Open Data Development of Countries: Global Status and Trends

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Open data plays a key role in Government’s strategy to deal with challenges of the future

Ways of achieving improvement

- **Public sector transparency**
  - By publishing government’s information such as budget.

- **Engagement of civil society**
  - By having access to government’s information such as budget and contracts and take actions.

- **Economic growth**
  - Though the creation of new businesses using open data
The questions that motivated the research

• Can open data have an impact on innovation?

• How successful are government’s actions to support economic development through open data?

• Which data can be used to assess the progress on a country level?
Key findings using the ODB and complementary data

General level

• Country’s success on open data is based on: good levels of ICT development, freedom, and interest to become more transparent.

• Countries with low ICT development do not profit from open data. However, the evidence is limited, due to the small number of countries observed.

Specific to economic development

• There is a strong correlation between the government’s support to entrepreneurs & business and economic impact.
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The Open Data Barometer data (ODB)

Primary data:
- Peer-reviewed expert surveys
- Government self-assessment

Secondary data:
- World Economic Forum
- World Bank
- UN e-Government Survey

Complementary data

- ICT Development Index (IDI) 2016 - International Telecommunication Union
- Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2016 - Transparency International
- Freedom in the world status 2016-17 - Freedom House
- Gross National Income (GNI) - World Bank
- Global Innovation Index (GII 2017) – WIPO, INSEAD, Cornell. World Bank
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The open data rank follows expected results regarding regions and income levels of countries.

- Performance of countries within the same region varies.
- Countries’ income level explains some of these differences.

Notes: 115 countries 4th ed. ODB.

Geographical regions: North America, East Asia and Pacific, Middle East & North Africa, South Asia, Latin America & Caribbean, Europe & Central Asia and Sub-Sahara Africa.

Income categories Gross National income (GNI): High-income, upper middle-income, lower middle-income, and low-income.
There is a clear correlation between readiness, implementation and the measures of impact.

- Higher level of readiness than implementation by the countries.
- Low-income countries do not show any impact regardless the level of readiness and implementation.
There is not one canonical measure of innovation.

Innovation is measured using an independent measures of the GII to compared it to the measures of the ODB impact.

ODB assess OD impact and innovation based on expert survey results only.

Note: ‘New business density’ - new registrations per thousand population 15–64 years old in 2014.
The ODB rank is strongly related with the levels of ICT development, freedom and transparency.

- **Upper-middle income**: wide range in level of freedom influences open data rank.
- **Lower middle-income**: wide variation in the freedom status, and low ICT development.
- **Low-income**: The lowest level of ICT development, and ODB rank. Limitations to access to data.

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Open data entrepreneur& business readiness and the economic impact are related

High and middle-income: Strong correlation between economic impact and the factors to support business readiness

Low income: no economic impact.

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• Can open data have an impact on innovation?
Good levels of ICT development, freedom, and interest to become more transparent are basics for success with open data.

• How successful are government’s actions to support economic development through open data?
There is a strong correlation between the government’s support to entrepreneurs & business and economic impact.

• Which data can be used to assess the progress on a country level?
Reliable datasets such as ODB, IDI, GII,CPI, Freedom Index, World Bank, Global Open Data Index (GODI), Open Data Charter
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Limitations

• Time frame of four years might be too short to notice influence on the economic impact through these measures.

• ODB assesses the impact and innovation of open data relying on expert survey.

• There is not one canonical measure of innovation for open data.
Further research

Further study should investigate whether:

- The time frame of four years is too short to notice influence on the economic impact through these measures
- The measures themselves have been ineffective
- The starting levels on open data readiness have been more important in further development than actual changes during the four years of observation.
Questions?
Thank you!

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The level of freedom is more related to the ODB rank than the levels of ICT development and transparency.
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- East Asia & Pacific and Latin America & Caribbean: big improvement in readiness and implementation.
- East Asia & Pacific: biggest improvement in the impact, however lower improvement in implementation than Latin America & Caribbean.
- Europe & Central Asia: no changes regarding readiness. Worsen in the ODB rank.

Note: 77 countries were considered (1st to 4th editions ODB).
East Asia & Pacific is the one region with the biggest improvement in the impact

- Scandinavian countries that used to be at the top of the ODB ranking lost rank, because of implementation and readiness sub-indexes.

Delta change: 2016 - 2013

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There is a relation between open data entrepreneurship and the economic impact, but with exceptions.

Entrepreneurs & business readiness:
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It is unclear whether changes in implementation and readiness have led to changes in the economic impact.

No obvious relationship between the change in the sub-indexes and the overall economic impact measure. Possible reasons:

- Four years is not long enough time to notice a direct influence on the economic impact through these measures.
- The starting level has been more relevant, than the recent development, especially for those at the top rank back in 2013.

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