Data to Policy Network
Open House and Learning Session

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Chat / Q&A
Opening Welcome

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Agenda

Welcome

Introduction to Data to Policy Network

Learning Session on Data Labs

Closing Remarks
70+ policymakers and friends of the network

15+ countries
WHY?

What we heard from speaking to >30 policymakers and experts...
WHY?

“They trained the National Forestry Commission […], but they never looked at us. So, when us in the sub-national governments want to replicate experiences, very few states have […] the technical capacity to use these [data] methodologies.”
Need for support in identifying, accessing and analyzing (emerging) data sources.

"I’ve identified new data sources that could contribute to our work, but we face too many bureaucratic hurdles in the public sector to be able to use them."
WHY?

“People in my team are often *sceptical* about why we need to look at data. They think that is *just the job of the NSO*.”

Need for strengthening a data culture across government.
The offer developed: the Data to Policy Navigator

- Developed for decision-makers in government
- Provides step-by-step guidance on how to integrate data into decision-making
- Showcases >15 data use cases from across the globe
- Has a chatbot trained on selected data resources
Next is: the Data to Policy Network

- Accelerate data-informed decision- & policy-making by governments to drive progress towards SDG achievement.
  - Deepen South-South and Triangular exchange and collaboration on data-informed policymaking
  - Increase knowledge and capacity of decision-makers on leveraging data for policies
  - Strengthen connection between policymakers and the wider data community, including data providers, funders, and academic experts
Our (preliminary) offering for you

- A **trusted peer-to-peer networking environment of forward-thinking policymakers** for global exchange of good practices on data use for more evidence-based policy making, including through South-South and triangular cooperation;

- An opportunity for members to **showcase their work regionally and globally** – for example on the DtP Navigator

- **Broad and thematic training sessions for contemporary skills and insights** – such as on new data typologies, their application in policymaking, and data ethics, among other topics.

- Facilitated **access to curated content** (e.g. policy papers, solutions) via the UNOSSC South-South Galaxy platform

- **Tailored support** – meaning dedicated guidance, for example facilitating policymakers' access to emerging data sources and supporting in optimizing policy use cases of network members

- An opportunity to explore **collaboration with the UN network and other partners in the data ecosystem**

- **+ your ideas!**
However, we are not stopping there.

Share your interests and we will adapt the Network accordingly.

Top Interests

- Economic Development
- Climate and Environment
- Diversity, Equality & Inclusion
- Education
- Urban Planning & Mobility
- Gender
- Agriculture
- Health Care
- Disaster Management
We would like to hear from you.
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What to expect next?

1. If not done yet, register for the Data to Policy Network
2. Check our follow-up email
3. Stay tuned for our next sessions in early 2024
THANK YOU.