



“OPPORTUNITIES OF DATA SHARING AND THE GLOBAL DATA ACCESS FRAMEWORK (DATA COMMONS)”

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Global Pulse

An innovation initiative of the UN Secretary-General

Vision: A future in which big data is used responsibly for the public good

Mission: Accelerate discovery and adoption of data analytics for sustainable development and humanitarian action



Data Markets
Data Philanthropy
Data Commons...



Real-Time Digital Data Sources that Reveal Behavior Change

What people say:

Online news

Social media

Retail advertising

Radio & Television

What people do:

Online search

Web traffic

Mobile communications

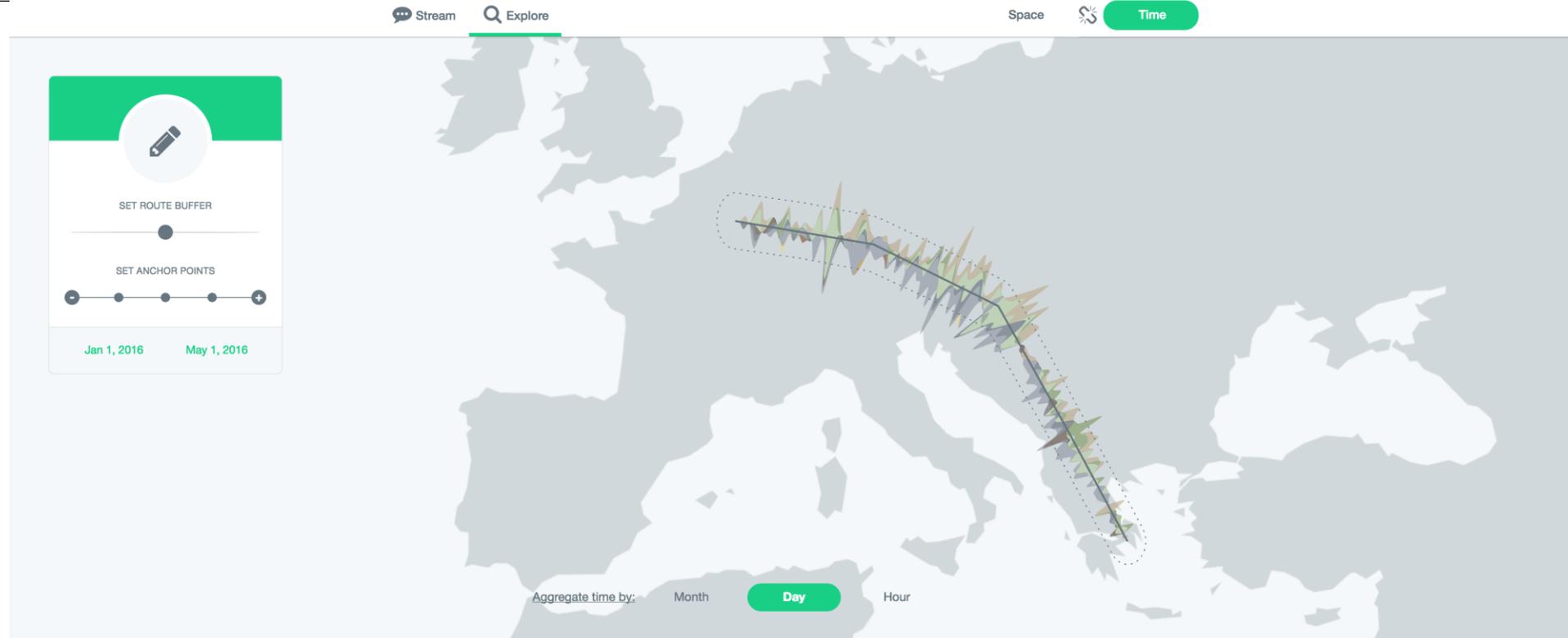
Financial transactions

Postal traffic

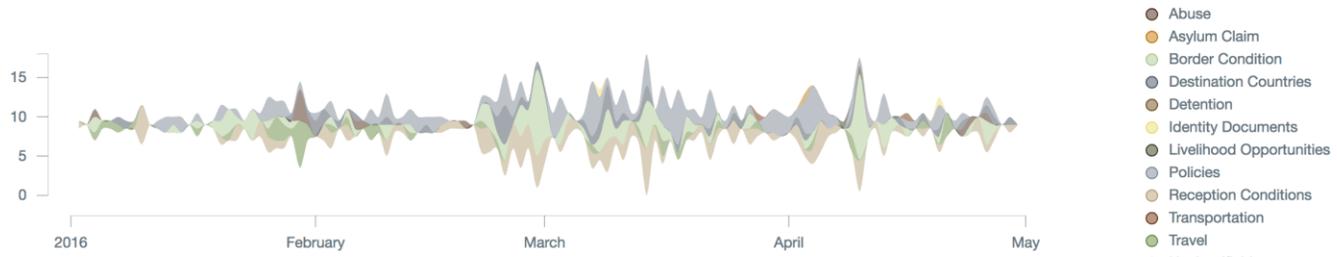
Utility consumption

Emissions

App prototype developed for UNHCR for identifying, classifying, and quantifying xenophobic tweets about refugees in multiple languages along specific routes

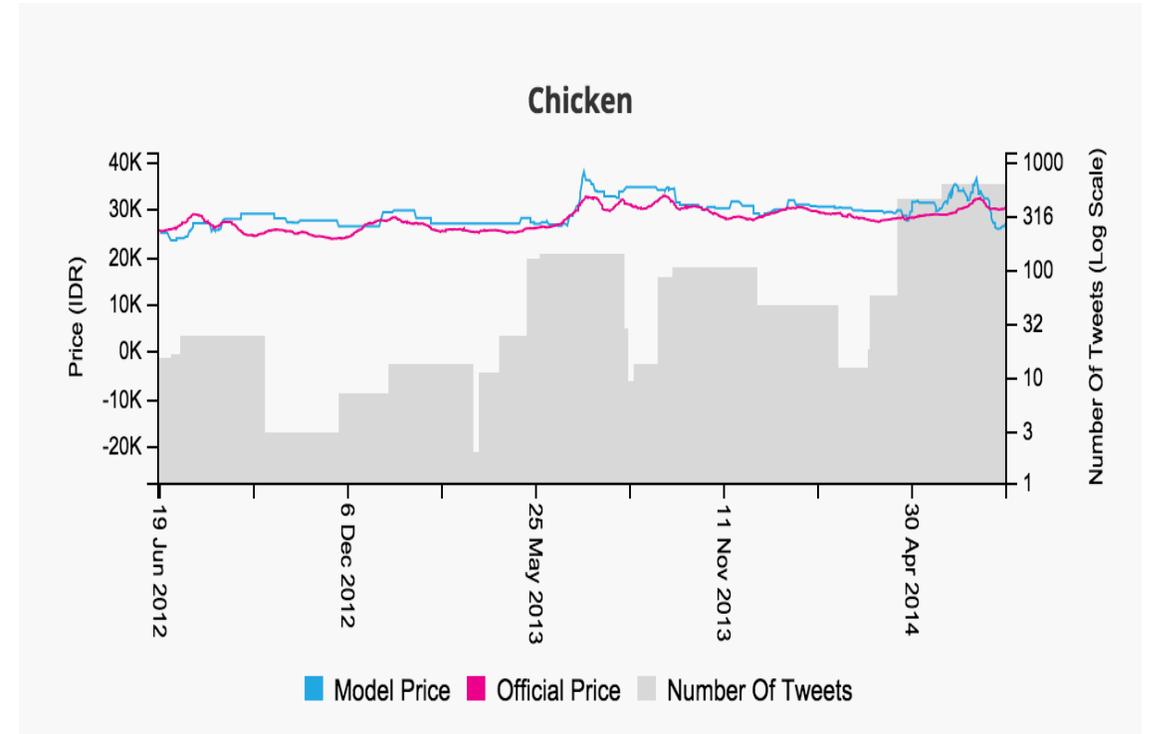
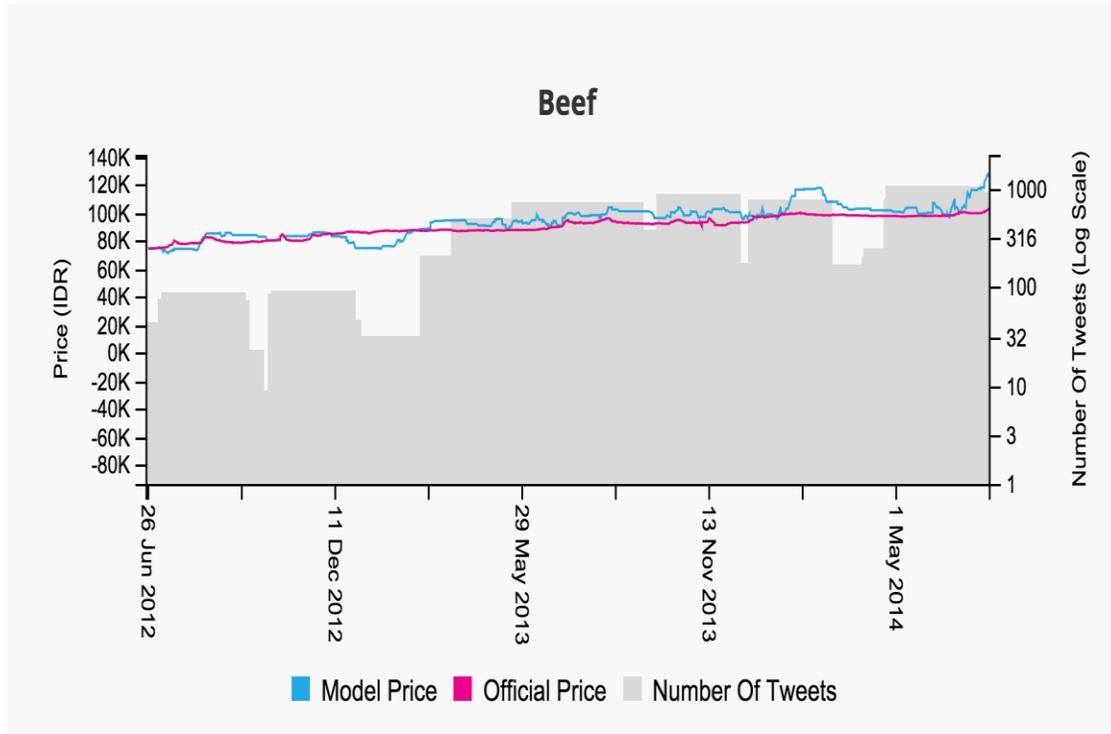


- Stream**
- Stack
- Area
- Bars



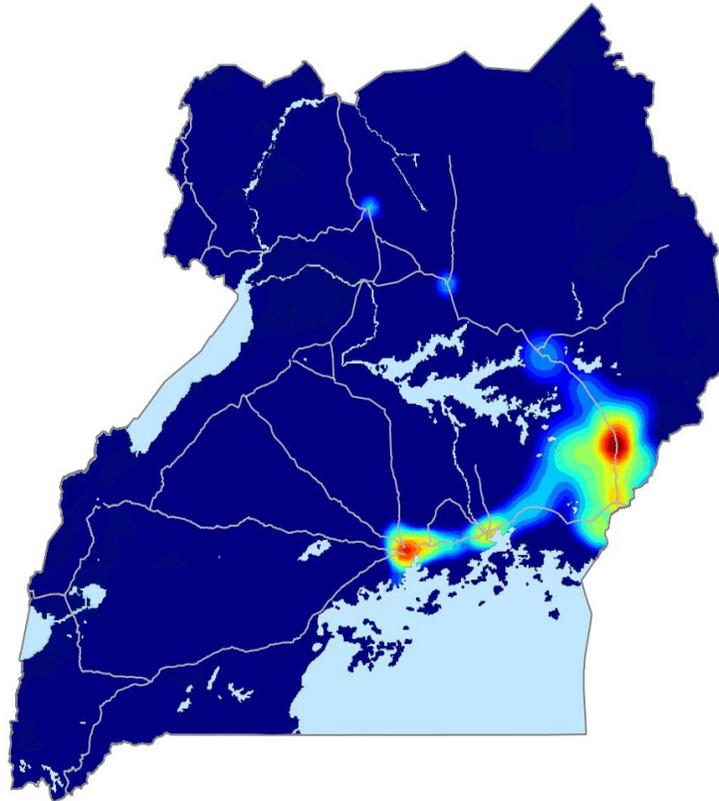


REAL-TIME TWITTER FOOD INDEX

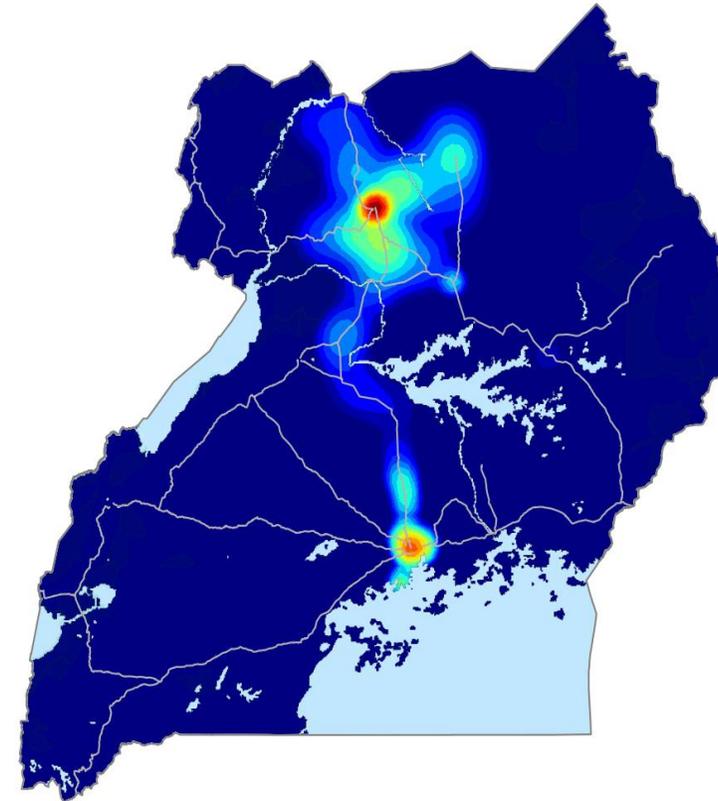


Population movements from areas with outbreaks predict the spread of disease in Uganda

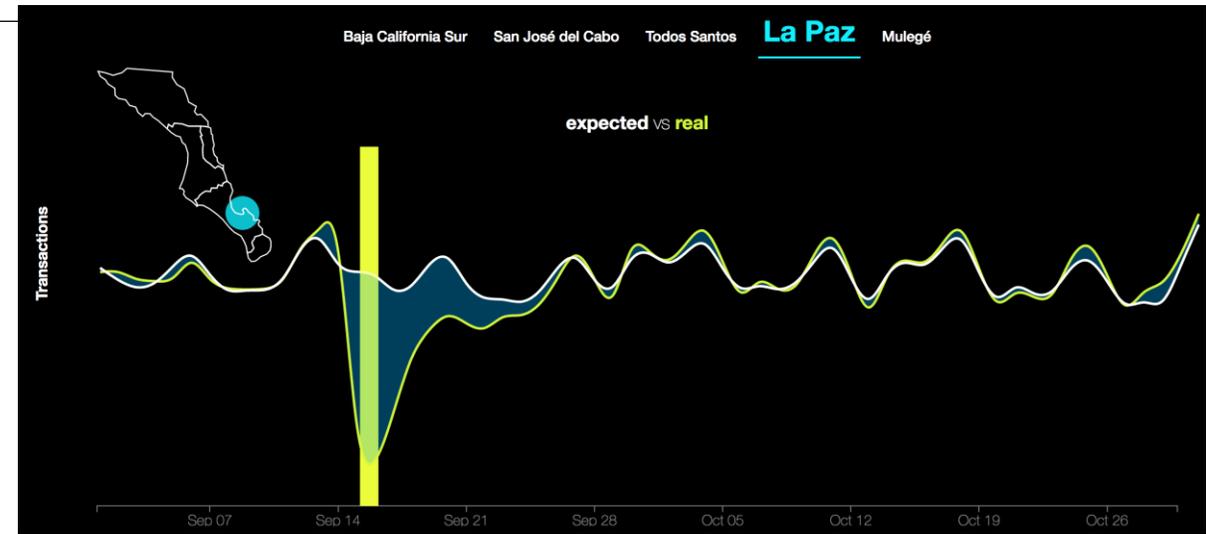
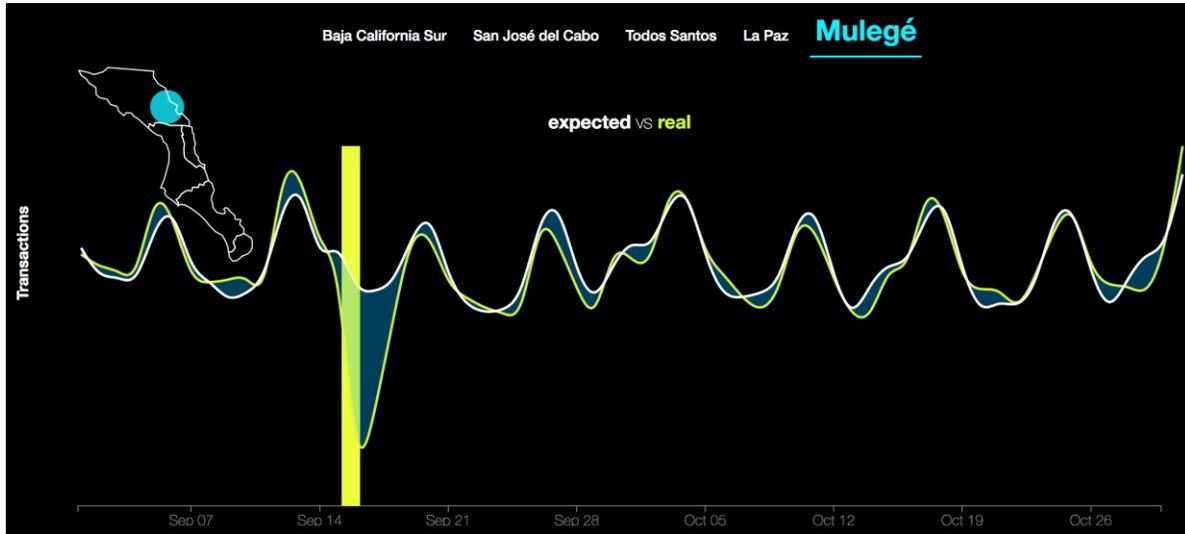
Movement out from Mbale Tue Jan 01



Movement out from Gulu Tue Jan 01



We can now quantify economic impact and track recovery in real-time



Understanding Perceptions to a Refugee Influx Through Analysis of Radio Content

Uganda currently ranks among the top three refugee hosting nations in the world. A mass exodus of refugees from South Sudan in 2016 doubled the population to over one million, making Uganda the leading refugee hosting country in Africa. Uganda has one of the most favorable refugee protection environments in the world, providing refugees with freedom of movement, the right to work, and access to social services through a generous asylum policy.

Pulse Lab Kampala was tasked by the UN in Uganda with unearthing the public perceptions with regard to the interactions between refugee and hosting communities. The Lab and partners use the [Radio Content Analysis Tool](#) to take the pulse and analyse public discussions aired by local radio stations to support the Government to sustain its refugee open-door policy.



There are several existing initiatives aiming to increase access to data for the sustainable development goals

Illustrative

Not Exhaustive

Data sharing



UN Big Data Platform stores data and shares expertise



CGIAR platform for Big Data convenes partners to share data



Following strict data protection protocols, enables **data use for social good** on premises and under supervision of MA data scientists



Hosts **datathon** where people can share their data to a specific problem

Insight sharing



Predicts risk of disasters and sharing warnings with citizens in advance



NASA open data portal publicly shares NASA datasets, APIS, visualizations



Using satellite and telco data to estimate hazard prone areas and improve pre-disaster planning



Hosts a **collaborative data sharing platform**, Magic Box, to inform disaster response decisions



Creates **disaster maps** using satellite imagery and population location for crisis response



Sends **algorithms to data providers** to allow them to **share insights** without sharing data



Analyses IOT data from mobile phones to help end extreme poverty

Protocols, governance, tools...



Convenes **network for more open use of data** (Data4SDGs)



European Commission Business-to-Government data task force identifies best practice data sharing processes



Generates simple **data sharing licenses**



GovLab 100 questions initiative recommends **clarifying the problem to be solved** using AI



Offers **different licensing models** adapted to the variety of data users (e.g., NGO...)



Provides **tools, expertise and other capabilities** needed by non-profit, civic and government organizations to help solve the world's most pressing challenges

Despite various data collaborative initiatives, there are challenges in sharing data at scale

Although numerous data sharing initiatives exist globally, there are **significant gaps in the ecosystem**

We have a long way to go to **ensure that data sharing and data consumption is at the aspired scale** – where all stakeholders (incl. governments, NGOs, entrepreneurs, citizens) stand to gain

- Lack of strong evidence base to support investment
- Asymmetrical supply and demand – the marketplace is not yet established
- Lack of shared vision and cohesive implementation mechanisms
- Lack of capacity to adapt and integrate to insights
- No common approach to consumer privacy, data protection, and risk mitigation associated with data use (ethics and human rights)
- Technological advancements may have outpaced regulatory frameworks

UN Secretary-General High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation Recommendation 1b): Digital Public Goods

We recommend that a broad, multi-stakeholder alliance, involving the UN, create a platform for sharing digital public goods, engaging talent and pooling data sets, in a manner that respects privacy, in areas related to attaining the SDGs.



"As a global community, we face questions about security, equity, and human rights in a digital age. We need greater cooperation to tackle these challenges and mitigate risks."

—UN Secretary-General António Guterres

[#digitalcooperation](#)



The Global Data Access Framework (GDA-F) aims to enable data sharing and to deploy AI to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Key objectives

- Enable data sharing across public and private sector organizations
- Capitalizing on the immense volume of data available and using AI to tackle the world's greatest challenges
- Detect, present, and help scale-up use cases for AI to achieve the 17 SDGs
- The use of AI for Sustainable Development Goals will allow us to:
 - **Monitor** progress towards the achievement of the SDGs
 - **Simulate** implications
 - **Predict** outcomes of measures taken
 - **Make recommendations** for policymakers

Our vision and objectives

VISION

This initiative aspires to set in motion a global movement to significantly scale-up responsible access to data, empowering an unprecedented number of public, private and social sector actors to use data for public good

Objectives of this initiative:



- Scale-up existing and future data-collaborative initiatives and use cases



- Enable and deliver at-scale data sharing through automation and AI



- Ensure privacy, security and access management



- Assure responsible access and usage of data for public good



- Build assets and enablers that can serve all SDGs

Global Data Commons: Harnessing AI for the Public Good



- A multi-stakeholder, action-driven, collaborative exercise
- Lead by The Future Society, UN Global Pulse, AI Commons and McKinsey's Noble Intelligence initiative
- Started at the World Government Summit in Dubai, brought to AI for Good in Geneva and the UNGA
- Over 100 institutions participated so far



3 workshops with over 100+ organizations have helped develop our thinking

1st Workshop:

World Government Summit, UAE
Setting the context

- Conceptualized the **GDC** to help support SDGs
- Received **40+ position papers** from partners on need for GDC and roadmap to develop it
- Developed a structured **use case driven approach** and a preliminary 3-year plan for achieving GDC
- Collected participant feedback on potential **challenges to implementation**

2nd Workshop:

AI for Good, Geneva
Defining the scope of the problem

- Defined **preliminary technology requirements** for high level architecture and data requirements
- Defined **preliminary approach to governance** including potential business incentives and legal considerations for data sharing
- Identified **existing data lakes and initiatives** that GDC could potential tap into

3rd Workshop:

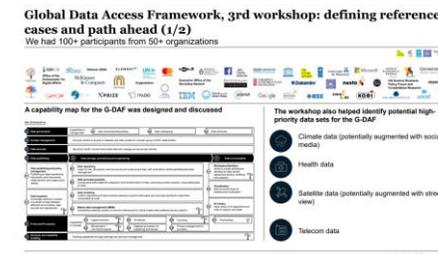
Around UNGA, New York
Defining reference cases and path ahead

- Agreed on **key principles** for GDC establishment
- Identified **priority SDGs** or data sets to prioritize for **initial 'reference case'** implementation
- Prioritized **technical capabilities** required for the reference case
- Defined **working model** to progress the GDC after the workshop

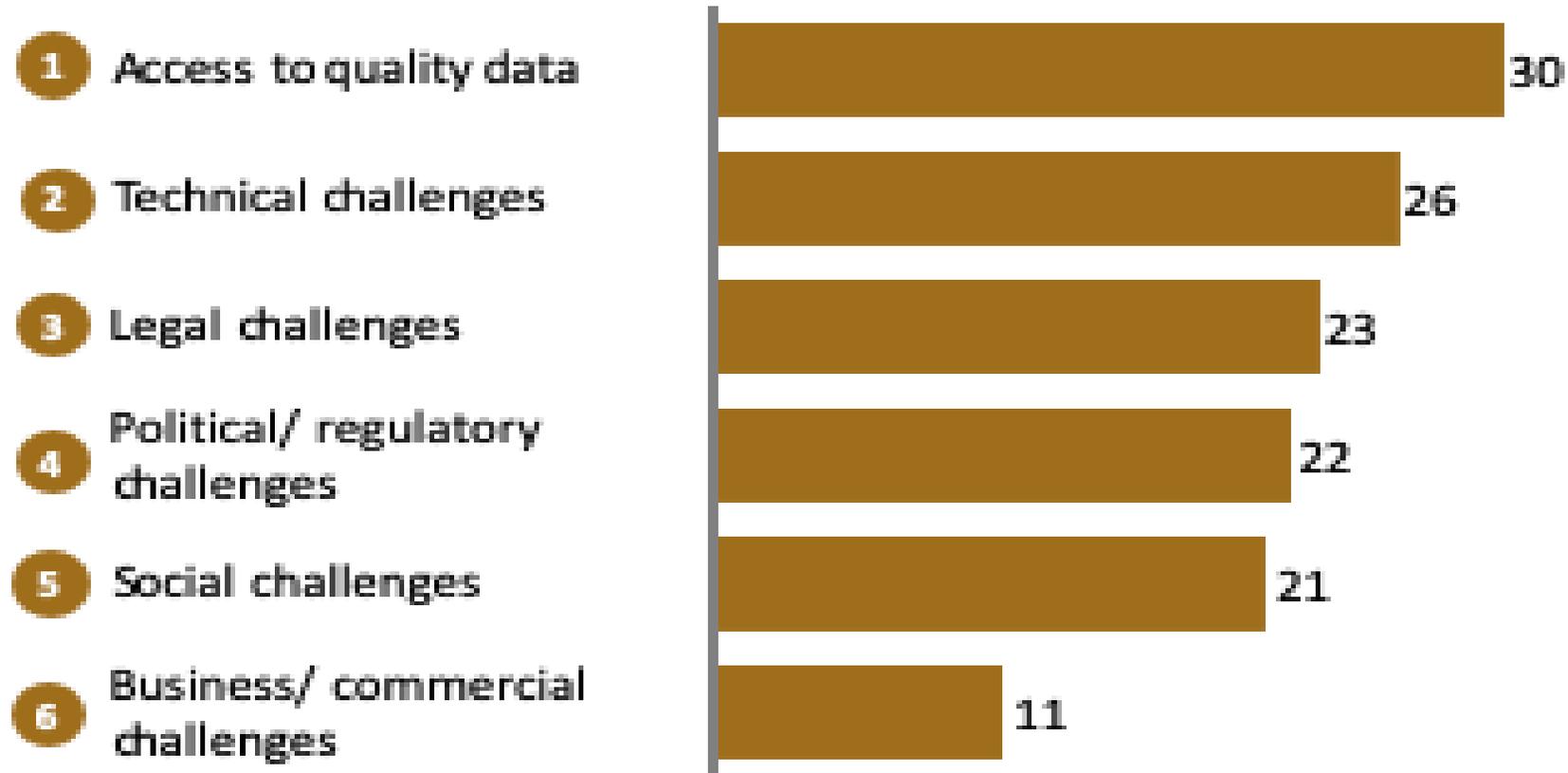


Next steps

- Develop **value proposition** and outline **business / operating model**
- Establish **reference cases and partnerships** required
- Detail **technical reference architecture** plan
- Identify **financing needs** and define funding mechanisms

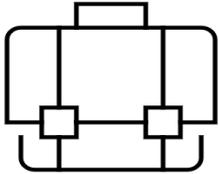


The position papers discuss several challenges that prevent the implementation of a GDA-F



We are now working on 4 major areas

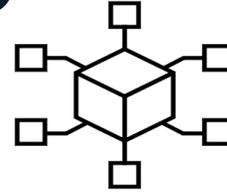
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Collaboration and project mobilization

Onboard partners and manage collaboration
Oversee delivery, milestones and timelines

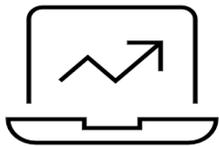
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Develop reference cases

Define reference case requirements
Onboard partners (pilot entities, users, etc)
Oversee/coordinate implementation

C



Technology and governance protocol

Prioritize business and tech capabilities
Design solution space
Implement solution

D



Funding and resourcing

Identify sources of funding and resourcing (in kind contributions)
Acquire and oversee contributions

Smart Dubai, Ajid Al Futtaim Retail, and Dubai Health authorities are collaborating to share data to track and promote healthy eating habits

Preliminary Illustrative

Reference case title: Monitoring & promoting healthy eating habits in Dubai | SDG focus: Good health and Wellbeing (3)

Demand-side scaling actors...

Accelerators

- World Health Organization
- International Diabetes Federation
- GPSDD
- GSM
- DIAL
- SDSN

End-users

- Local gov't¹
- Hospitals: Al Zahra Hospital Dubai, American Hospital
- Insurers: Daman, Saada Souda
- Fitness provider: Dubai 30x30
- Department of Health
- Imperial College London Diabetes Centre

Beneficiaries

- Citizens (at-risk of diabetes and other eating related diseases)
- Path and time to impact - tbd
- Info via currently used Carrefour app, phone network (Etisalat/Du), BTL activities at end users stated above, social media channels

Problem statement:
How can retailers' POS data and health sector's patient data be leveraged to predict incidence of diabetes at a particular area?

Dubai, UAE

Pilot entities

Demand

- Dubai Health Authority

Supply

- Smart Dubai
- Majid Al Futtaim
- Carrefour

Data Collaboration Accelerators

- Protocols
- Assets
- Capabilities

Supply-side scaling actors...

Data providers

- Carrefour
- UAE Ministry of Health & Prevention

Analytics providers

- Carrefour
- دبي الذكية SMART DUBAI
- UPenn Data Analytics lab
- Universities

Platform/tech host

- دبي الذكية SMART DUBAI
- Microsoft
- IaaS, SaaS or PaaS?

Regulators/compliance bodies

- Government of United Arab Emirates
- Government of Dubai
- + tbd

1. + local gov's of 25 countries Carrefour will provide data for

Pulse Lab Kampala and Uganda Ministry of Health are collaborating to share data to track outbreaks of infectious diseases

Preliminary Illustrative

Reference case title: Predicting outbreaks of infectious diseases SDG focus: Good health and Wellbeing (3)

Potential Demand-side scaling actors

Accelerators



End-users

- Ministry of Health
- Local policymakers
- Hospitals/health centers

Beneficiaries

- Citizens (at-risk of infection)
- Path and time to impact – 2 years
- Info only accessible to policymakers and health centers now; could be transmitted through apps/hospital communications

Problem statement:
How can real-time mobility data and predictive analytics help resource-constrained national health systems shift from merely responding to outbreaks to preventing them?

Uganda

Pilot entities

Supply

Demand

- Ministry of Health
- Local policymakers
- Hospitals/ health centers

Data Collaboration Accelerators

Protocols

Assets

Capabilities

Potential Supply-side scaling actors

Data providers



Analytics providers



- Analytics provider? AA required?

Platform/tech host



- DHIS2 open software database used by MOH
- Same software as many other countries; good for scaling

Regulators/ compliance bodies

- Local govt
- NITA
- Data Protection Authority (if established)

1. + local govts of 25 countries Carrefour will provide data for

UN Global Pulse and BBVA are collaborating to share data to track communities' economic resilience to disasters

Preliminary Illustrative

Reference case title: Tracking economic resilience to disasters **SDG focus: Decent work and economic growth (8)**

Potential demand-side scaling actors

Accelerators	
End-users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government • Local policymakers • Businesses • Banks
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens (recovering from disaster) • Path and time to impact - tbd • Info access could be provided through ATMs, stores, banks—any points of financial activity

Problem statement:
How can we use financial data to track consumption patterns to measure, predict, and strengthen communities' economic resilience to disasters?

Mexico

Pilot entities

Supply

Demand

- Local policymakers
- Businesses
- Banks

Data Collaboration Accelerators

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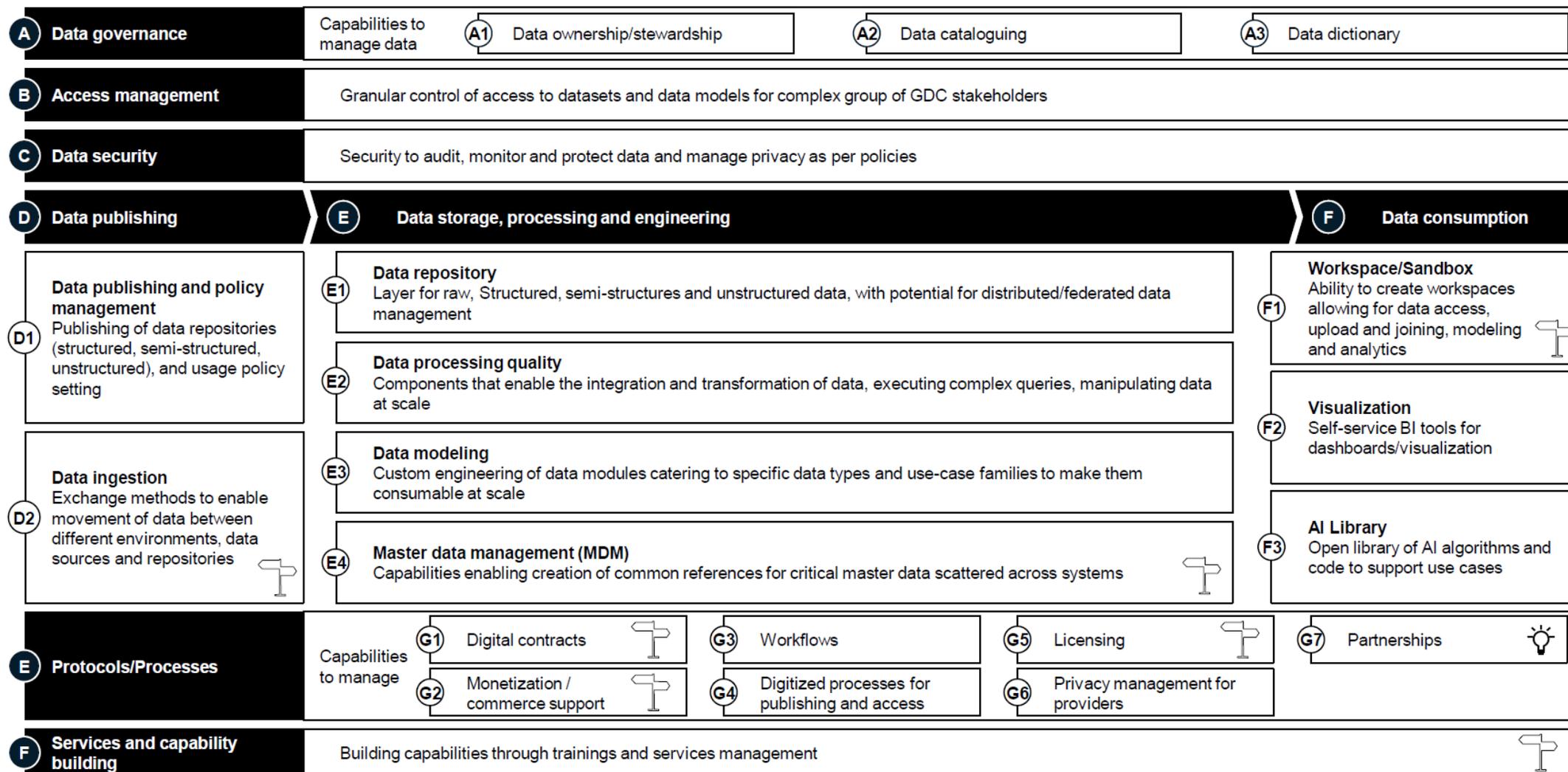
Capabilities

Potential supply-side scaling actors

Data providers		+Insurance Companies
Analytics providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tbd 	
Platform/tech host		
Regulators/compliance bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local govt • Data Protection Authorities 	

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We have started defining a capability model and will continue detailing the technical solution





THANK YOU!

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