Conditions of Use of data from the AWME database

Once applicants have received data from the AWME database, they should observe the following Conditions of Use:

1) Deliver the result (e.g., a manuscript ready for submission) to the AWME coordinating group within three years. After this time they lose their mandate to use the data.
2) Send each paper using AWME data to the AWME coordinating group before submission to check that the data was used in accordance with these Conditions of Use. This check will not deal with the scientific quality of the manuscript and the group members will keep any information contained in the manuscript confidential.
3) Ensure that they do not pass any data obtained from AWME (including under Regime 3) to third parties or use them for purposes other than stated in the original proposal.
4) Ensure that the data is used for research purposes only.
5) Ensure that the final product (publication, report) contains a proper citation of the original data sources (or at least the main sources, if there are many sources) and of the AWME database. Recommended references will be provided by the AWME coordinating group.
6) Send the final version of papers based on the AWME data to the AWME coordinating group on their publication, so that links to these papers can be added to the AWME website.
7) Applicants are encouraged to report any errors found in the data to the owners of the original datasets.
8) Agree that the title of their project and the names of the applicants can be published on the AWME website, along with a link to the published papers.
9) Negotiate joint authorship for Regime 1 data as detailed below.

Authorship:

Authorship of papers or reports based on AWME data under Regime 1 should be negotiated for each particular proposal between the applicant and those dataset owners of the data used in the project. The recommended good practice for the applicants is that they offer co-authorship at least to dataset owners whose data (1) account for more than 10% of the final dataset used in the particular project or (2) are particularly important for the project result. Becoming a co-author implies the possibility to contribute to the general concept of the product, data analysis and/or interpretation of the results. When in doubt, an inclusive, rather than a restrictive criterion should be applied. Dataset owners representing a collective should handle any offer of co-authorship received via AWME according to the internal rules pertinent to the dataset.

Data availability regimes:

Regime 1: Restricted-access data are available for other dataset contributors only and their use depends on the permission of the respective dataset owner. These data remain the property of the dataset owner or a group of people represented by this person. The dataset owner must be contacted any time when there is a request to use these data. The terms of data use must be negotiated in each specific case.

Regime 2: Semi-restricted-access data are available for other dataset contributors only, but without the need for a specific permission in each single case. However, these data remain the property of the dataset owner or a group of people represented by this person. As such, the dataset owner will
still be informed by the coordinating group for each data request, at least three weeks before the release of data. If no objection is raised during this time period, it will be assumed that the dataset owner has given the permission to use these data for the particular purpose.

Regime 3: *Free-access data* are available to a wider community of users. These data can be released based on the proposal to the coordinating group, with no need for special approval. The AWME initiative encourages a gradual transfer of data contributed to AWME from Regime 1 to Regime 3, but the decision on the regime is entirely upon the dataset owners. The dataset owners may, at any time, change the regime category of their data or withdraw their data from AWME.

*Agreement on data sharing, as agreed 22/10/2021*