



Speaking on behalf of the ECA, Chukwudozie Ezigbalike, chief of the Data Technology Section at the African Centre for Statistics, said the workshop, “allowed us to engage at a deeper level with the data community, get feedback on the inaugural Africa Data Revolution Report and prepare stakeholders for their input in the 2018 edition of our biennial ADRR report.”

UNDP’s, Serge Patrick Kapto, policy specialist at the Data for Development Post-2015 Team, said, “This workshop has been instrumental to capture insights from African data communities on action-oriented recommendations from the ADRR2016 and rich perspectives to take into account to ensure that the 2018 report, which will focus on open data, responds to the development priorities of the continent as embodied in Agendas 2063 and 2030.”

For his part, Fernand Perini, coordinator of the OD4D, said, “This is an African Agenda by Africans for Africans and so the workshop is an opportunity to bring together the broad African national statistics offices and data communities to work together towards data revolution in Africa.”

The Web Foundation was represented by senior policy manager, Nnenna Nwakanma, who said, “Opening up data can yield benefits for businesses, civil society and governments. It can create new business opportunities, help to stamp out waste and corruption, and help governments deliver services more effectively.”

Nwakanma added that Open Data is “one sure avenue to digital equality. We therefore actively lend our support to actors in Africa through our engagement with the ADRR, the Gender initiatives and the Regional Snapshots of the Open Data Barometer.”

The workshop organisers are also publishers of ADRR2016, which maps the data ecosystem in Africa with reference to the production, distribution and use of data by public, private and civil society actors, as they relate to the 17 SDGs.

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