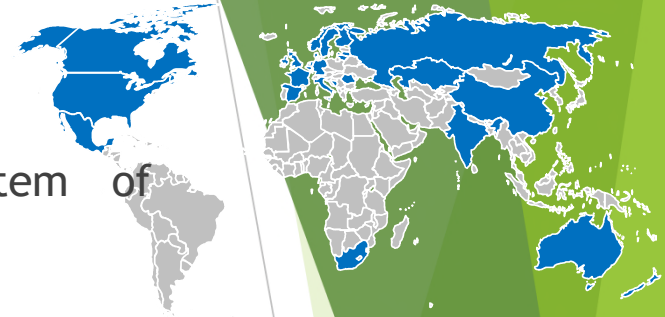
Key Facts

- ▶ Created in 2012 in the Netherlands, Foundation Status 2016
- ▶ 100 hundred signatories from 28 countries, 2000+ contacts, 130+ participants
- ▶ 12 member board of directors representing every continent (Ameesh Shroff, India, Chair)
- ▶ Executive Director: Herman de Leeuw (Netherlands)
- ▶ Annual convening each spring, rotating continents (2020: India)
- ▶ Integrated into and supporting global mobility initiatives worldwide
- ▶ Works closely with UNESCO, World Bank/Education and ENIC-NARICs



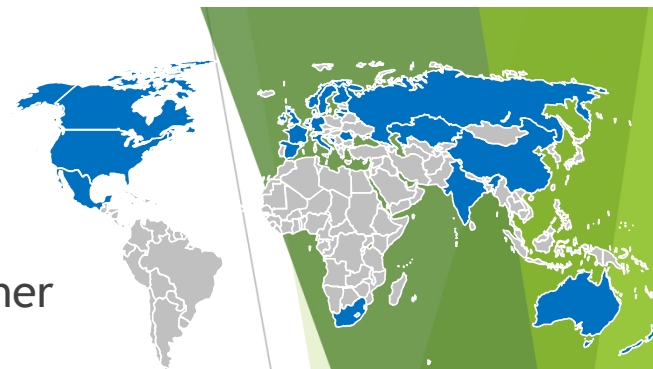
Operating Values

- ▶ Maintain a diverse, global and interconnected ecosystem of participants
- ▶ All members have given their commitment to:
 - ▶ learner privacy and data protection
 - ▶ transparent and responsible practices
 - ▶ the recognition of digital student data and qualifications
- ▶ We aim to ensure that ALL citizen learners have access to secure digital records of their own educational achievements and can share them with whomever they choose whenever (*learner centrality*)
- ▶ Support initiatives dealing with migrant data mobility, resettlement and access to services otherwise denied
- ▶ Bring resources to bear to address a fundamental lack and imbalance of global data and digital capacity

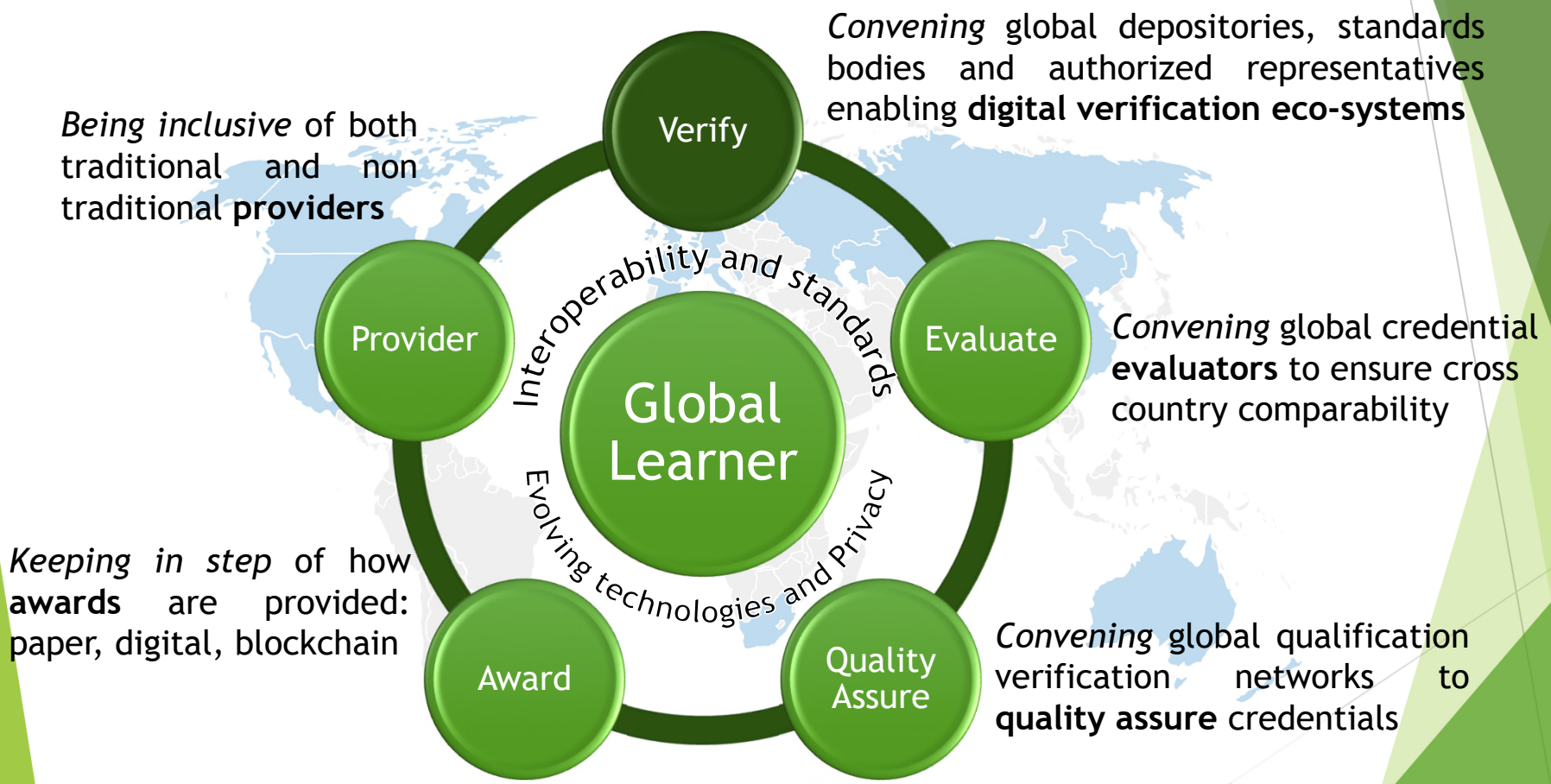


Operationalizing Our Goals

- ▶ Annual convening bringing the international community together
- ▶ Focused on best practice sharing among the attendees:
 - ▶ Credential digitalization
 - ▶ Credential evaluation
 - ▶ Social use cases for international depositories
- ▶ Success tied to creating new pilots and expanding access globally
 - ▶ E.g. AQVN establishment, My eQuals, Multiple US-China Academic portals, Pan-Canadian Data Exchange Portal; EU-US academic portal developments
- ▶ Deliver on global data portability through *participant commitments*
- ▶ 2020: Regional strategy to drive awareness, access and adoption
 - ▶ Bringing together authorities and entities regionally to identify and collaboratively develop new initiatives.



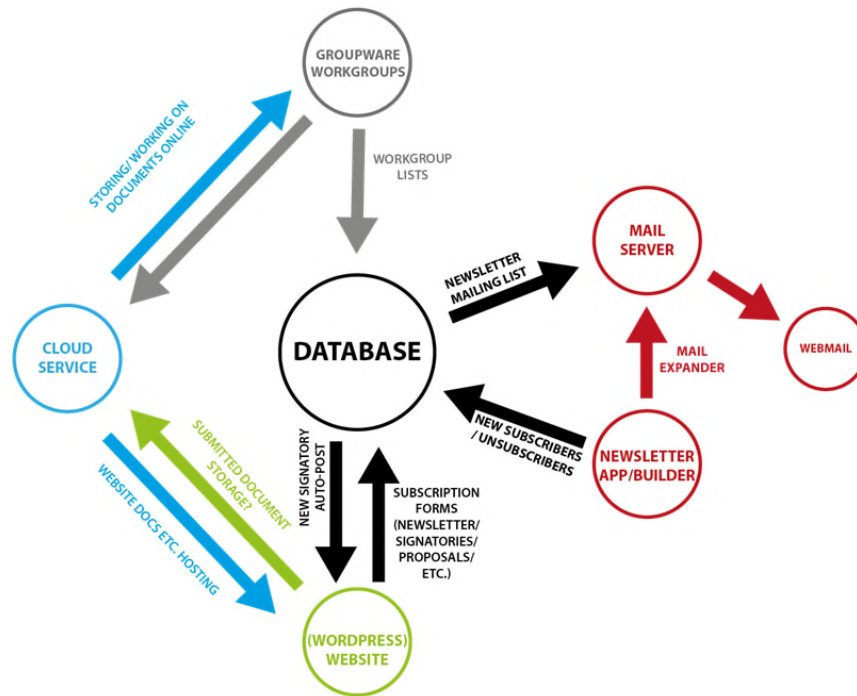
GDN Goal: Developing Global Digital Data Eco-system to Further Cross Border Mobility of Learners



Further Cementing Connections with PESC

- ▶ First personal contacts at 2013 AACRAO Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- ▶ PESC involved in GDN AM from 2014 (Washington, D.C.) onwards
- ▶ Decisive contributions from Michael Sessa as chair of GDN Mid Term Strategy Committee, paving the way for GDN's incorporation at 2016 AM (Cape Town)
- ▶ GDN input on global ramifications to PESC GEO Code initiative at its inception
- ▶ Hosted PESC sessions on GEO Code and more at all GDN Annual meetings
- ▶ Plans for establishing GDN Task Force on Standards
- ▶ Very grateful for PESC GDN sponsorship, looking forward to fruitful cooperation!!!

GDN Mid Term Internal Goals: Providing Benefits & Seeking Efficiency Gains



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Annual Meeting 2020 Logo and First 3 Keynotes, Venue to Be Confirmed



GRONINGEN DECLARATION NETWORK 9TH ANNUAL MEETING

DELHI - INDIA, APRIL 15-17 2020

**Using Innovation to Disrupt:
Creating a Sustainable Digital Ecosystem for Learners**

- ▶ European Students' Union First union to attend (and possibly sign GD)
- ▶ Collaboration with World Bank
- ▶ Possible involvement of AIU

KEYNOTES CONFIRMED THUS FAR

- ▶ Dr. Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary-General, HCCH
- ▶ Emeritus Prof. dr. Beverley Oliver, Deakin University, Australia
- ▶ Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE All-India Council for Technical Education

Rationale for Choosing India

- ▶ Population close to 1.3 billion, booming economy, globally mobile learners
- ▶ GDN interest in anything to do with development of India's digital service provision since establishment of Indian *National Academic Depository* (NAD) and more recently, *DigiLocker*, a paperless, authentic governance, serving as India's citizen wallet
- ▶ Major government initiatives like *Digital India* and *5-I vision*, aiming at maximizing benefits of digital technologies for Indian population

9th Annual GDN meeting to convene practitioners and supporters to:

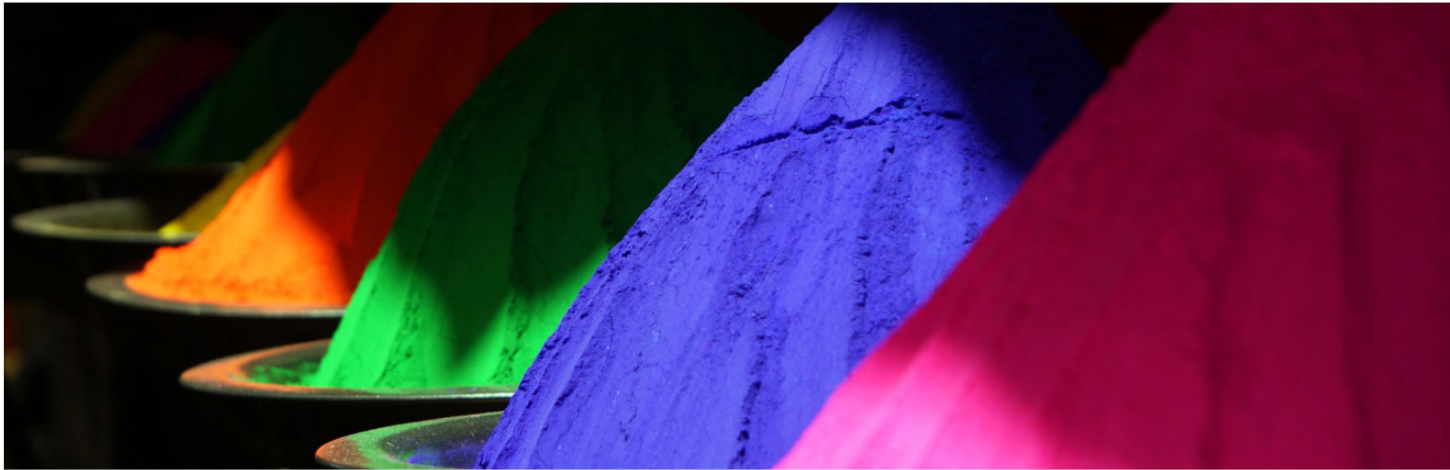
- Share digitalization development and use cases
- Bridge digital divides to serve the underserved
- Provide strategies and tactics that are working
- Expand number of new projects moving forward globally where capacity is lacking

After the Event Day Tour: Taj Mahal and Agra



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Call for Proposals Extended to End November



CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2020 GRONINGEN DECLARATION NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 15-17, INDIA

The Executive Board and Annual Meeting Planning and Organization Committee of the Groningen Declaration Network (GDN) call for presentation proposals under the broad theme:

**'USING INNOVATION TO DISRUPT:
CREATING A SUSTAINABLE DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM FOR LEARNERS'**

Key dates

- Submissions open – August 5, 2019
- Submission deadline – October 31, 2019
- Decision and program finalization – December 1, 2019

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Future Annual Meetings Confirmed Thus Far

- ▶ 2021, 10th GDN annual meeting: **Ottawa, Canada**, to be hosted by ARUCC, PCCAT, CUCCIO and CanPESC
- ▶ 2022, 11th GDN Annual Meeting: **Groningen, Netherlands**, to be hosted by DUO - Education Executive Agency and University of Groningen
- ▶ Stay tuned for more ...

Thank You for Your Interest!

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The Future of Digital Learner Data Portability

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