

Capturing Data Gaps:

Comparative Study on Availability of Land Data in Africa

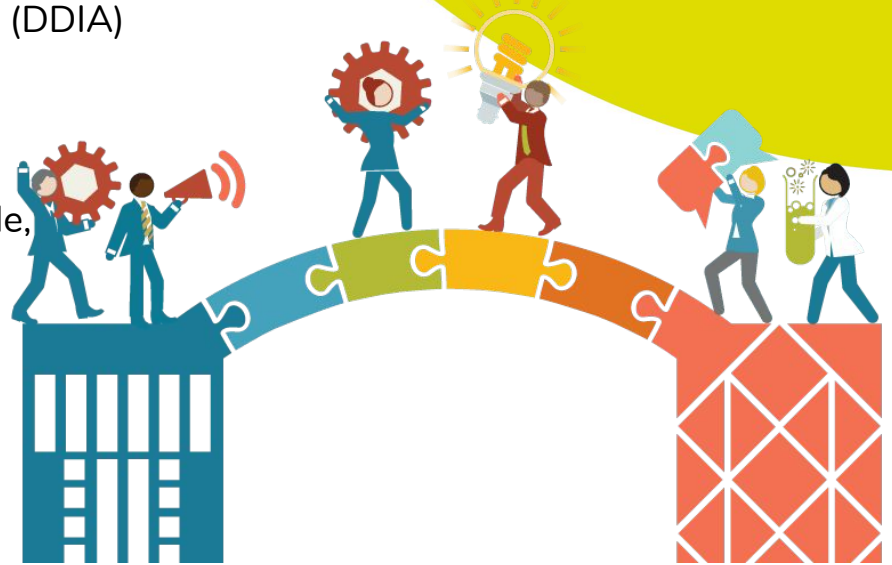
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Land Data for Accountability

- Data-Driven Improvement & Accountability (DDIA)
 - Strengths & limitations of data.
- BUT: Data does not hold people accountable, **people hold people accountable.**
Data is the tool.
- For successful DDIA we need:
 - Access to Data
 - Capacity to Use Data



Picture source: [Surety Systems](https://www.surety.com)

“There is a Lack of Land Data”

- Often-repeated rhetoric: **there is a lack of land data**
 - No up-to-date data
 - No reliable or accurate data
 - No data captured at all.
- SDGs “data momentum” has led to increased data collection & monitoring efforts.
 - Distrust among actors in each other’s data quality or reliability
 - Everyone prefers their own data, weakening our message externally.
- BUT: did we ever stop & looked at existing data?
 - **Have we ever substantiated the rhetoric that there is a lack of land data?**



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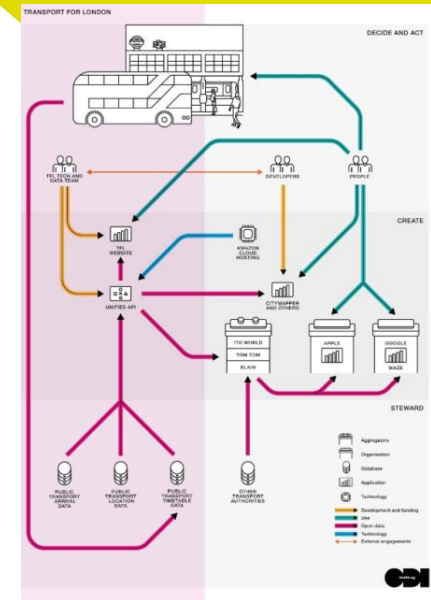
Pilots in East Africa

- Pilot studies: **Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda & South Sudan**
- Identified 695 key resources from 317 different sources!
- Preliminary findings:
 - Between 80-90% key resources are documents;
 - No category where no information was found, but large majority is out of date;
 - Raw data almost never published alongside of reports;
 - National CSOs' information particularly difficult to access.
- Preliminary findings, because SOLI continues to be an open process. **SOLI = open & living document**
- Access & contribute on www.landportal.org



Strengthening Local Data Ecosystems

- **Next step:** Targeted work with local stakeholders to:
 - Expand mapping of data ecosystem
 - Build capacities to strengthen data ecosystem
 - **Increase overall access to available data.**
- **Enabling Data USE!**



Picture source: [The Open Data Institute](https://open-data-institute.org/)

Increasing Data Literacy

- **Data Use Requires Data Literacy**
- Mapping local data ecosystem includes **mapping data users & their needs, demands & constraints**
 - Important to look beyond 'usual suspects' of data users. Also consider data **subjects**
- Building capacities to use data & increase data literacy
 - Not aiming for everybody to be data scientists
 - But rather increased '**rudimentary**' data literacy.
- Allow for inclusive debates around & use of data -> **"Be Driver of Data, not the Driven"**



Picture source: [QLik Blog](#)

Concluding

- **Data does not hold people accountable, PEOPLE hold people accountable.** To make this happen, we need:
 - Equal Access to Data
 - Capacity to Use Data
- **Land Portal's State of Land Information** methodology is an open & ongoing process to uncover the land data ecosystem on national level
- Aim: **strengthen the local data ecosystem** in a way that it creates an **enabling & inclusive environment** in which **data reaches its full potential & impact.**
- Visit www.landportal.org to contribute to SOLI!



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