

Open Data in the Caribbean

Advocacy | Evidence | Capacity







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"The proactive release of Government **Data in a format** that can be **freely** used, **reused** and
redistributed by **anyone** for **any purpose**"



Open Data for Development Network (OD4D Regional Hubs





Collaborative OD4D Global Initiatives























Barriers to Open Data in the Caribbean

Cultural

- Limited access to high quality, locally relevant data
- Data produced using public resources is not sufficiently harnessed as public goods
- Cultural and institutional habits that forego the use of data, and other forms of evidence, for policy and decision making
- Capacity-building efforts are required to effectively use new technologies to investigate, analyse, communicate and inform policy/decision-making

Structural / Institutional

- Small Island Developing States with limited scalability & resource endowments
- Civil Society and Media Apathy towards Open Data, Governments slow to embrace
- Competing Policy and Political Agenda Priorities for Scarce Resources





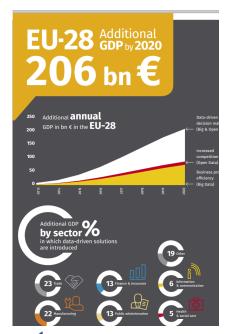
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In this setting, the open data narrative demands tangible returns on the investment of scarce resources, if it is to compete for political attention

Innovation and Problem-solving has become the dominant means of a resonant discourse

The Economic Opportunity of Open Data



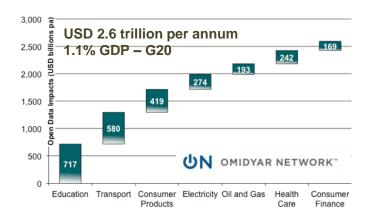




Open data

A new goldmine





Agriculture Levers/Drivers

Efficiency & Effectiveness

- Improved logistics and coordination in the agricultural sector to mitigate spoilage, surplus and shortages
- Improved analysis of agricultural information to inform policy and planning
- Enhanced access and use of geospatial and meteorological data to inform farming practices for optimal yield and environmental preservation
- Greater efficiency in the delivery of Extension
 Services using Open Data combined with mobile
 Apps

Transparency

- Open access to business information to support farmers, retailers and consumers
- Livestock registration mechanisms (passport) the use of Open Data to enhance the oversight and traceability of products from the farms to the final consumer

Participation & Collaboration

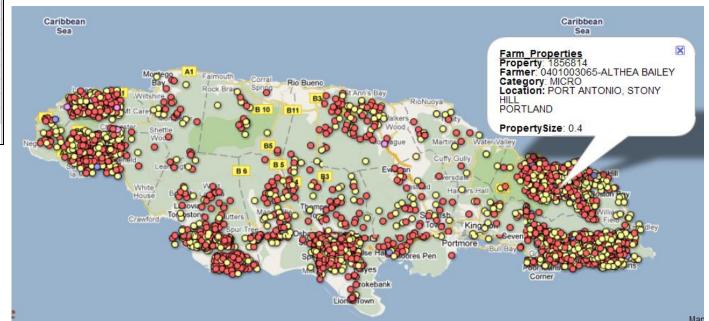
- Open Data and crowd-sourcing can lead to improved accuracy and currency of agriculture supply & demand data by mobilizing end users to assist in the lata collection and/or process
- crowd-sourced open data on incidences of praedial larceny can provide security forces with an improved detection and investigative capability

New Services & Businesses

- Open agriculture data creates the opportunity for the emergence of a variety of e-Agriculture Apps that can encourage a broad base of domain experts, technical developers, and innovators to participate in an Agriculture innovation ecosystem
- Published Agriculture Open Data becomes a catalyst for innovation opportunities for software developers and entrepreneurs

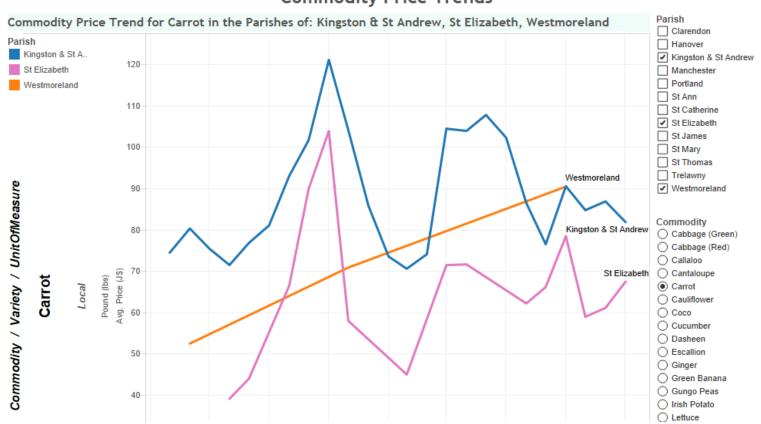
Data Visualizing vs Statistics Increases Utility

Farmer Registration Info.	
PARISH	#REGISTERED
ST.ANN	17,391
TRELAWNY	7,561
CLARENDON	18,976
ST.MARY	8,388
ST.CATHERINE	12,271
ST.JAMES	7,054
HANOVER	5,803
ST.THOMAS	8,931
MANCHESTER	17,892
WESTMORELAND	9,565
PORTLAND	7,841
ST.ANDREW	5,552
ST.ELIZABETH	21,360
Total Registered 148,585	



Caribbean Open Data Use-Cases

Commodity Price Trends



Economics of Caribbean Open Data eg. Tourism Levers/Drivers

Efficiency & Effectiveness

- Improved quality of service delivery in support services such as transportation entertainment and merchandising. eg. Open-Data-enabled mobile Apps
- Enhanced tourism product information and diversity of choices for discriminating visitors with niche interests
- Enhanced Market analysis and selective targeting through access to tourism origin data to stimulate Apps development, and enhance sector analysis and visualization

Transparency

 Increased transparency in the allocation and disposal of resources/funds for the development of the sector (i.e. Tourism Enhancement fund; JSIF – community-based tourism development

Participation & Collaboration

- Increased linkages between tourism and other sectors such as Agriculture, Manufacturing, arts & craft, self-employed service providers
- Empower Community Tourism interests and stakeholders with greater participation and collaboration in the development of the community tourism product; Open Data initiatives can impact positively on the visibility, inclusiveness and welfare of small operators

New Services & Businesses

- Increased visibility and clientele for smaller hotel properties, attractions
- Enable product development and market access for community-based tourism initiatives
- Innovation opportunities for software developers and other service entrepreneurs

Open Data And Interactive Community Mapping



A Strategy for Empowering Local Communities





A Layered Model for Tourism Open Data

Crowdsourced Citizen Data

eg. Peer reviews, Likes/dislikes; Social media, shared multi-media content: photos, videos

Local Community-Based Data

Eg community-based content (brochures, photos, music, places of interest, commentary, events); community mapping, including boundaries and main Points of Interest (POIs), available to the public in OpenStreetMap

Tourism Service Provider Data

eg. Rates, availability, transportation services, multi-media content; Survey/Research Data

Official Government Open Data

eg. statistical summary of industry performance; Tourism assets and products including all registered hotel properties, attractions, craft markets, as well as registered operators Community Based Tourism presents a unique opportunity for bottom-up, demand-driven Open Data Initiative



Building a Sustainable GeoData Ecosystem



Catalysts

see the value of GeoData, especially when Open. They know that "locals know best" and enable and teach people to Map. They advocate and facilitate government agencies and professionals to create and use open geodata.

- Sparking local involvement by "non-professionals"
- Motivating governments and businesses to open up da
- Training & Capacity Building, Research
- implementing standards, documenting APIs, opening "easy access"

Builders

are Tech savy, they have the skills to turn Geodata into applications. Using Open Source and API's, they turn into prototypes

- geeks, programmers, students and businesses that add value to and through the data...
- people that want to create applications or "output"
 (like statistical maps, visualizations) in the broadest sense

Enablers

are enthusiastic about technology, they know what is going on in their neighbourhood. They love to go out, map and document what is there and how

- Mapping their Communities
- Making data available in OpenStreetMap
- Making data available for which the license is incompatible with OpenStreetMap
- creating metadata, describing and promoting datasets

Runners

spot new opportunities. Taking prototypes to the next level.

Offering jobs and find the right audience

- Reaching out to people that are willing to test and use apps created by the "Builders"
- Contribute either financial or from a user / market perspective

Custodians

owners of Data that can be convinced of the merits of opening up and contributing their Data assets to the geodata ecosystem

- Government Agencies that collect and maintain GIS Data Assets
- Businesses, Entrepreneurs that generate valuable spatial or attribute data



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Users cribing and promoting datasets

interact with the real-world communities, engaged and empowered by the digital artifacts (maps, images, visualizations and mobile apps)

- Tourists interacting with Communities
- Citizens learning about their heritage, geography, history

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Three Target Communities



August Town community, a cultural & heritage Mecca



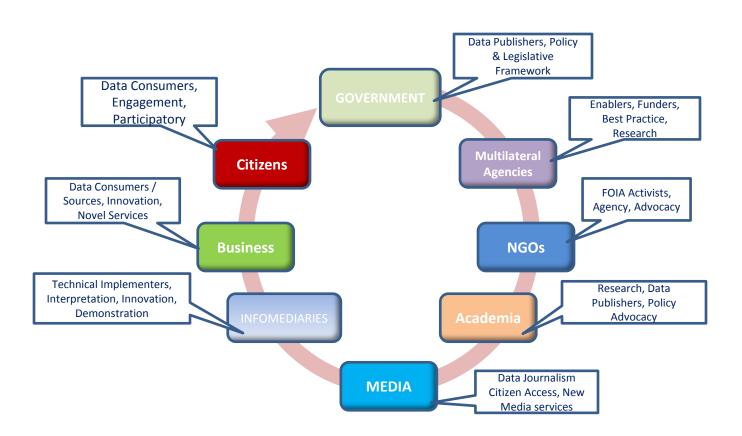


The Rastafarian Indigenous Village, Montego River Gardens, St James



Treasure beach, a gem for travelers in search of the off-beat. You won't find a more authentically charming and relaxing place in Jamaica

Open Data Ecosystem / Actors





DevCA is a Multi-Country Open Data Conference & Codesprint

DevCA has had 4 Editions (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016)

- Conference Sites: Jamaica, Trinidad, Dominican Republic
- Codesprint sites: Barbados, Guyana, Cuba, St.Kitts

Thematic Areas: Agriculture, Tourism, Education, Data Journalism, Census 2010, Consumer Prices, Elections, Zika

Outcomes: Awareness, Advocacy, Engagement, Experimentation, Entrepreneurship



DevCA Engages with Caribbean Leaders...



DevCA Engages with International Experts...



DevCA Engages with Caribbean Academics...



DevCA Engages with Caribbean Technologists...



DevCA Engages with the Business Community



Calling all

Coders Designers Engineers

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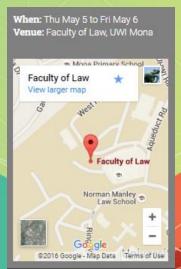
DevCa ZIKA Hackathon

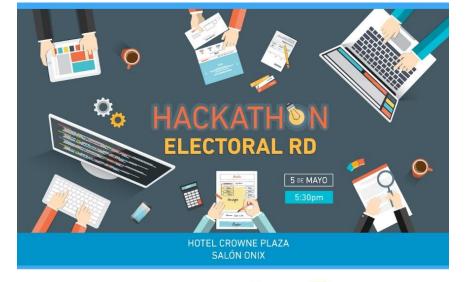
Institutional Partners

- CARPHA, PAHO, MOH-Jamaica
- Specific Problem statements

DevCA Cuba Hackathon

- 83 Developers
- 10 Prototypes developed





Hackaton Electoral #DevCa2016



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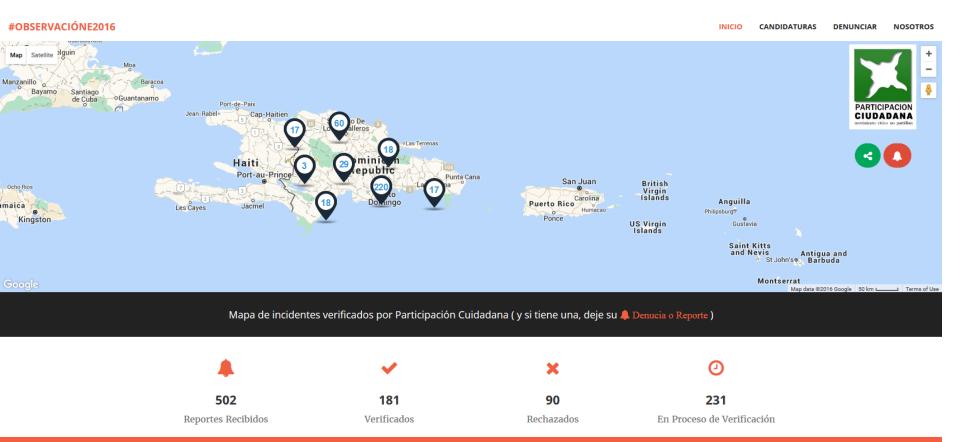




#DevCa2016: Electoral Hackaton, live after 10 days with Participación Cuidadana



Hackaton Electoral #devca2016



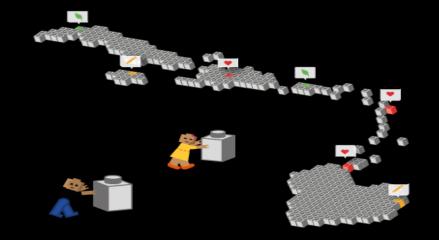




Emerging Insights...

- Innovation fellowships provide an important mechanism for collaborative government-civil society co-creation in key developmental areas
- Governments' role will require active participation on supply and demand sides of the Caribbean open data ecosystem
- Scale limits and resource deficits will require a common set of technology platforms, tools, standards and code repositories for shared use i.e. the Caribbean Digital Commons
- The value sustainability of the open data initiatives in the region will ultimately rely on the emergence of a vibrant Caribbean open data ecosystem of actors and investment in individual and community capacity-building across the whole open data value-chain





The Caribbean Digital Commons

Imagining the Future Digital Caribbean

- Regional Open Data Portal: Open Caribbean Datasets for Entrepreneurs and Innovators, including Geospatial Data
- Caribbean School of Data: Building Data literacy and Digital Competency across the Caribbean
- **Evolving DevCA:** A Platform (Open Space) for convening multiple stakeholders around Digital Services-enabled problem-solving & Innovation
- Caribbean Apps Ecosystem: Technology platforms, tools, standards and code repositories for Shared Indigenous Solutions

