

IASSIST Regional Report for Asia-Pacific 2025-2026

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Membership

As of May 15, 2026, there are 15 active IASSIST members from the Asia/Pacific region. This figure is broadly comparable to the approximately 10 members reported in 2022, suggesting that regional membership has remained largely stable.

General remarks

Some participants from the Asia/Pacific region have attended IASSIST annual conferences consistently; however, overall engagement in this region remains relatively limited, likely due to significant time zone differences. Language barriers also present a challenge for international participation, particularly among data librarians and practitioners in East Asia. Over the coming years, it will be important to develop a concrete strategy for outreach and to strengthen IASSIST's presence across the Asia/Pacific region.

With regard to IASSIST's mission, NASSDA (Network of Asian Social Science Data Archives) represents a relevant case worth highlighting. NASSDA was established in 2016 by four founding member organisations: the Chinese National Survey Data Archive (CNSDA, China), the Korean Social Science Data Archive (KOSSDA, South Korea), the Survey Research Data Archive (SRDA, Taiwan), and the Social Science Japan Data Archive (SSJDA, Japan). Annual meetings have been held primarily to facilitate mutual exchange among members. Developing gradual collaborations with NASSDA and its member organisations may offer a promising pathway for expanding IASSIST's activities and visibility in the Asia/Pacific region.

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