

# Call for Working Group Volunteers | Ensuring Cultural Representation for All Languages and Communities in the AI-Driven Future

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## Defining the Minimum Viable Dataset for Cultural and Linguistic Empowerment

*Volunteer now to be part of CODI's inaugural research initiative*

The Coalition on Digital Impact believes the Internet can break down barriers, amplify unheard voices, and fuel global innovation. But we must also recognize a growing inequity becoming more stark in the age of AI: a lack of language representation online and in the technologies shaping our future.

That's why I'm thrilled to announce CODI's first major research initiative: Defining the Minimum Viable Dataset for Cultural and Linguistic Empowerment. This milestone marks the beginning of our journey to ensure everyone has a seat at the digital table, regardless of language, culture, or geography.

## Why This Initiative, and Why Now?

AI's benefits are only as inclusive as the data behind them. Yet most of the world's languages, especially Indigenous, minority, and oral-tradition languages, remain almost invisible in digital systems. To change this trajectory, we need to address the foundational issue: data.

That's where our inaugural research project comes in. CODI is launching a groundbreaking effort: the creation of a Minimum Viable Dataset (MVD) that can serve as a foundation for culturally relevant, ethically sourced, and community-owned digital resources.

# Join Us: Call for Volunteers

We are now forming a Working Group to guide this initiative, and I want to personally invite experts, advocates, and community leaders to get involved. This is an all hands on deck effort, and we are seeking volunteers from a wide range of disciplines, including:

- Language and cultural preservation
- Applied ethics and digital rights
- AI, NLP, and data science
- Legal and IP
- Community advocacy
- Metadata standards, data classification, and data governance

This is a volunteer role, but one with real impact. It will help shape a first-of-its-kind global framework to ensure communities thrive in the digital future.

Together, this group will define what a culturally relevant dataset looks like, establish ethical standards for data collection and use, and build a foundation that enables multicultural AI development.

Want to be a part of it? Submit your Expression of Interest [via this form](#) before **September 29, 2025**.

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