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Building a robust and open land information infrastructure for tenure security and climate action in Africa

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Objective of the SOLIndex

Land Portal is built on open data principles from the ground up.

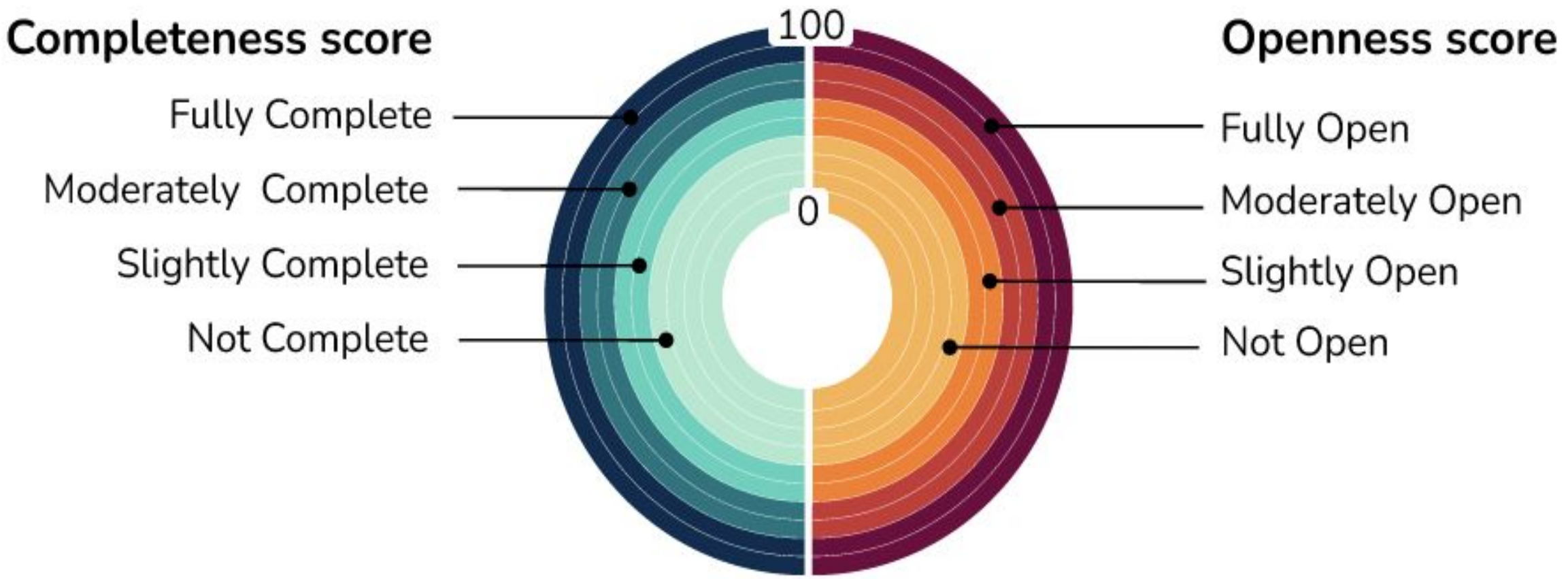
- **SOLIndex:** a global index to assess the state of land information at country level

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STATE OF LAND INFORMATION INDEX



Organisation of the SOLIndex

SOLIndex: *measure the **COMPLETENESS** and **OPENNESS** of land data*



South Africa

What do we mean by **OPEN**?

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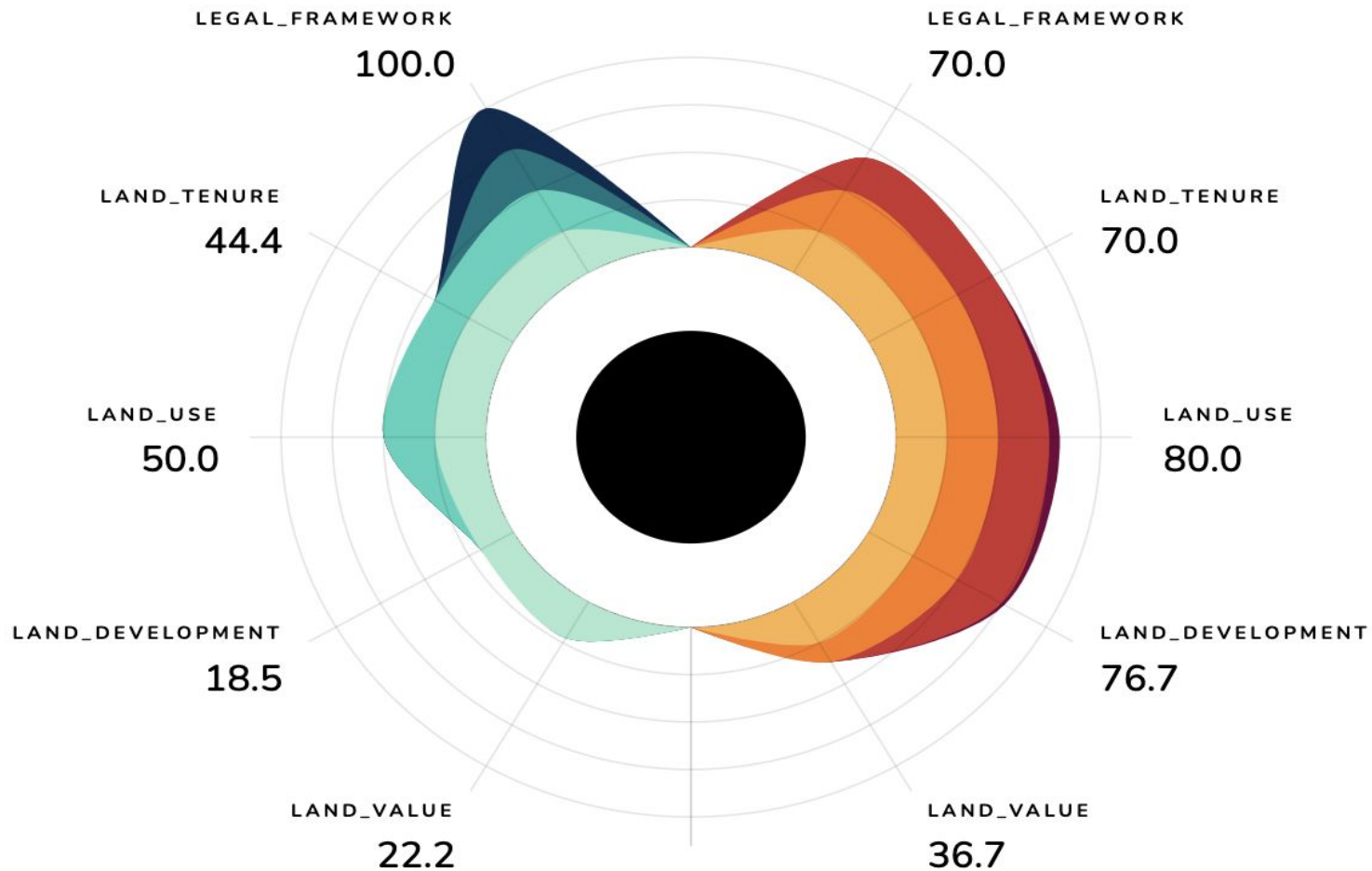
31.4

Completeness

47.0

Openness

66.7



OPENNESS CRITERIA

- ✓ None
- online
- accessible
- free
- timely
- metadata
- standards
- downloadable
- open_license
- machine_readable
- linked_data

SOLIndex Data Collection

Key Activities

- Identify
- Describe
- Score

SOLIndex Research Guide

April 2023

Welcome to the SOLIndex Research Guide and thank you for participating in this study. This guide introduces the research process, including information on the methodology and detailed question-by-question guidance to be consulted as you work through the research and scoping process. The most up to date version of this guide can always be found here.

This research has 2 main components. These are:

1. Scoping research to identify the information landscape
2. Performing an open data compliance assessment

This Research Guide focuses on the first component:

1. RESEARCH RATIONALE

As the momentum for Sustainable Development continues to build, the need for more precise and up-to-date information on the state of land use is becoming increasingly apparent.



SOL Research Methodology

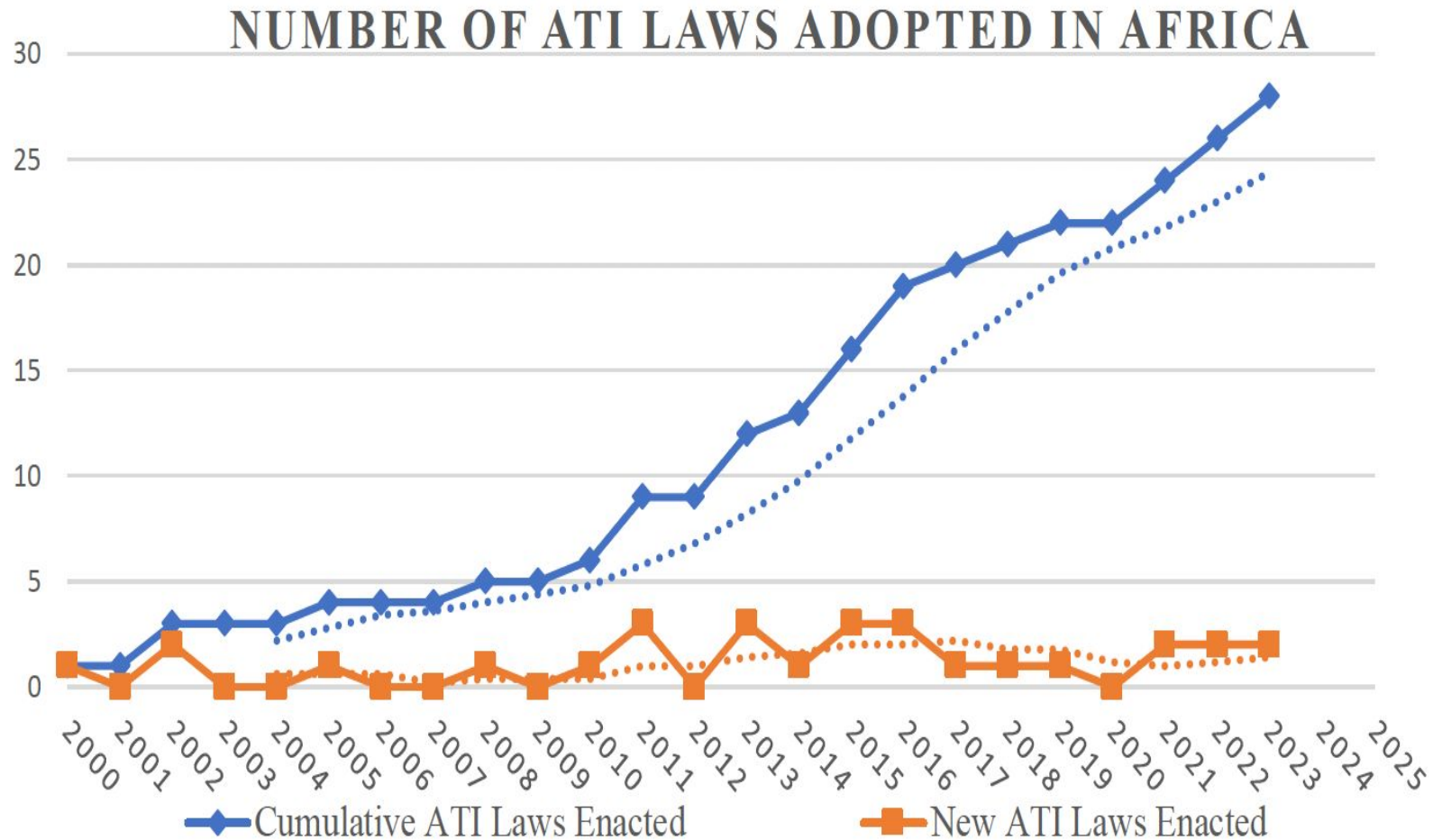
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1. The data elements identified across the 4 land use categories in the State of Land Information (SOLI) and Open Up Guide (OUG) are derived from:
 - 1. [The Framework for Effective Land Administration](#), developed by the [United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management \(UN-GGIM\)](#), which recognises that "data relating to land tenure, land use, land value, and land development are fundamental geospatial data themes within any jurisdiction".
 - 2. [The Global Fundamental Geospatial Themes](#) developed by the UN-GGIM and referred to by the Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA) as the basis for data on land tenure, value, use, development identifies fundamental geospatial data themes.
 - 3. [Integrated Geospatial Information Framework](#), a strategic guide to develop and strengthen national geospatial information management.
 - 4. [Land Administration for Sustainable Development](#), written by Ian Williamson, Stig Enemark, Jude Wallace and Abbas Rajabifard in 2010.

Name of dataset / database	Acronym	Organisation	Information provider (type)	Nature of information (type)	Online/Offline		Timeliness			Access
					Date From	Date To	Date last updated	Frequency of updating	Log in barrier? (Yes/No)	
1. State of Land Information Matrix (SOLI)										
2. Land Tenure Data										
3. Land Use Data										
4. Land Development Data										
5. Land Value Data										
6. Other Relevant Land Data										

Results - Legal Framework

1. Model Law on Access to Information for Africa (2013)
2. 28 countries have passed ATI laws (52%)
3. 8 countries currently in the process of enacting such legislation (15%)
4. 36 countries have data protection legislation (67%)

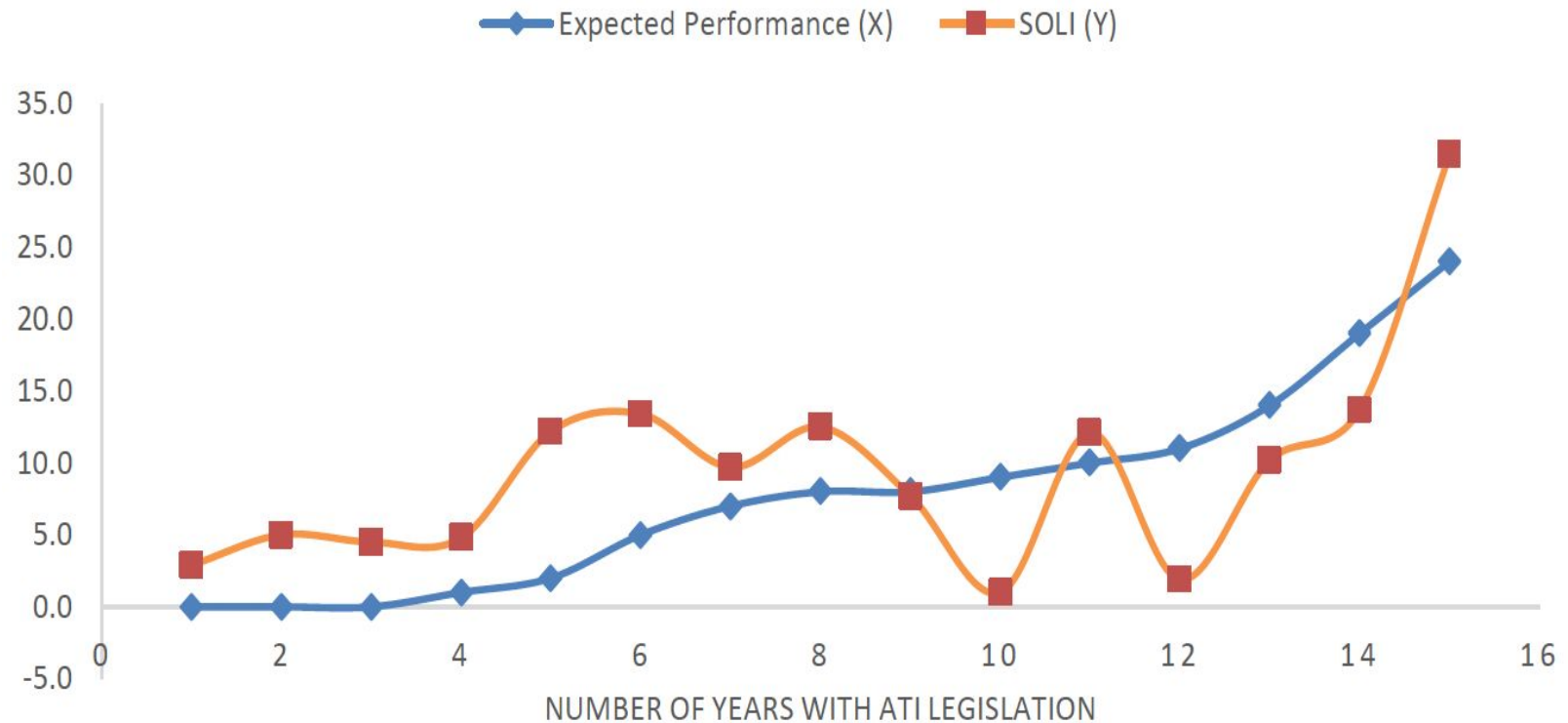


Results - Legal Framework

The Impact of an improving legal environment for open publication.

1. The longer a country has had ATI legislation, the better it has performed in the SOLIndex.
2. Sudan and South Sudan are outlier but there is still a strong overall statistical correlation.

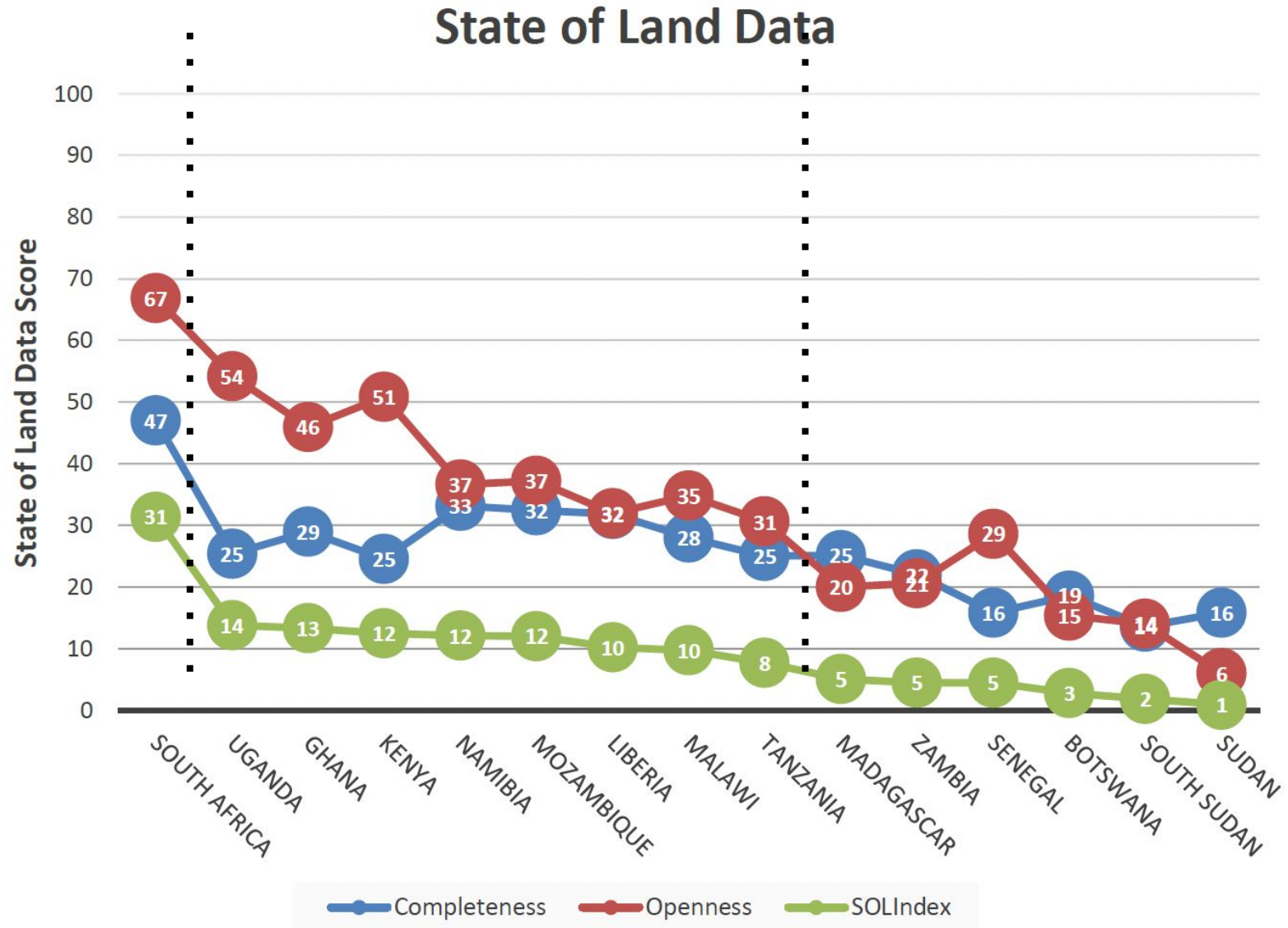
CORRELATION BETWEEN THE PERIOD AND THE SOLINDEX
CORRELATION CO-EFFICIENT - 0.73



SOLIndex Results

Bottom 25th percentile with a score of 5 or less

- Zambia (ATI Dec 2023)
- Madagascar (No ATI)
- Senegal (No ATI)
- Botswana (No ATI)
- Sudan
- South Sudan



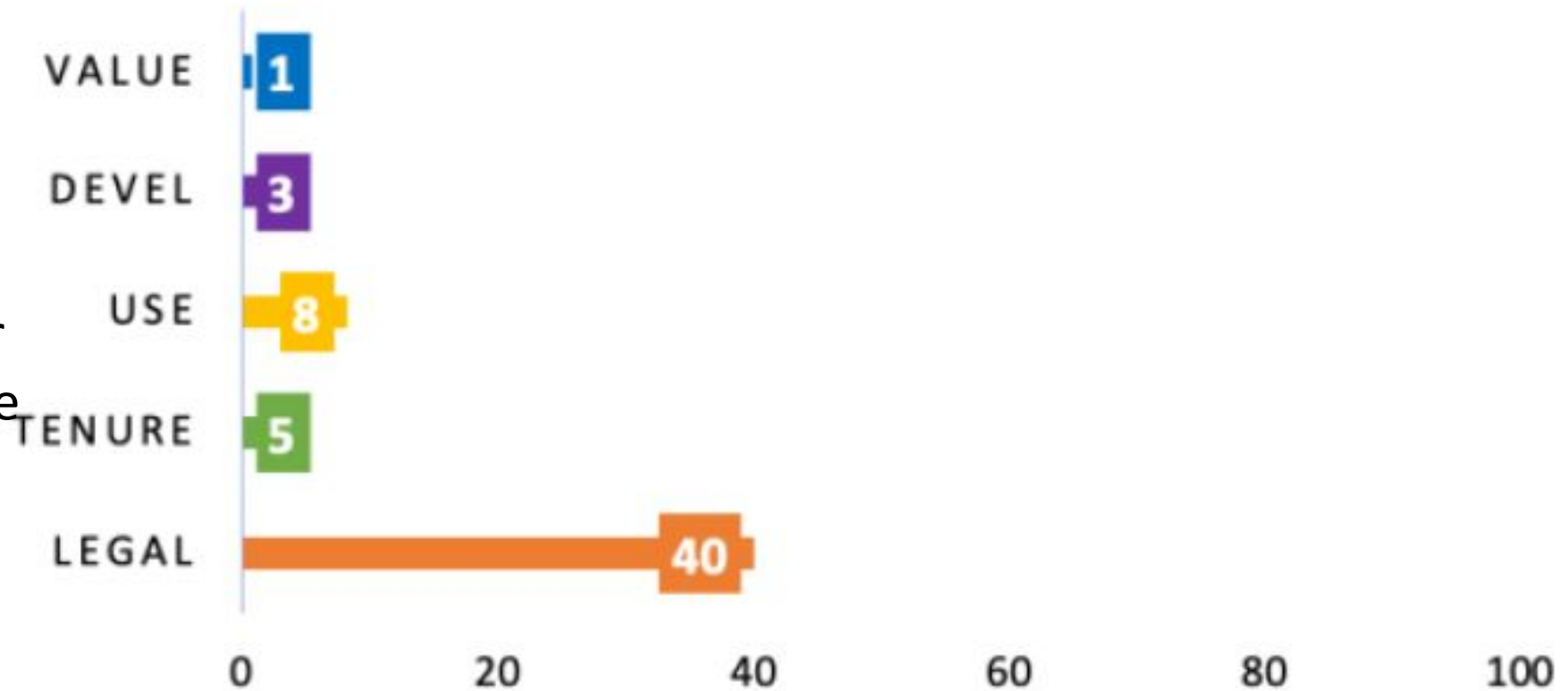
SOLIndex Results

Average score for all countries in the pilot.

Situation looks rather bleak.

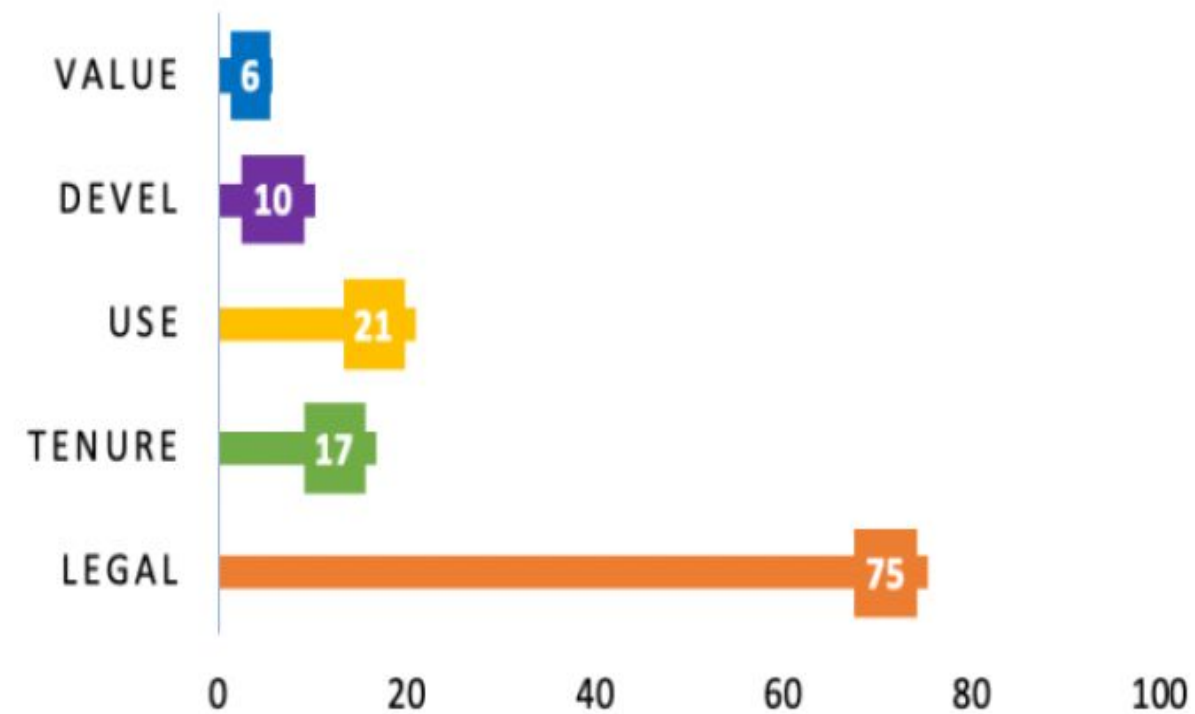
When broken down into COMPLETENESS and OPENNESS opportunities for improvement become a little more optimistic.

OVERALL SOLINDEX SCORE FOR EACH DATA CATEGORY

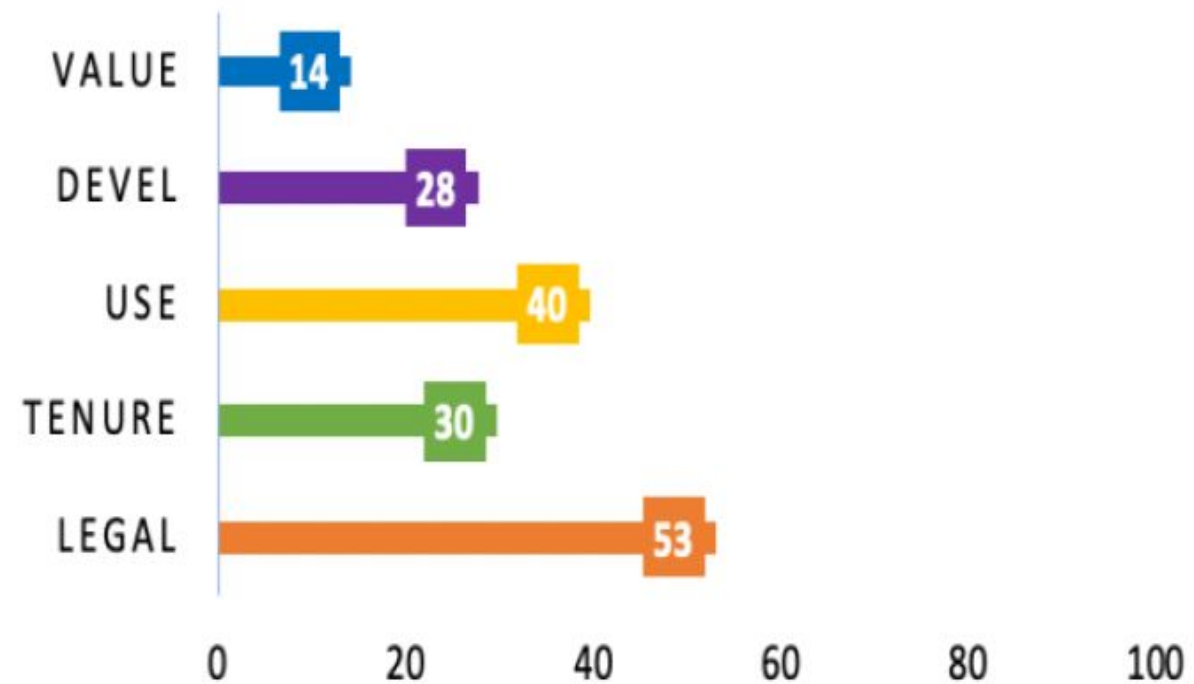


SOLIndex Results

COMPLETENESS OF LAND DATA



OPENNESS OF LAND DATA



SOLIndex Results

Ghana
SOLIndex 13.4



Kenya
SOLIndex 12.5



Liberia
SOLIndex 10.1



Madagascar
SOLIndex 5.0



Malawi
SOLIndex 9.7



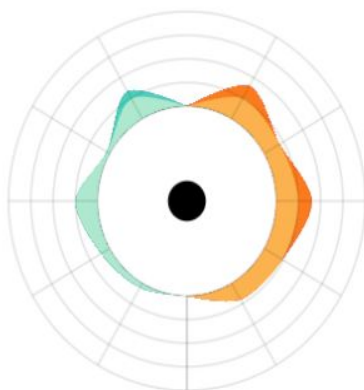
Mozambique
SOLIndex 12.1



Namibia
SOLIndex 12.2



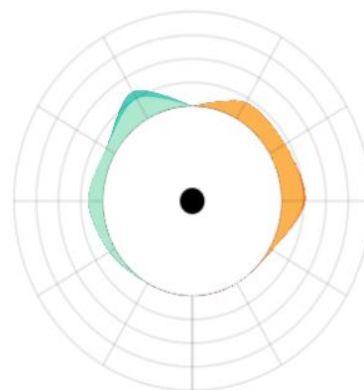
Senegal
SOLIndex 4.5



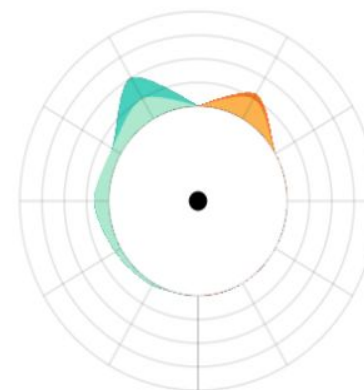
South Africa
SOLIndex 31.4



South Sudan
SOLIndex 1.9



Sudan
SOLIndex 1.1



Uganda
SOLIndex 13.7



How can the data be used?

SOLIndex not launched yet so use cases are limited!

1. Regulatory Compliance and Value Chain Traceability
2. Support to Research highlighting the state of, impact, use and risks of land data.
3. Serve as a resource to support communities and land data users to know more about the available data.



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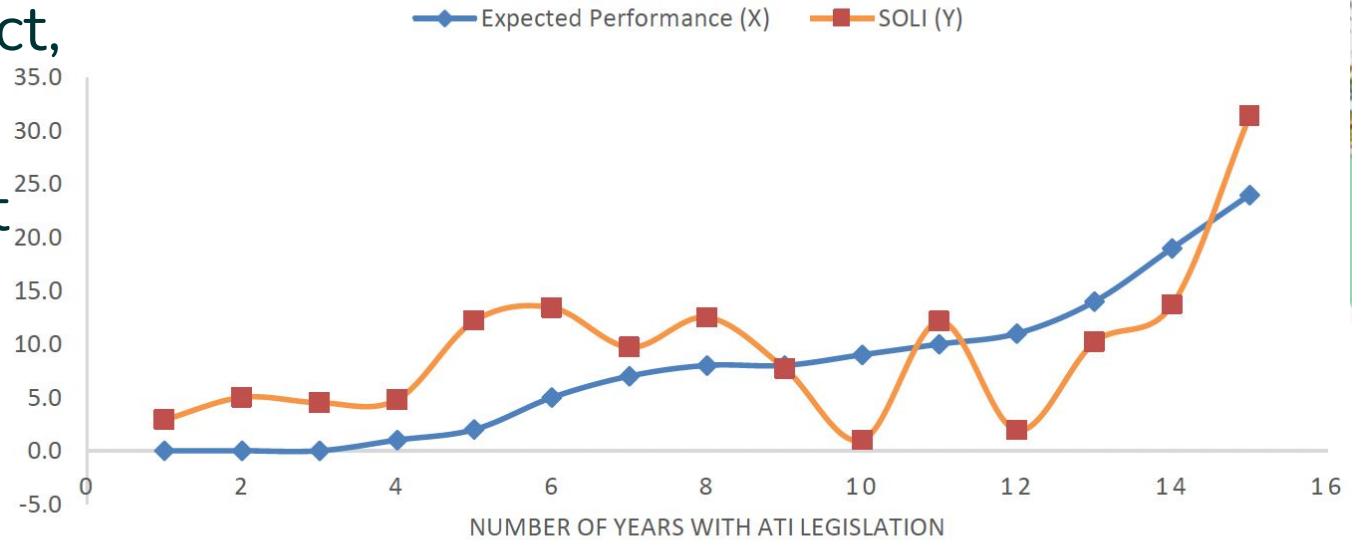
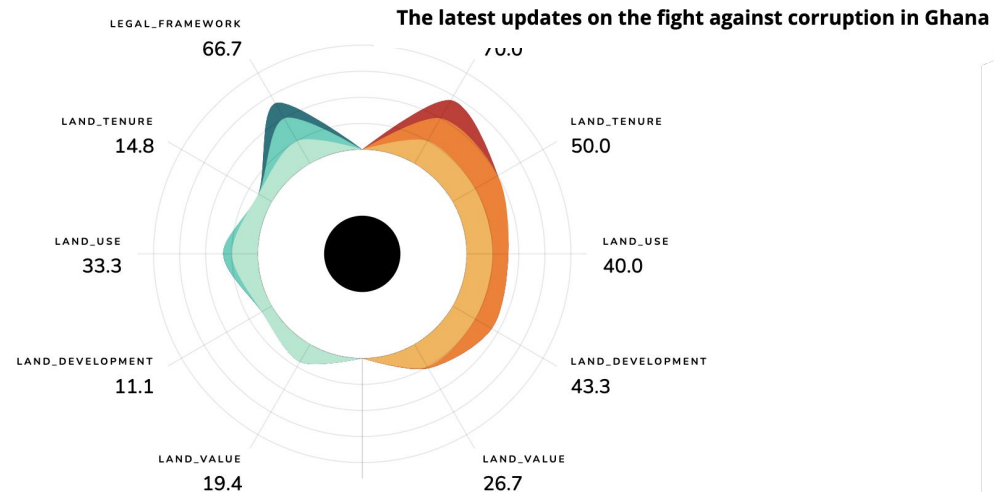
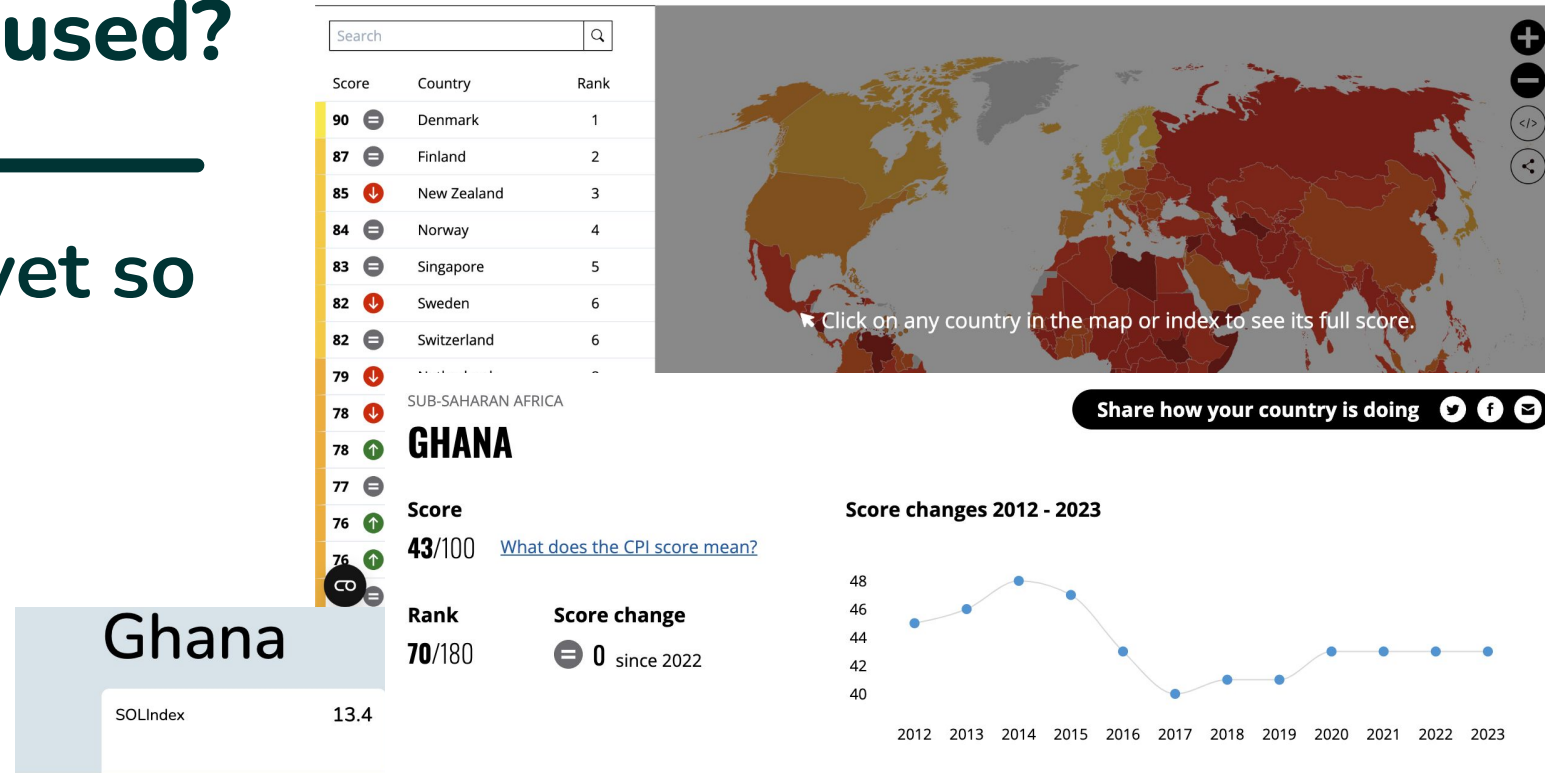


Figure 4: Correlation between RTI legislation and the SOLIndex Score

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- Examine potential links between Corruption (CPI) and Open Land Data (SOLIndex)
- Examine potential links between tenure security (Prindex) and Open Land Data (SOLIndex)



Conclusions

1. There is more digital data than is being published.
 2. Universal recognition of access to information as a fundamental right.
 3. More effort to improve data collection, less so on publication
 4. Partnership between government and civil society very successful in publishing legal information.
 5. Practical tools and frameworks for sharing, a missing link?
 6. Increasing publication on Governmental Open Data Portals
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Recommendations

Governments can concentrate their efforts around these three aspects to significantly improve the data published.

- 1.** Operationalise legal frameworks
 - 2.** Publication of data that already exists in the public domain
 - 3.** Improve the existing national data portals
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