

## Rebooting Open Data in Africa: Regional Agenda-setting Workshop

*A Side Event of the 8th Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration and the ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development*

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**Venue:** The United Nations Conference Center (UNCC), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
**Level:** Expert

As part of the High Level Conference on Data Revolution and as a key deliverable of our Open Data in Developing Countries (ODDC) initiative, the World Wide Web Foundation, in collaboration with its project partners, will convene the regional agenda-setting workshop on Open Data in Africa, hosted by the ECA, in Addis Ababa on 27th of March, 2015. The workshop is comprised of established and emerging open data leaders: policy makers, technical experts, development specialists and sectoral specialists with an interest in the potential and practice of open data. The primary objective of this gathering is to identify key issues to be addressed, and changes sought, both at a high-level of creating solid political will and policy foundations for a successful data revolution in Africa, and at a practical level in terms of a roadmap for achieving the data revolution.

Through an **Outcomes Mapping** approach, the workshop will identify key issues to be addressed, and changes sought, both at a high-level of creating solid foundations for open data impacts in the region, and at a practical level in particular sectors and countries. The workshop will also emphasise the importance of an inclusive agenda for open data, and on ensuring the distribution of benefits from open data is equitable, and pro-development. The outcomes of the workshop will be fed into the Open Government Partnership Open Data Working Group, and where appropriate we will broker support for emerging leaders from Africa and Asia to engage in global activities.

### ***About the Web Foundation***

The World Wide Web Foundation is a pioneer in the use of open data in the developing world since 2010 thanks to the efforts of Sir Tim Berners-Lee, the inventor of the World Wide Web and one of the earliest proponents of Open Data for developing countries. We worked with the Government of Ghana on one of the first government-wide open data initiatives in Africa; we produce the annual Open Data Barometer as well as comparative case studies analysing differences in the adoption and impact of open data in 17 countries; we co-chair the leading best practice forum on open government data (the Open Government Partnership's Working Group on open data); and we are building the first ever data standard enabling governments to publish their contracts in an easily comparable and searchable format.

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