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News release

D4GA and Afrobarometer kick off training workshop on effective data use to empower civil society organisations and journalists

The Data for Governance Alliance (D4GA) and Afrobarometer kicked off a workshop in Accra, Ghana, Tuesday aimed at equipping civil society organisations (CSOs) with the necessary skills to use public attitude data effectively.

In an era when access to credible data is increasingly crucial for CSOs to enhance their advocacy work, the Data for Governance Alliance and Afrobarometer are working to empower CSOs with the skills needed to make evidence-based decisions, advocate effectively.

Through this free training workshop, 20 CSO representatives from West Africa will gain experience in accessing, analysing, and leveraging survey data relevant to their daily work. Participants will gain a thorough understanding of the range of data made available through Afrobarometer surveys, as well as how to use Afrobarometer's free online data analysis tool. Training modules include how to understand and analyse survey data as well as best practices for incorporating data into reporting and advocacy initiatives.

"Afrobarometer provides an invaluable resource for accessing data on key issues affecting our communities and our countries," says Joseph Asunka, CEO of Afrobarometer. "By capacitating people to use Afrobarometer data, we can better equip various policy actors with the knowledge and tools necessary to report accurately and advocate effectively on the critical issues that affect us all."

This workshop is the first of a series of regional data analysis trainings planned for CSOs this year.

About Data for Governance Alliance

The Data for Governance Alliance is a four-year project that promotes data-based advocacy and engagement between pan-African civil society organisations (CSOs) and African Union organs. The project is led by Afrobarometer with partners, including CDD Ghana, the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Nairobi, the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation and Laws.Africa. The project is funded by the European Union.

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The Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), based in Accra, Ghana, focuses on the promotion of democracy, good governance, and economic openness in Ghana and Africa through investments in research and advocacy, outreach, and strategic dialogues and engagements within and between government, private sector, and other key actors. CDD-Ghana is also an AB core partner.

Website: <https://cddgh.org/>



The Institute for Development Studies (IDS), based at the University of Nairobi in Kenya, is a multi-disciplinary research and training institute. Its focus is on promoting socio-economic and political development in East Africa through the application of research findings to development policies and promoting dialogue across public, private, and non-state actors. IDS is an AB core partner.

Website: <https://ids.uonbi.ac.ke/university-nairobi>.



The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR), based in Cape Town, South Africa, is one of Africa's leading transitional-justice organisations. Born out of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission, IJR uses inclusive and multi-stakeholder dialogue as a foundation to constructively engage on harmful legacies of the past. IJR is an AB core partner. Website:

<https://www.ijr.org.za>



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