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Discussion proposal about expanding CKAN metadata profile

Background

During the first part of 2018, the Open Data Group of the OAS (Organization of American States) Electronic Government Network has developed a [Regional Metadata Profile](#) for documenting Open Data Assets in a more complete and homogeneous way.

This metadata profile is a compatible extension of the european [DCAT-AP](#) and it was designed following these principles:

- Countries would benefit using the same metadata standard to document Open Data Assets, as their baseline.
- [DCAT-AP](#) is the most broadly used metadata standard for this purpose, across countries in the world. This should be the baseline.
- Countries can extend the baseline metadata profile when they have additional documentation needs, but they should always prefer to *reuse* metadata fields created by other countries to solve similar documentation needs, whenever this is possible.

The Regional Metadata Profile developed, was designed under these principles and reflects the learning results and additional documentation needs of 7 american countries. Up to this moment, those countries were solving similar issues in their own way. From this document and on, the goal is reusing the same metadata solutions between all countries.

Proposal

We understand that the implementation of this Regional Metadata Profile is beneficial to any country with an Open Data Catalogue or an Open Data Portal (taking an online "portal" as one possible implementation of a "catalogue"). It is strictly compatible with DCAT-AP and should be considered an extension with "more metadata fields", a more complete metadata baseline.

After a quick review done by Uruguay, the group have seen that **11 out of 13 countries of the region use CKAN** as their base technology for their open data portals. Therefore, the group would like to propose a space in the CKANcon 2018 on September to discuss the more convenient options for implementing this set of metadata fields in the CKAN project.