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Dr Audrey Masizana is a Senior Lecturer and former Head of Department of Computer Science at the University of Botswana. She holds a PhD in Computer Science from University of Manchester UK (2004). He is also Fellow of [Botswana Academy of Sciences](#) (FBAS) since 2021 and Global Health International Scholar of University of Pennsylvania, USA (2023-2026). She is passionate in interdisciplinary post graduate research around ***Scientific Application of Data for Intelligent Decision Making.***

As a member of [Botswana CODATA National Committee](#), she is a strong advocate and passionate of the adoption of Open Data Open Science Policies and Instruments locally and across the continent. Currently she is the Chair of the development of the Botswana Open Data Policy. She was re-elected in October 2023 to serve for 2 years into the [Executive Committee of the CODATA](#) for International Science Council.

She has over the years chaired academic conferences including Information Technology for Development Africa (IASTED Africa [2014](#), [2016](#)), International Conference in Cyber-Security and Information systems conference series referenced in ICICIS [2016](#) and [here](#). Also, the [International Data Week \(IDW 2018\)](#) spearheaded by the University of Botswana. She has served as a member of the African Technical Advisory Committee which formed part of the first committee that established the [African Open Science Platform in 2017](#). She is also one of the innovators of the VizAfrica Network and chaired the second [VizAfrica Conference in 2019](#) delivered in collaboration with CODATA.