

# Dstl upgrades to Principal level of OGC membership

As a Principal Member of OGC, Dstl will participate across OGC activities and serve in OGC's Planning Committee to explore market and technology trends relevant to OGC's global mission to make location information more Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR).

"It's great to see Dstl upgrading their OGC Membership to Principal level," said OGC CEO Dr. Nadine Alameh.

Their upgrade reinforces their position as leaders in creating value from location in the defence domain.

In addition to their continued commitment to location standards, I'm particularly appreciative of Dstl's visionary sponsorship of our [Innovation Program](#), and through it, their contributions to the [OGC API](#) family of standards, and to novel, standards-based, data-centric, and security conscious solutions for inter-cloud data exchange.

Dstl's Senior Principal Scientist Dr Stephen Helsdon, added:

Geospatial Information is an essential element supporting defence and security. In the future, it will be more important as we seek to exploit new technologies such as artificial intelligence. We develop solutions that enable us to share this information easily with our partners. Membership of the OGC enables us do that collaboratively across the breadth of its community. Their open, modular and interoperable standards provide a critical foundation to enable discovery and sharing of this information.

As a Principal Member, we look forward to engaging with their innovation and standardisation activities. We seek to exploit civil standards wherever possible and by partnering with the OGC, we will work together to help their open standards meet UK defence needs and future ways of working.

OGC Principal Members ensure that OGC's policies and procedures remain effective and agile in a changing technological environment, and participate in final approval decisions for all OGC standards as well as nominations to the Board of Directors.

As an OGC Principal Member, Dstl will work alongside other world-leading Principal Member organisations looking to advance the location information industry, including: Airbus Defence & Space, the US Army Geospatial Center

(AGC), Amazon Web Services (AWS), the Indian Department of Science and Technology, Esri, Feng Chia University, Google, Hexagon, Leidos, Maxar, Microsoft Corporation, the US National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Oracle, and Trimble Navigation. A list of all current OGC Members is available at [ogc.org/ogc/members](http://ogc.org/ogc/members).

As a Principal Member of OGC, Dstl will support the OGC's innovation and standardisation activities to advance Geospatial interoperability and Open Standards for future defence and security needs.

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