

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 January 2013 12:06
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: G8 open Data Initiative
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

Some more background here on the New Alliance, and a specific request for Defra to nominate a technical expert to get involved in this work. We have yet to find that person, but can assure [REDACTED] we are looking for someone with both the skills and the time to give it the attention it deserves.

Note that the file named [REDACTED] should be treated as [protect] and should not be shared with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

From: Nesbit, Martin (FFG)
Sent: 17 December 2012 11:32
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Boyd, Ian (SEG); Mitchell, Ian (FFG-EKBES); [REDACTED]; Whaley, Chris (SEG-EUIC); Platt, Stuart (FFG-EKBES); [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: G8 open Data Initiative
Importance: High

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

This got stuck in my in-box during last week's tsunami.

It looks as if this needs someone familiar with UK R&D relevant to global agriculture production, with a particular emphasis on Africa; there is some read-across to the AMIS work now run by an FAO-led secretariat, and we should make sure this bit of DfID is aware of that work. Could you decide who should be a Defra technical expert helping with this work?

[REDACTED] But when we respond to DfID (via Ian Boyd) could we make sure that they copy in [REDACTED] in Chris Whaley's team, so that we can be joined up on our contribution to G8 initiatives?

MN

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Boyd, Ian (SEG)
Sent: 07 December 2012 13:35
To: Nesbit, Martin (FFG)
Subject: FW: G8 open Data Initiative
Importance: High

Hello Martin

Ian has asked me to forward to you for your comments (back to him) please.

Many thanks and kind regards, [REDACTED]

From: Tim Wheeler [mailto:[REDACTED]@dfid.gov.uk]
Sent: 05 December 2012 15:36
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: G8 open Data Initiative
Importance: High

Ian

I write to update you on the US/UK G8 Open Data Initiative and to ask if you could identify a Defra contact that we should include in the UK Technical Group.

Background:

One commitment of the New Alliance from the US presidency of the G8 was to organise an international conference on Open Data for agricultural and food security in Africa, with a view to possibly establishing a platform for open data activities in ag and food. The lead for the US is [REDACTED] (minutes of first meeting attached). [REDACTED] has invited the UK Government to work with the US on the Open Data Initiative as part of the handover of the G8 presidency to the UK, and I have been identified as the UK Gov lead for this because of the focus on Africa.

An initial meeting of the G8 leads for the OD Initiative was held yesterday to refine the top-lines and implementation (presentation attached). Our task now is to collect together the UK team to work on this, from now until April 2013 when the conference will be held. The US have proposed three levels of representation from each country (letter attached):

A 'Policy' lead who will head the process – which will be me, with advice from our Policy team on policy matters when needed

A Conference lead as overall conference coordinator – which will be [REDACTED] who heads our [REDACTED] Team

A Technical Group of experts – In our view, this group should ideally bring together DFID, Defra and GFS expertise. [REDACTED], a DFID Senior Research Fellow, has agreed to lead this group and I intend to ask [REDACTED] to join as well.

Happy to discuss further if you wish.

Two questions:

1. Are you broadly happy with how we intended to organise the UK response to the OD Initiative, or are there any other considerations that you would like to add?
2. Can you nominate someone from Defra who we should invite to join the UK technical Group?

The next meeting will be on 19 Dec, so I would like to have the UK team in place before then.

Many thanks

Best wishes

Tim

Professor Tim Wheeler
Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser

Department for International Development | [REDACTED]

| www.dfid.gov.uk/r4d