

Digital Rights Principles: The case for access to information and open data

Principes de droits digitaux: accès à l'information et des données ouvertes

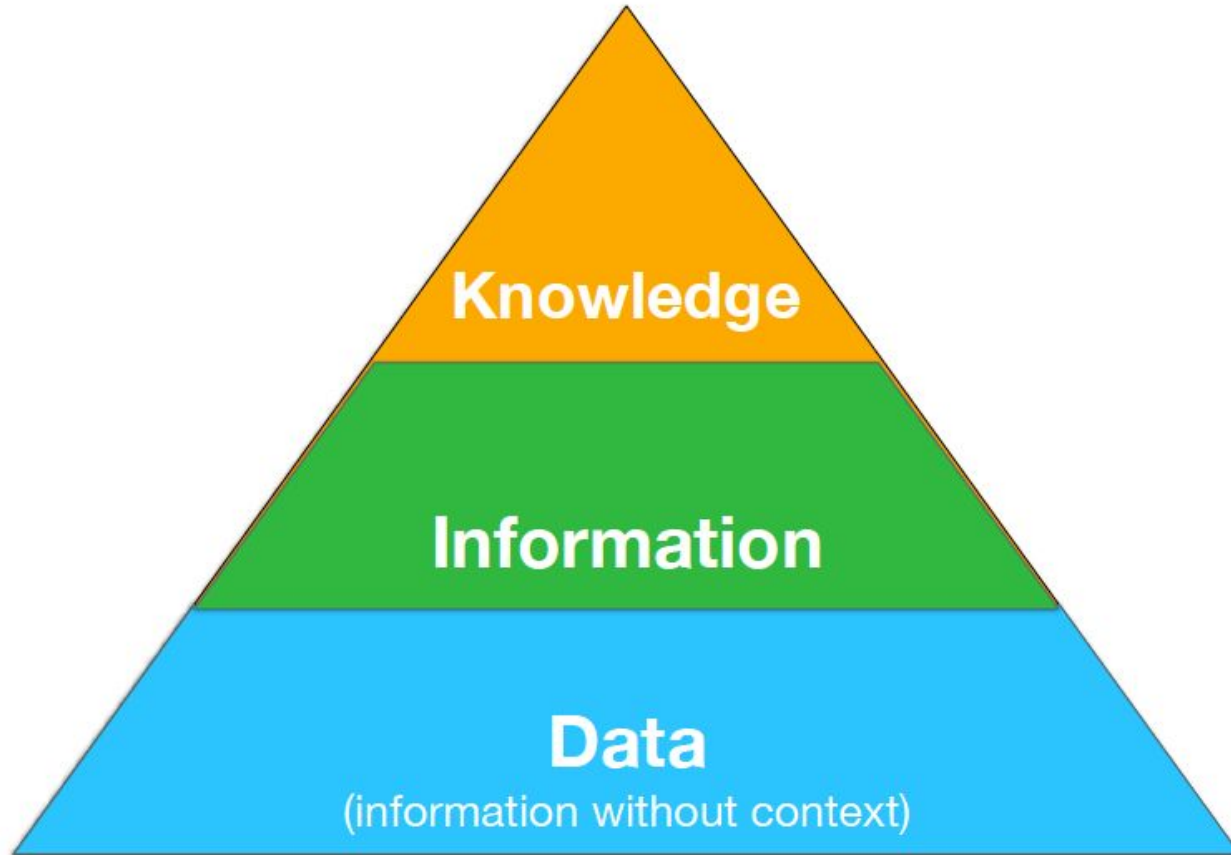
Access to information

- Fundamental Human Right
- The basis for state-citizen interactions
- Fundamental in governance and participation
- Measure of democracy
- Building block for open data

Government services and open data

If governments are to continue the push for bringing services online (e-government), they need to ensure that the *data* and *information* citizens need to make decisions is available.

What is data?



Open data: Data that is technically and legally free to be used and reused.



1. Open Data by Default



2. Timely and Comprehensive



3. Accessible and Usable



4. Comparable and Interoperable



5. For Improved Governance and Citizen
Engagement



6. For Inclusive Development and Innovation

Why open data?



*for **everyone** —
a right for all.*



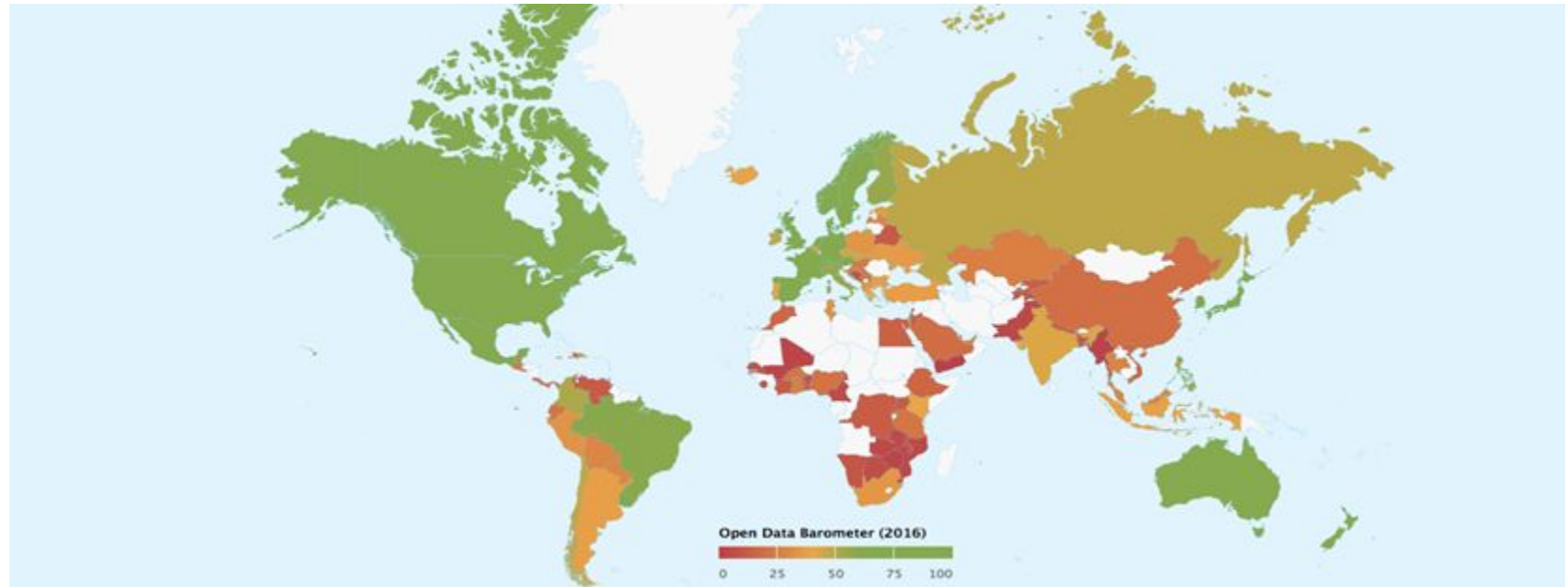
*the data
people **need**.*



*data people can
easily use.*

Open Data Barometer

Readiness – Implementation – Impact: 115 countries, global benchmark



Open Data Barometer

Readiness - How prepared are governments and civil society for open data initiatives? What policies and legislation are in place?

Implementation - Are governments putting their commitments into practice? Is government data available and truly open?

Impact - Is open government data being used in ways that bring practical benefit? Is it leading to positive political, social and economic change?

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Interactive Map



Country comparisons



Full barometer rankings

Country	ODB Rank	Score Out of 100	ODB Change	Score Trend Over Past Editions
United Kingdom See details	1	100	0 -	
Canada See details	2	90	2	
France See details	3	85	-1	
United States of America See details	4	82	-2	
Korea See details	5	81	3	

Open Data Barometer: Findings from the region

AVERAGE SCORE

14 out of 100

READINESS AVERAGE

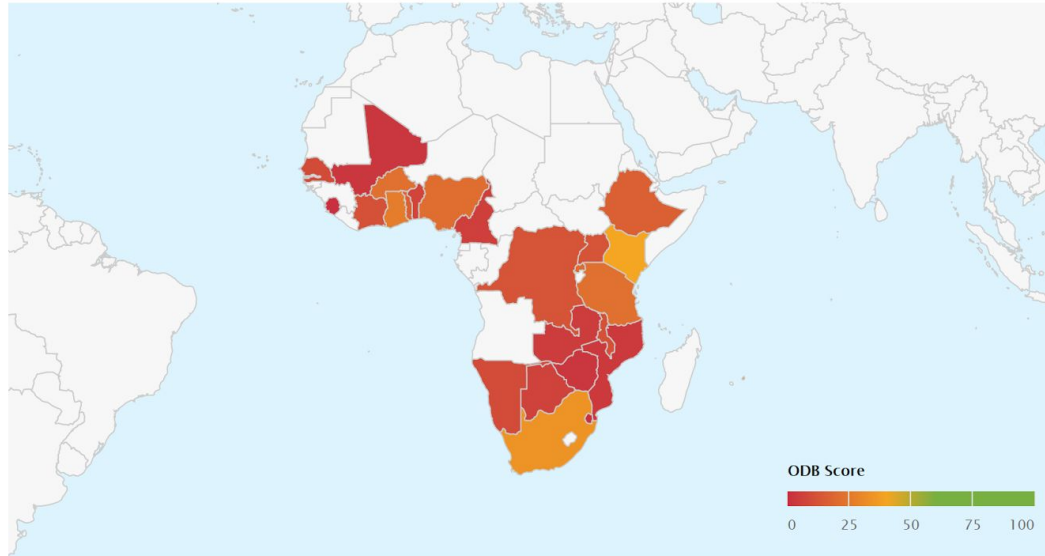
27 out of 100

IMPLEMENTATION AVG

12 out of 100

IMPACT AVERAGE

10 out of 100



Open Data Barometer: Findings from the region

1 Governments are too dependent on third-parties for creating and sustaining open data initiatives.

2 Only two countries in sub-Saharan Africa, Kenya and South Africa, rank in the top 50.

3 Only two out of 375 datasets in our regional analysis are truly open.

Country focus: Cote d'Ivoire



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Country focus: Nigeria

- well positioned to be an open data leader in the region, yet backsliding (education + health data is no longer fully open, no open licenses)
- a few strong, civil society-led initiatives have emerged:
 - **Your BudgIT**, created on the principle that every citizen should have access to and understand public budgets.
 - **Tracka**, a tool used to collaborate, track and give feedback on government projects, helps to disseminate budget and expenditure-related data published by government.

Open Data Barometer: Key global findings

1. 9/10 government datasets are **not open**
2. Data typically **incomplete** and **low quality**
3. Sustained **political will** makes or breaks success
4. Governments not opening data needed to **restore trust**
5. Few open data initiatives promote **inclusion** and **equity**

Not the data citizens need

Data lacking in crucial areas



Spending
3%



Elections
11%



Health
7%



Environment
6%



Contracting
3%

Collection of sex-disaggregated data is needed

Datasets	Availability of online aggregated data for all governments	Availability of online sex-disaggregated data
National Statistics	99%	66%
Health	85%	60%
Education	88%	69%
Crime	79%	32%

Availability of sex-disaggregated data for four different sectors.

SDGs, Gender and ICT

Datasets that could contribute to advancing SDG 1:

- Budget
- Education
- International trade
- Land ownership
- National statistics
- Spending



SDGs, Gender and ICT

Datasets that could contribute to advancing SDG 5:

- Budget
- Crime
- Education
- Elections
- Health
- Land ownership
- Legislation
- National statistics
- Public transport
- Spending



SDGs, Gender and ICT

Datasets that could contribute to advancing SDG 9:

- Maps
- International trade
- Contracting
- Spending
- Company data



Open data: online and offline



Panel discussion