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

Principes de droits digitals: 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?



Knowledge



(information without context)



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



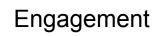
1. Open Data by Default



- 2. Timely and Comprehensive
- 3. Accessible and Usable



- 4. Comparable and Interoperable
- 5. For Improved Governance and Citizen





6. For Inclusive Development and Innovation

Why open data?



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



Full barometer rankings

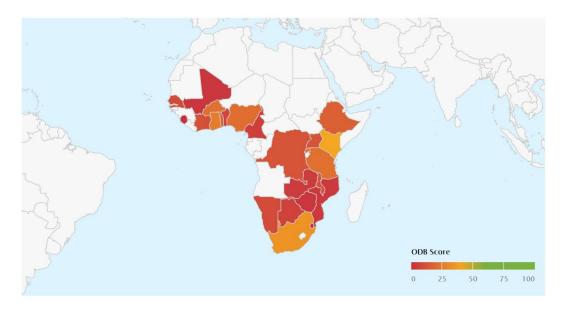
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Country comparisons



Open Data Barometer: Findings from the region





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

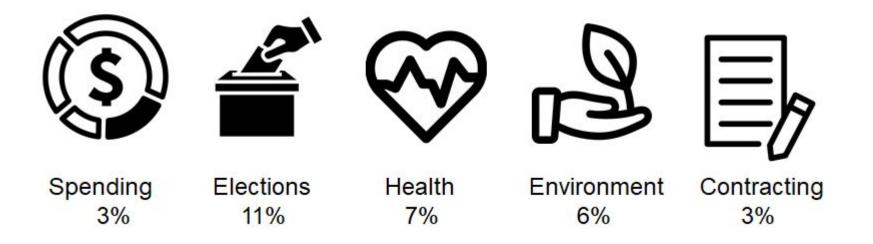
- well positioned to be an open data leader in the region, yet backsliding (education + health data is no longer fully open, no open licenses)
- a few strong, civil society-led initiatives have emerged:
 - Your BudgIT, created on the principle that every citizen should have access to and understand public 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



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

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