



**Through the Land Data Lens – What are we seeing/Not seeing?**

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**GLTN Partner's Meeting**

The Land Portal works to enable an open, inclusive and democratic land information ecosystem to help decision making at all levels

## **Inform**

Improving documentation, sharing and monitoring

## **Open**

Democratising the information ecosystem

## **Debate**

Promoting, informing and enriching the global debate and practice

# Trend #1: SDGs generated momentum

- Numerous initiatives monitor the SDGs.
- SDG data collection driven by custodian agencies
- Civil society advocacy & data collection complements monitoring efforts.
- SDG Land Momentum Group, PrIndex, GLII, LandEx, Cadasta Foundation play an important role.



# SDG Land Tracker

Land Information is a core element for achieving sustainable development in any jurisdiction.

<b>1</b> NO POVERTY 	1.4.2		Tier 2
<b>2</b> ZERO HUNGER 	2.3.1		Tier 2
	2.3.2		Tier 2
	2.4.1		Tier 2
<b>5</b> GENDER EQUALITY 	5.a.1		Tier 2
	5.a.2		Tier 2
<b>11</b> SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	11.1.1		Tier 1
	11.3.1		Tier 2
	11.7.1		Tier 2
<b>15</b> LIFE ON LAND 	15.1.1		Tier 1
	15.1.2		Tier 1
	15.2.1		Tier 1
	15.3.1		Tier 1

## Trend #2: Land data remains in silos

- Data remains fragmented, incomplete, closed, and inaccessible.
- Institutions produce information in silos.
- Lack of a standardized approach to information management makes data inaccessible.
- Discussions remain uncoordinated & exclude important voices.



# Trend #3: data should serve a purpose

## Open data should serve a purpose!

- **First Wave: Freedom of Information laws.**
- **Second Wave: open by default.**
- **Third Wave: unleash data for the public good.**

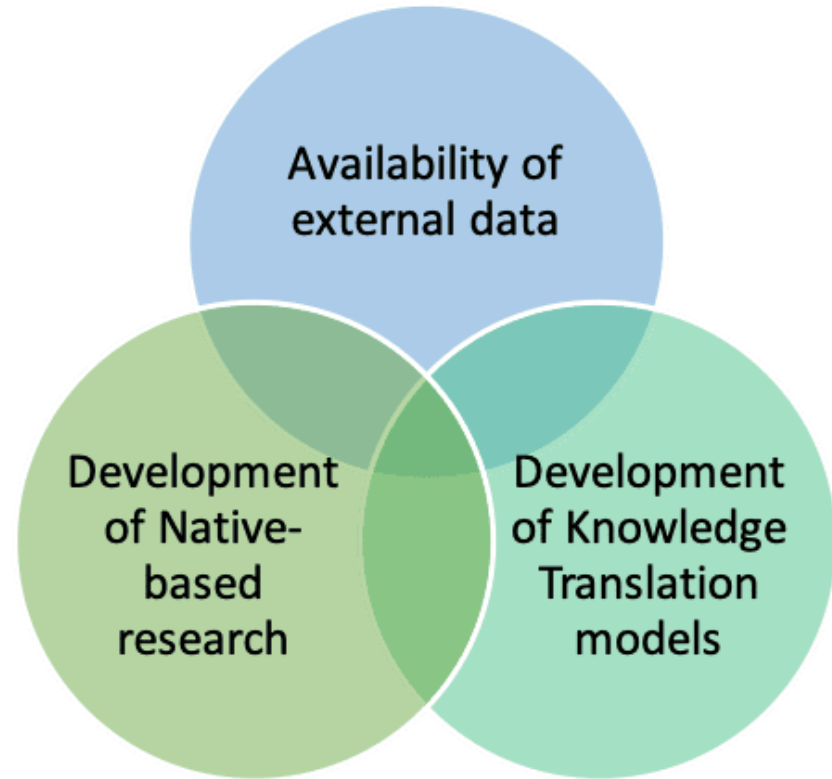


## Trend #4: Whose data?

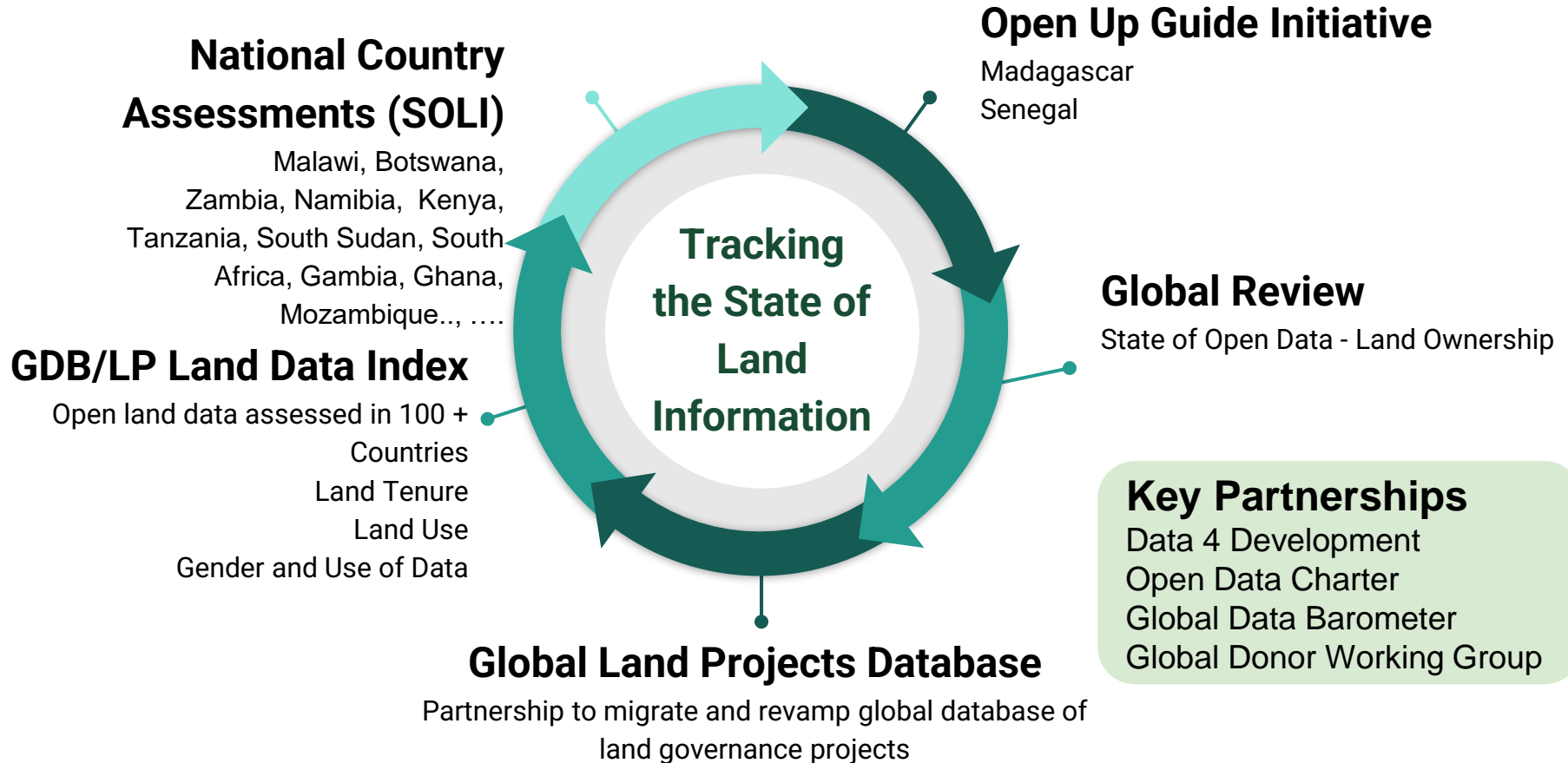
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The historical power dynamics of land are intertwined with power dynamics of data.

- The conversation is shifting to data sovereignty, privacy, equity data ethics.
- Data ethics evaluates data practices that have the potential to adversely impact people and society
- Need to include new voices in the debate around data



# The Land Portal Data Approach



# What does the SOLIndex tell us?

- How open is land information in a country?
- What are a country capabilities in opening up data?
- What are the low-obstacle action items to open up land data in a given Country ?

Join us Thursday 4 May | 8:00- 9:30 AM  
Conference Room 10 to learn more!

## Introducing the State of Land Information Index (SOLIndex)

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### How OPEN or AVAILABLE is LAND DATA around the world?

This side event will serve to introduce the Land Portal's State of Land Information Index (SOLIndex), which measures openness of land data at the country and global level. The aim of this index is to make land-related findings more actionable and to complement existing land governance monitoring systems, such as tools developed by GLTN. The SOLIndex provides an overall indicator that assesses the openness of land data and information at global and country levels.

This side event will explore the range of indicators that constitute the index, explore strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the collection of these indicators in an effort to obtain and incorporate feedback from GLTN Partners into the process of validating the indicator.

WHAT	WHY	HOW	FOR WHOM
An indicator that assesses the openness of land data and information at the global and country levels	Land data in the public domain enables use, ensures transparency, and improves decision-making and service-provision	Methodology based on Land Portal's established State of Land Information (SOLI) research and reports	Land data custodians, policy-makers, researchers, land + development practitioners, open data advocates

The indicator will give users FIVE POINTS OF ENTRY for exploring the state of land data:

1. The Big Picture global score.
2. A close look at country-level diagnostics.
3. Deep-dives into individual "open" criteria.
4. Deep-dives by type of land data.
5. Mix + match exploration & downloads.





# QUESTIONS + COMMENTS

