



The UN World Data Forum took place in Cape Town, South Africa on 15-18 January 2017.

**Problematic:**

**From MDG to SDGs (2 decades) what results?**

**How much money was lost for many years because of the lack of data?**

**Data has five steps which concerns:**

- **planning,**
- **acquiring,**
- **handling,**
- **validation**
- **preparation**

**Key words:**

Big data, data revolution, open data, national data, non official data

**Open ceremony 01/15/2017**

The opening ceremony mentioned some key points regarding the data:

- Statistics help the implementation of SDGs
- National statistical system will make changes in making policies
- What should be measured (define feasible indicators) in order to achieve feasible option of policies
- Statistical data should be available for citizens to use
- Experts in statistics should achieve :
  - o Discuss ways linkages
  - o Launch new partnerships and innovations
  - o Identified solutions
  - o Implementation of 2030 Agenda
  - o Promote consensus

The expect outcomes are :

- Launch global plan on data
- The 17 goals will become a reality

Forum Outcomes :

- Strengthening data system

- Dissemination of data systems on sustainable development
- Building partnerships
- Mobilisation sources
- Classify truth data from the non truth
- Civil society could make stress on monitoring how we can best monitor
- Data is public good
- Statistics give tools to make better decision and to monitor outcomes
- Indicators isn't enough we need to built capacities through data
- Produce high quality of indicator to SDGs
- The role of statistics is to transform the ocean of data to use by politics to make decision
- The world bank data isn't consulted at a rate of 80%
- identify the mutual benefits for government, business and civil society, at global, regional and local levels, of sharing business and government information to monitor progress towards the SDGs
- Financing: Going slowly
- Data is a multidimensional , multilevel, multi-stakeholders and multi years of program
- ACBF (African Capacity Building Foundation) offered training (<http://www.acbf-pact.org/fr> )
- Human rights is integrated in the work of statistics ([www.dst.dk](http://www.dst.dk) )
- Data improve communication
- Campaigns with data allows to look at all different pieces of the campaign
- Data is a key to turn around for multiple uses
- CIVICUS : citizen generated data (CGD) to power people campaign and identify needs
- Mapping with data is a tool to locate problems and issues
- Open algorithm is a platform to engage civil society
- 10% of the national data at the universal level is open
- Methodology before getting data: what do you want to measure-what should we measure
- Measuring should be done by monitoring
- How to trust data and statistics: - group trust each other within society
  - Engagement process
  - Interest in statistics themselves
- Metadata and API (Application Programming Interface) are tools for monitoring SDGs
- Monitoring citizen initiative to gather information
- Partnership in the data production establish mechanism to monitor agreed on the performance of indicators
- Strengthen coordination between National Institute of Statistics and stakeholders to enhance trust and transparency
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## **DATA and WOMEN**

- The use of technologies changes the life of women

- Mapping out what we go through
- Life don't change if we don't change life of women and children
- We have to carry in our mind women going forward SDGs

### **Some interventions:**

Switzerland intervention :

- Advocates for HLPF coming meeting

For the implementation of 2030 Agenda the universal Agenda we need:

- ✓ Holistic approaches
- ✓ Synergies
- ✓ Measuring and monitoring across sectors
- **Women** who faces discrimination can't wait any longer
- Ecosystems are suffering from irreparable damages
- Use of high quality data
- Identifying priorities
- SDGs data flowing quickly throughout the system
- Develop a platform of statistics data base
- Data is a global public good
- Deliver momentum for SDGs

South Africa :

- Has experiences of use of data
- Built partnerships
- Infrastructure
- Use data to deliver and than impact

China :

- SD depends on statistics

ESRI :

- GIS provides the framework for the 17 goals
- GIS integrates not just your own data but others data as well
- GIS is used by over 350,000 organisations
- GIS integrates all type of information
- GIS connects everyone
- GIS supports citizen engagement
- GIS makes special relation ships with different organisations dealing with GIS

Minister :

- Data is much more than statistics
- Data is an asset needs to be managed
- Are we doing enough and in right ways? the answer is no
- SDGs reports and data base are found in few countries
- Time is short we have to dramatically speed up our efforts
- Data should be of high quality
- We need data revolution
- Data produced should be relevant
- We need the design of the global action
- **National statistics are the center of the future**
- **Statistics need data**
- **Data produces high quality of indicators to SDGs**

**The different themes of the forum:**

- 1- Understanding the world through data.
- 2- Innovations and synergies across different data ecosystems
- 3- New approaches to capacity development for better data
- 4- Leaving no one behind
- 5- Data principles and governance
- 6- The way forward: A Global Action Plan for data

**Link:** <http://undataforum.org/WorldDataForum/programme/>

**WEDO interventions:**

Q: we are consumer of data to argument at national/regional/international levels .  
The concern is at what level we can trust statistics when we know that private sector could influence them to be over estimated or less estimated

A: 3 panels responded to the Q : - working with national institute of statistics

-statistics could be stamped

- choose the institution that you trust

**Contacts:**

- [www.gapminderfoundation.org](http://www.gapminderfoundation.org) (use for free their web side for data )
- [www.webfoundation.org](http://www.webfoundation.org) World wideweb foundation: Mrs Nnenna Nwakanma Africa regional coordinator , asks for more partners from women
- [www.communitysystemsfoundation.org](http://www.communitysystemsfoundation.org) CSF: monitoring data
- [www.Data.worldbank.org](http://www.Data.worldbank.org)
- [www.ihatestatistics.com](http://www.ihatestatistics.com) , they offer simple courses on statistics on their website

- [www.Campaigns.savethechildren.net/grid](http://www.Campaigns.savethechildren.net/grid) : GRID: group based inequalities database

Summary:

Data becomes a very important useful tool to:

- Establish a right diagnostic on the situation (close to reality)
- the scientific tools to base the choice of priorities for action
- implement the best strategy
- to take the right decision
- to convene government and citizens
- to avoid mistakes
- to not lost time and money
- to help to reach the goals