

Title: A National Agenda for Digital Stewardship

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The NDSA *National Agenda* reports, annually, on the challenges, opportunities, gaps, emerging trends, and key areas for research and development that support the national capacity for digital stewardship. The objective of this report and the NDSA is to coordinate actions that ensure today's valuable digital content remains accessible, useful, and comprehensible in the future—supporting a thriving economy, a robust democracy, and a rich cultural heritage.

This new edition of the Agenda builds on earlier work, updating the 2014 report, and highlighting new areas of focus, specifically the selection and preservation of content at-scale. It also more clearly articulates the need for an evidence base for efficient and reliable digital preservation practice. Recent gains and observations on the technical infrastructure required for large-scale digital stewardship and the supporting policies and organizational structures required are also outlined. The report synthesizes the latest issues for funders, researcher and organizational leaders and provides actionable recommendations for practitioners.

The 2015 National Agenda is the result of many months of individual effort and dedicated institutional support from across the NDSA community; and was improved by hundreds of review comments coming not only from NDSA members but also from many reviewers in the national and international preservation community.