



Beyond Planets - The Future

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- ❑ Project ends 31 May 2010
- ❑ Most of Planets Outputs will be freely available under Apache 2
- ❑ In order to gain wide acceptance and take-up, there must be a sustainability plan to:
 - Maintain and develop the existing software
 - Ensure continued access to Planets services
 - Support partners who are committed to its use
 - Grow the existing community of users
 - Promote further research and development
 - Facilitate a seamless transition between Planets and follow-on



The Open Planets foundation



Open Planets Foundation (OPF)

- ☐ Not-for-profit organisation
- ☐ Company Limited By Guarantee
- ☐ UK Based but with global membership
- ☐ Will be in place by April 2010
- ☐ Commitments already being received to sign up
- ☐ Sufficient financial support to proceed
- ☐ Ready for seamless handover from Planets



OPF and your organisation

- ☐ Terms of membership now being finalised
- ☐ Different classes of membership
- ☐ Most software will remain free to download
- ☐ Planets published research will remain free to access





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