Accra Hackathon – Lessons Learned
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Would be state...
GODI

- Stands for Ghana Open Data Initiative
- Started by National Information Technology Agency (NITA) in January 2012
- Takeoff fueled by good feasibility report conducted by Web Foundation 2010/11 and Ghana’s signing of the Open Government Partnership by late President Mills in 2011. (see http://www.opengovpartnership.org)
- Propelled by NITA’s mandate to engage citizens with government using ICT tools for feedback to improve policy development.
Vision

The vision of GODI is to develop an open data community bringing together government, civil society organizations, media practitioners, developers, academia and citizenry to interact with one another through an open data portal with the view to provide valuable feedback to government to:

- Promote evidence-based decision making,
- Promote socio-economic development,
- Promote improved government service delivery,
- Drive innovation and wealth co-creation leading to overall national development and efficiency in Government processes.
GODI Objectives

- To provide a central platform for access to public government data
- To bring about the development of the open data community
- To promote discourse between government, civil society organizations, and the citizen
- To serve as a concrete action plan of the fourth thematic area of the Open Government Partnership (technology and innovation) for the republic of Ghana.
- To promote national development and efficiency in government through citizen feedback.
- To promote transparency & accountability
Structure

- Initiative focuses on building open data “Ecosystem”
  - Government
  - Civil Society
  - Developer
  - Academia
  - Journalist
  - Citizens
GODI Ecosystem

National GODI Steering Committee
Gov. Led
- CSO Rep
- Media Rep
- Academia Rep
- Developers Rep
- Citizens

Min. of Public Sector Reform

Decision Making

Citizen

Civil Society Organizations

Government Ministries, Department & Agencies

Developer Community

Media Practitioners
Accra Hackathon

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Theme: “Better Tools, More Data, Bigger Fun”
Accra Hackathon - Overview

- Presentations
- Brainstorming, Pitching, Voting.
- Breaking into groups
- Scraping & DataViz Tutorials
- 70+ participants in attendance
- Over 20% women
- About 60% students
- A good mix of CSOs, Developers, Creative designers, Academia, Government, Data journalists, Media.
Participant Perspective

- Internet connectivity
- Great comments on DataViz & Scrapping tutorials
- Brainstorming process (see http://bit.ly/X2bbX2)
  - Brainstorming sheets
  - Resource persons
  - Limited time
- Transparent Pitching & Voting Process
- Too much food 😊
Participant Perspective

- Follow up sessions
- Presenter profiles
Organizer perspective

- DATA!
- Pass RTI Bill!
- Sponsorship-seeking approach
- Organized brainstorming session
- Extra coffee & possibly mattresses 😊
- Follow up sessions
- Actively engage participants from previous events
Event Shots

• See http://tinyurl.com/b42w7t6
Event grounds
DataViz + Scrapping Tuts
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DO I HAVE TO BE A DATA EXPERT TO VISUALISE DATA?

DataViz + Scrapping Tuts
Brainstorming session
### Pitch Session

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