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Subject: ISRIC – WDC Soils Reaccreditation as WDS Regular Member

Dear Niels Batjes,

ISRIC – WDC Soils has undergone the process for renewal of its membership in the World Data System (WDS) of the International Science Council (ISC). On behalf of ISC and the WDS Scientific Committee (WDS-SC), it is my pleasure to formally reaccredit your organization as a WDS Regular Member for a further three years. If your signed agreement with ISC has expired, then membership is pending the finalization of a new agreement. A template agreement is provided on the WDS website (<https://www.icsu-wds.org/community/membership/wds-template-agreement>).

As described on the [WDS website](#), Regular Members are nodes that deal directly with data curation and data analysis services. We hope that you are already showing your affiliation as a WDS Member by displaying the WDS logo on your organization's homepage with a link to our website (www.icsu-wds.org); if not, then we strongly urge you to do so since the quality assurance of your organization's data holdings, and its commitments to Open Data and scientific data excellence, are recognized by means of the WDS label.

Realizing that completing both the CoreTrustSeal certification and the WDS membership requirements is somewhat burdensome, the WDS-SC greatly appreciates your on-going interest and is grateful for your time and effort. Any feedback and comments you have provided as part of the accreditation will be taken into account to help improve the process in the future.

These are exciting times for data stewardship community, in particular with the formation of the new ISC, and your continued support is invaluable in building WDS as a 'system of data systems'. We believe that a robust and relevant WDS will play a key role in the ISC's impact-oriented agenda, aimed at enabling international research coordination across all scientific disciplines to contribute more effectively to major issues in the international public domain.

Yours sincerely,

Sandy Harrison
Chair, WDS Scientific Committee

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