Review of the United Nations Programme on Public Administration

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Mission of DPADM

- To promote effective, efficient, accountable, participatory and transparent public administration for the attainment of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences.

Mandate, Demand and Capacity

- **Our Mandate**
  - General Assembly
  - Economic and Social Council
  - Major UN conferences
- **The Demand**
  - Emerging Issues
- **Our Capacity**
  - Niche and Challenges
- **Our Focus Areas**
  - Institution and Human Resource Management
  - E-Government Development
  - Development Management and Citizen Engagement

Core functions of DPADM

- **Advocacy and Normative Support**
- **Research and Analysis**
- **Knowledge Sharing and Training**
- **Advisory Services in the Field**

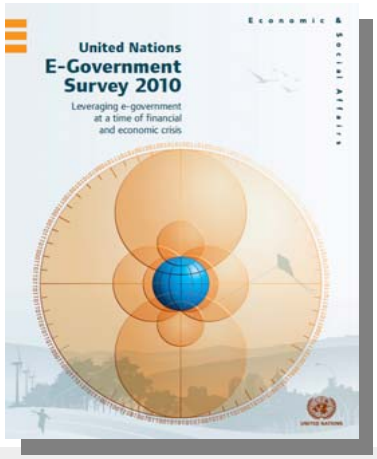
Results Achieved in 2010

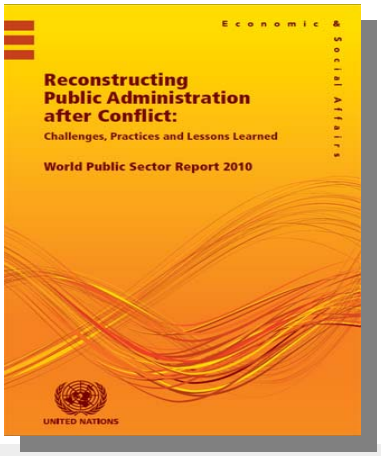
- **Advocacy and Normative Support**
  - **At least 4 references/recommendations were contained in resolutions of intergovernmental bodies in 2010**
  - **The outcome document for the MDG Summit*, which was adopted by the General Assembly on 22 September 2010, called for the need to "support more modern ICT applications and greatly increase connectivity, access and investment in innovation and development and the effective use of innovative ICT applications and e-governance tools".**
  - **The Division continues its work in facilitating the implementation of the Tunis Agenda for the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), particularly on e-government, Internet governance and enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet**

*A/65/L.1 - Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Results Achieved in 2010

- **Research and Analysis**
  - **Two publications were completed and disseminated in 2010:**
    - **UN E-Government Survey 2010**
    - **World Public Sector Report 2010**
      - Reconstructing Public Administration after Conflict: Challenges, Practices and Lessons Learned
  - **The UN E-Government Survey 2010 was the 4th most downloaded publication, out of more than 100 major publications in UNDESA**





Results Achieved in 2010

- **Knowledge Sharing and Training**
  - **Knowledge sharing and training activities continued to be expedited through**
    - DPADM's website
    - United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN)
    - UNPAN online learning centre
    - Training workshops
  - **DPADM's website is ranked 2nd among the 11 Divisional and UNDESA websites, with a 4 per cent increase in visitors in 2010 from 2009**
  - **Nominations for the United Nations Public Service Awards increased by 28 per cent in 2010 and the highest number of awards were conferred since the start of the programme in 2003.**

Results Achieved in 2010

- **Advisory Services at the Field Level**
  - **Capacity building workshops were organized in Africa, Asia and Europe**, with themes encompassing citizen engagement, developing standards of education and training in public administration, developing human resources, ministerial leadership, and promoting innovation in public service delivery.
  - In 2010, the Division undertook a total of **30 advisory missions in 25 countries** in the following regions: Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Europe, to support governments in implementing their strategies and assisting in capacity development in the areas of institution and human resource development, e-government development, development management and citizen engagement.

Affiliate Organizations of DPADM

- United Nations Project Office on Governance
- Secretariat of the Internet Governance Forum
- Global Centre for ICT in Parliament
- Secretariat of the Global Alliance for ICT and Development

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United Nations Public Administration Country Studies (UNPACS)

- **A briefing was presented to you at the 9th Session of CEPA in 2010, on the Division's plan to develop the:**

  United Nations Public Administration Countries Studies (UNPACS)*

*It was referred as the Public Administration Knowledge Space (PAKS) in April 2010

Development of UNPACS

- **UNPACS is envisioned as a comprehensive, up-to-date and readily accessible online knowledge-base in public administration**

- **UNPACS will help governments in making evidenced-based decisions by providing country data and global views on conventional and emerging topics related to public administration on all 192 Member States of the United Nations**

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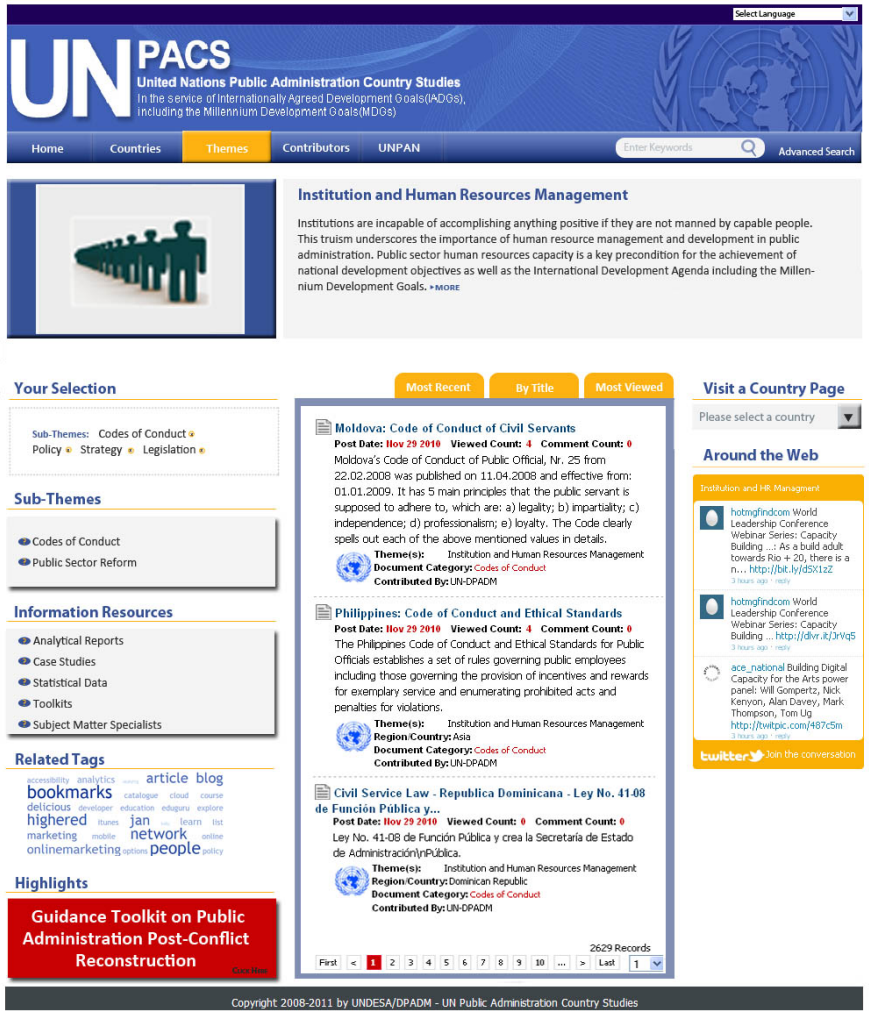
United Nations Public Administration Country Studies (UNPACS)

- **The technical platform is almost finalized at this stage**

- **Content development**
  - **Content is categorized by countries and regions, and by themes with relevant linkages to the mandate of DPADM and specific goals of the MDGs.**



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United Nations Public Administration Country Studies (UNPACS)

- **Content Development**

  First phase of UNPACS will include the following sub-themes:
  - **Codes of Conduct**
  - **Government Agencies for all 192 Member States of the UN**
  - **Profiles of Chief Information Offices (CIOs) or equivalents**
  - **E-Government Policies and Strategies**
  - **Constitutional rights related with citizens engagement in public affairs**
  - **Economic and Social Councils**
  - **Freedom of Information Acts**
  - **Data Protection Acts**
  - **Agency responsible for openness, privacy and security**

- **More information will be provided by the Chiefs of Branches and the UNPAN Management Unit**

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Public Administration Capacity Branch (PACB)

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PACB - UNPACS Themes

1: Codes of Conducts and other legal frames governing the conduct of Public Servants

Underlying rationale for the work on Codes of conduct:

- **There is anecdotal evidence that ethics and professionalism in the Public Service in many countries needs improvement. One way of approaching the problem is to put in place institutional mechanisms to guide the conduct of Public Servants.**
- **Many institutional mechanism in the Public Service are archaic and are rarely referred to in promoting professional and ethical behavior of public servants.**
- **Programs of public service reform included design of codes of conduct.**
- **The UNPACS provides a forum for sharing knowledge and expriences in this area.**

2: A synopsis of Government Agencies

PACB : Findings o codes of conduct

The analysis is yet to be completed but so far the following have been observed from the data gathered:

- **Some countries have put in place codes of conduct for their public servants**
- **Some are still relying on archaic legal provisions (standing orders etc)**
- **We have not yet got data on some countries**
- **In some countries the control of behaviour of Public Servants is supplemented by the fact that some public servants are also governed by the codes of conduct of the professions they belong to (medical, engineering, accountants, teachers, etc)**
- **There are indications that promoting and strengthening professionalism needs to be part of capacity building efforts for the Public service**

PACB – Countries where we have not yet obtained data

- **From Africa:** Algeria, Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Congo (Republic of), Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea (Republic of), Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger (Republic of), Rwanda, Senegal, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Zimbabwe
- **From Americas:** Bahamas, Belize, Chile, Cuba, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Uruguay
- **From Asia:** Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Korea (Democratic Peoples Republic of), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore, Timor Leste, Viet Nam
- **From Europe:** Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Romania
- **From Oceania:** Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu

Conclusion: Initiatives on Capacity building for professionalism in the public service

DPADM/PACB has already started supporting Africa's public service to develop its capacity for ethics and professionalism to improve management of human resources and the delivery of services.

The work of building the PACS on codes of conduct and other legal frameworks governing the conduct of public service will go hand in hand with the work of supporting countries to develop capacities for professionalism in the Public Service. There have been request for countries in Latin America and countries of Eastern and Central Europe.

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E-Government Branch (eGB)

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eGB - UNPACS Themes

- National strategies and policies on e-government and ICT-led development
- Legal and regulatory framework
- Chief Information Officers (CIOs) or equivalent - Institutional Framework

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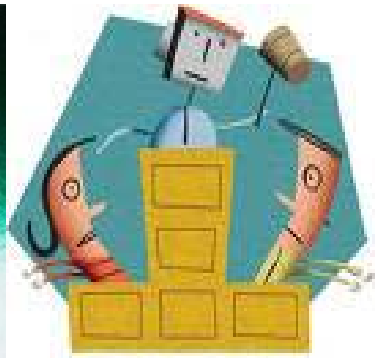
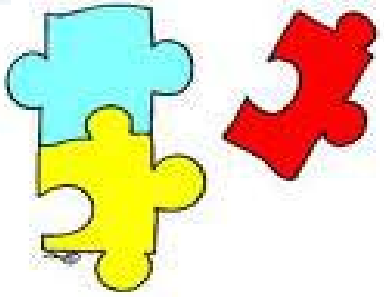
eGB – National Strategies and Policies

- Collection of existing national strategies and policies on e-Government
- Content Analysis, including trends, features and key substance
- Preparation of Specific Products, such as Guidelines, Toolkits and other Capacity Development Tools

eGB – Legal and Regulatory Framework

- **Collection of Legal Documentation on e-government in UN Member States**
- **Availability of sample legislation indexed by subject area**
- **Analysis of key features and provision of tools for guidance and capacity development**



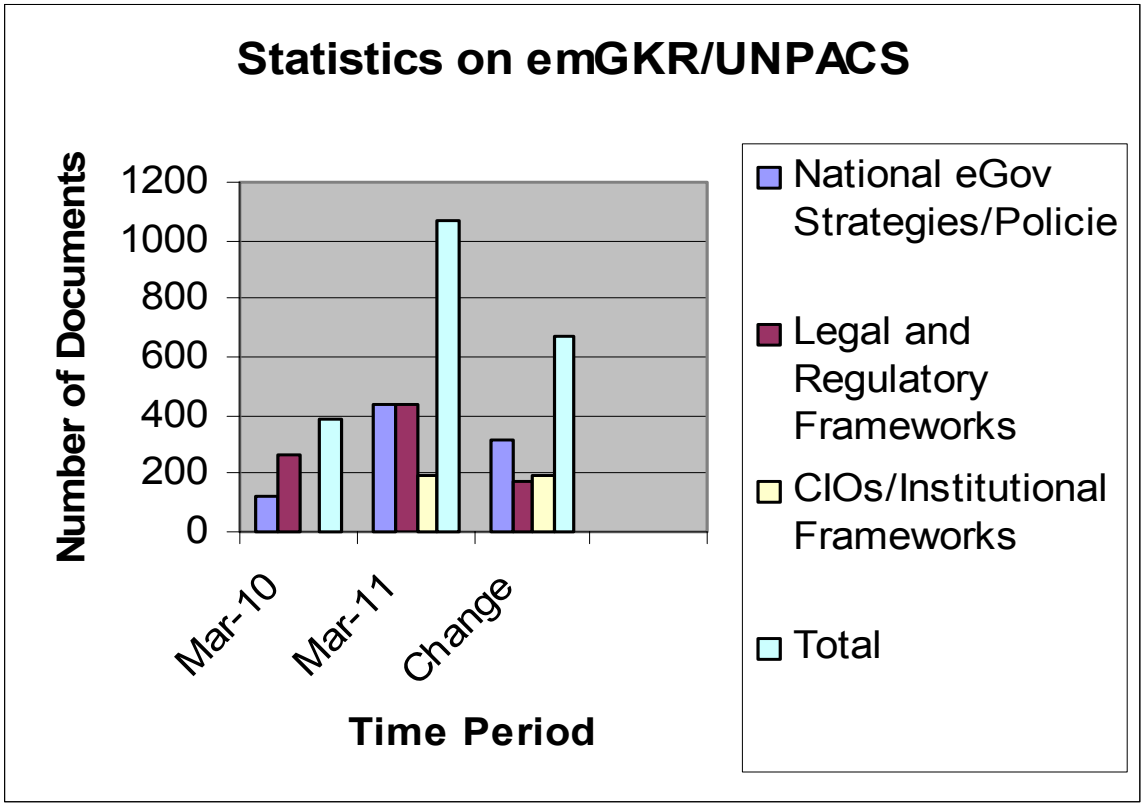


eGB – Building CIOs Partnership

- **Database of CIO Profiles (finalized)**
- **Providing and analyzing the national institutional frameworks under which CIOs operate**
- **Working with CIOs to improve U.N. products, i.e. e-Government Survey**
- **Establishing an informal network of CIOs and Regional Forums, backed by existing institutions**

eGB – Current Achievement and Results

- 439 documents on e-government strategies and policies
- 433 legal and regulatory documents.
- 192 Member States covered with all existing CIOs profiles



eGB - Statistical Data

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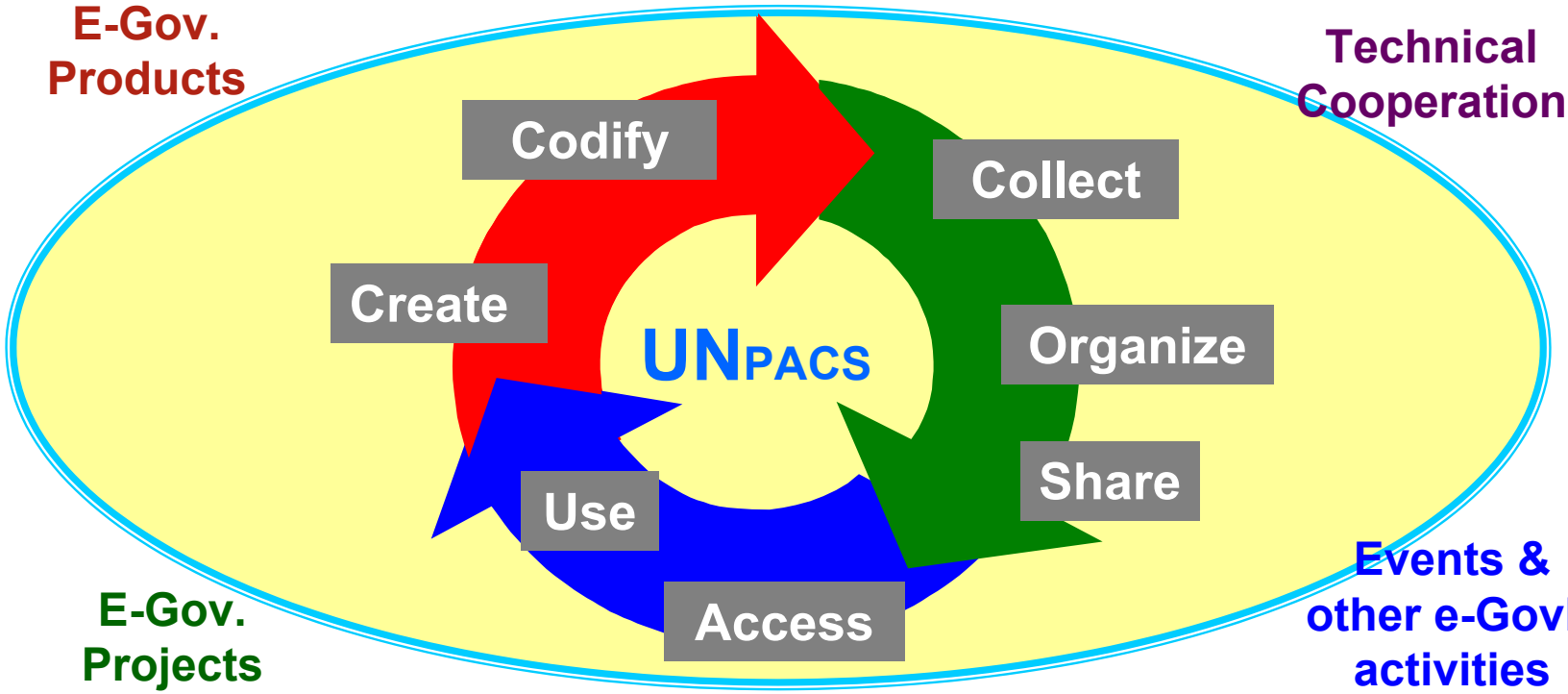
eGB- Knowledge Value-Added Chain

Sources: field, research, partners, focal points,



eGB – Moving Forward

- **Building opportunities for linking U.N. Normative Framework, Analytical Products and Capacity Development Goals through enhanced e-Government Development**
- **Pursuing concrete operational implications at policy-making and policy implementation level**
- **Networking for Impact and Results, in line with our mandates**

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Development Management Branch (DMB)

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DMB FOCUS: PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES TO DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

- **RATIONALE**
  - **Development management is becoming increasingly complex**
    - Diversification of capital investment, privatization, foreign investment
    - Social, economic and regional inequality
    - Evolving correlations between growth, jobs creation, personal income distribution and poverty
    - Trends in education and politico-economic participation
    - Values, culture, information, globalization
    - Political pluralism
    - Etc.
  - **Governments tend to open in different ways for participation of non-government actors in a variety of aspects and matters of development management**
    - Evolving institutions for public administration
    - Consideration of participatory approaches
      - principles, norms, instruments, procedures, enforcement and evaluation means

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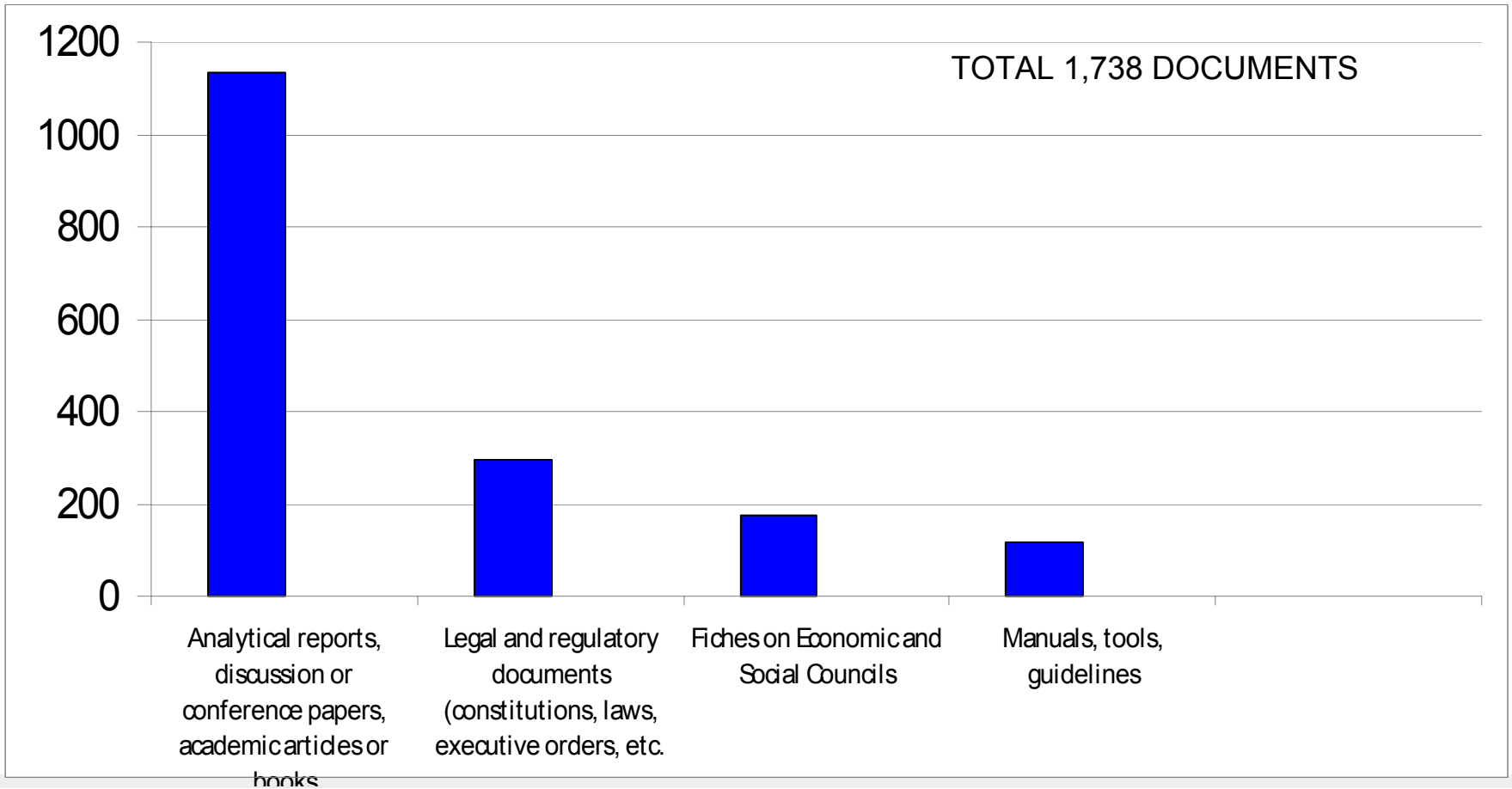
UNPACS: REPOSITORY OF GLOBAL INFORMATION

- **STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE**
  - Constitutions
    - Fundamental rights and obligations
  - Participatory Governance Institutions
    - Economic and Social Councils
    - Local Development Institutions
  - Public Accountability Institutions
    - Executive Branch Institutions
    - Supreme Auditing Institutions
    - Ombudsman Institutions
    - Social accountability
- **GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND TOOLS**
  - Publications
    - Analytical documents, substantive meeting reports, discussion papers
  - Tools
    - Methodologies, guidelines, ICT-based platforms

DMB: ANALYTICAL, CAPACITY BUILDING AND NORMATIVE WORK

- **Analytical papers**
  - Rights-based approaches to participation-engagement and accountability
- **Expert Group Meetings and major publications**
  - Engagement of citizens and their organizations to improve the delivery of public services, enhance accountability and prevent corruption
- **Capacity building workshops and online training courses**
  - Participatory approaches to strenghten accountability in public services
  - Participatory approaches to prevent corruption
- **Technical assistance and cooperation projects**
  - Capacity building of participatory institutions for development management in Africa: Economic and Social Councils
  - Capacity building in governments and civil society in Africa to apply participatory approaches in public service delivery for the MDGs
- **Guidelines**
  - Citizens engagement
  - Institution building for participatory governance

SOME STATISTICS:
DOCUMENTS CONTRIBUTED BY DMB TO UNPACS



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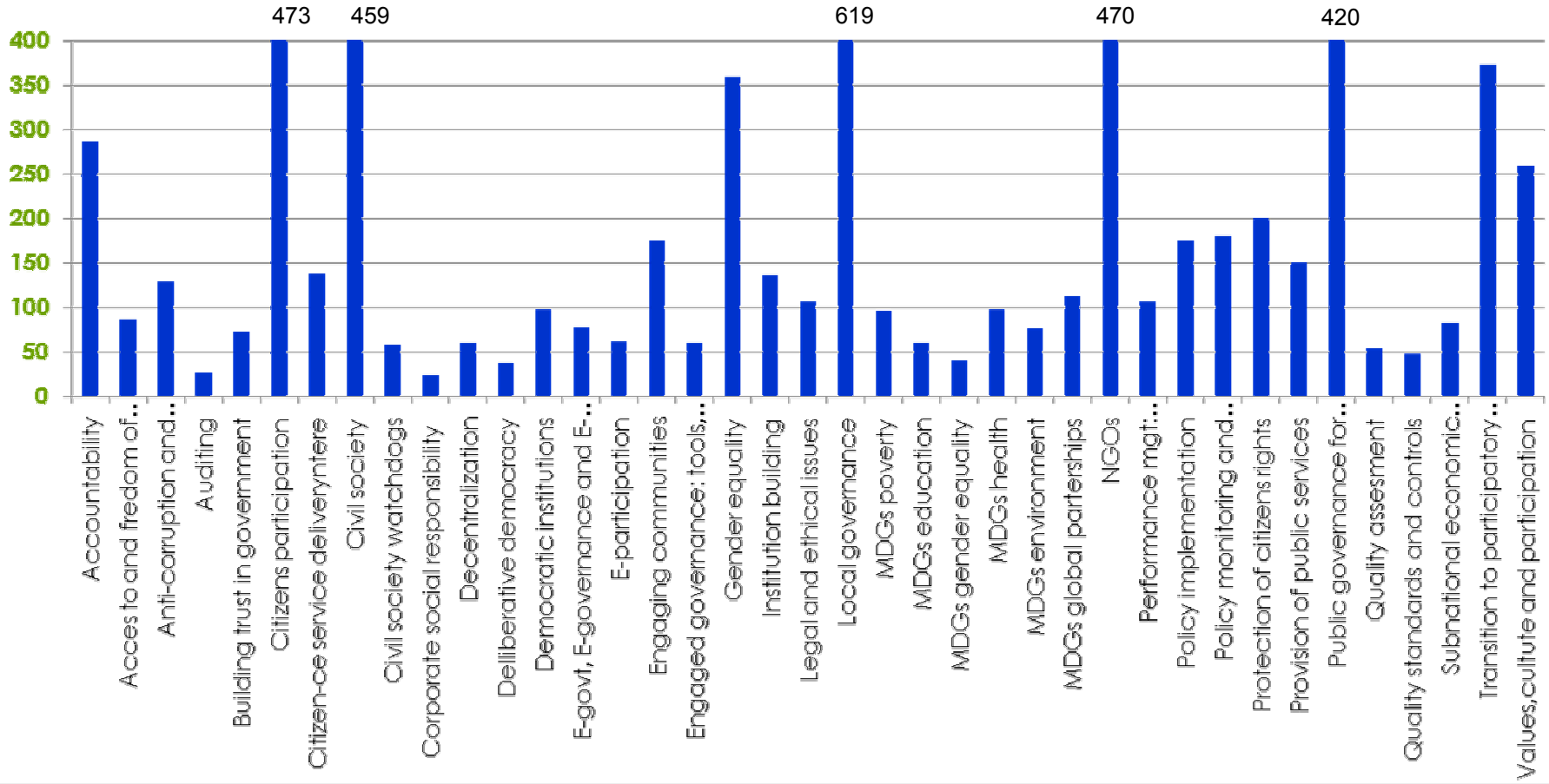
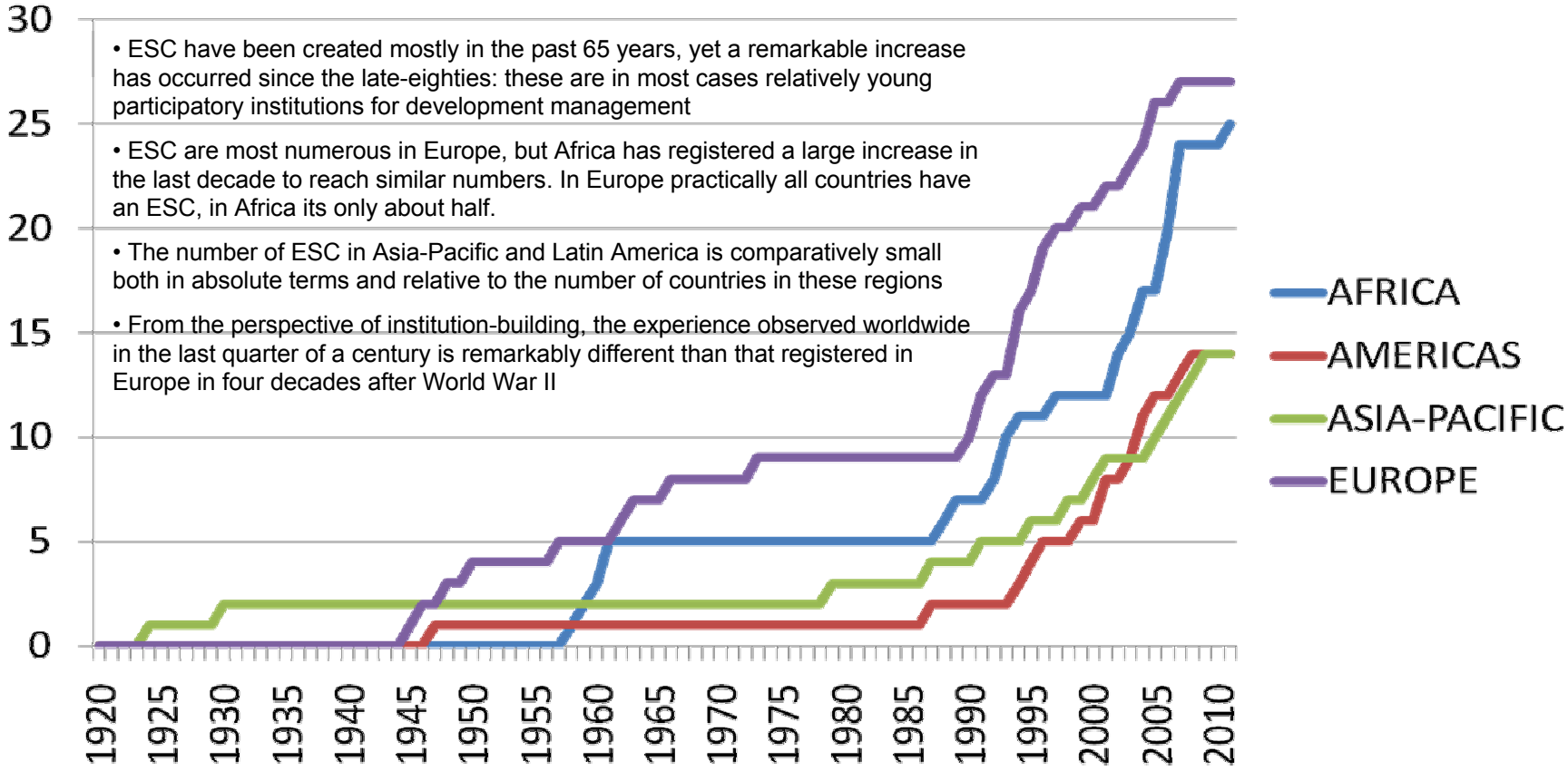
DMB CONTRIBUTIONS OF ANALYTICAL DOCUMENTS, BY THEME



EXAMPLE OF FINDINGS: NUMBER OF ESC IN DIFFERENT REGIONS, 1920-2011



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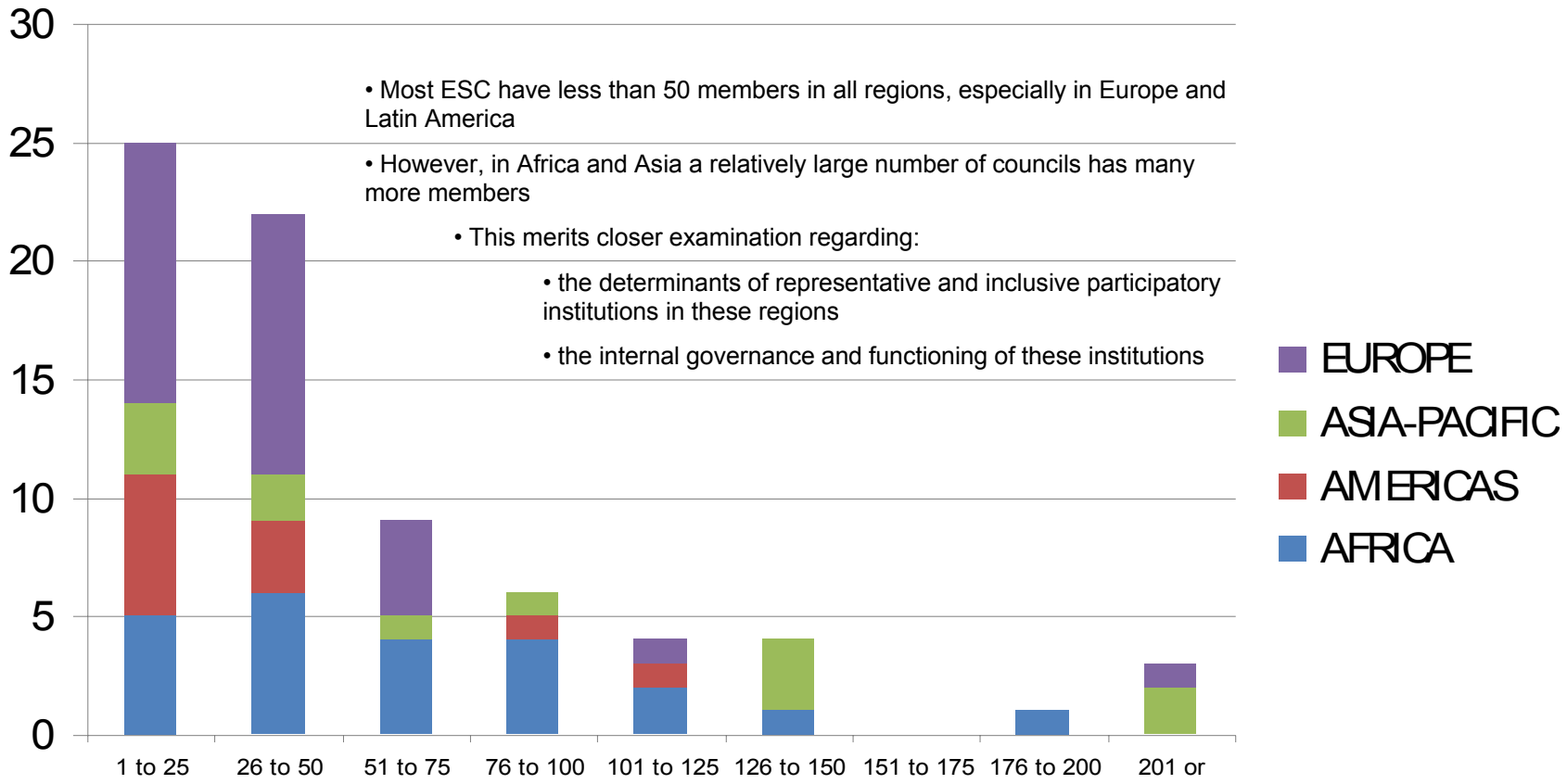
EXAMPLE OF FINDINGS: ESC BY NUMBER OF MEMBERS, 2010



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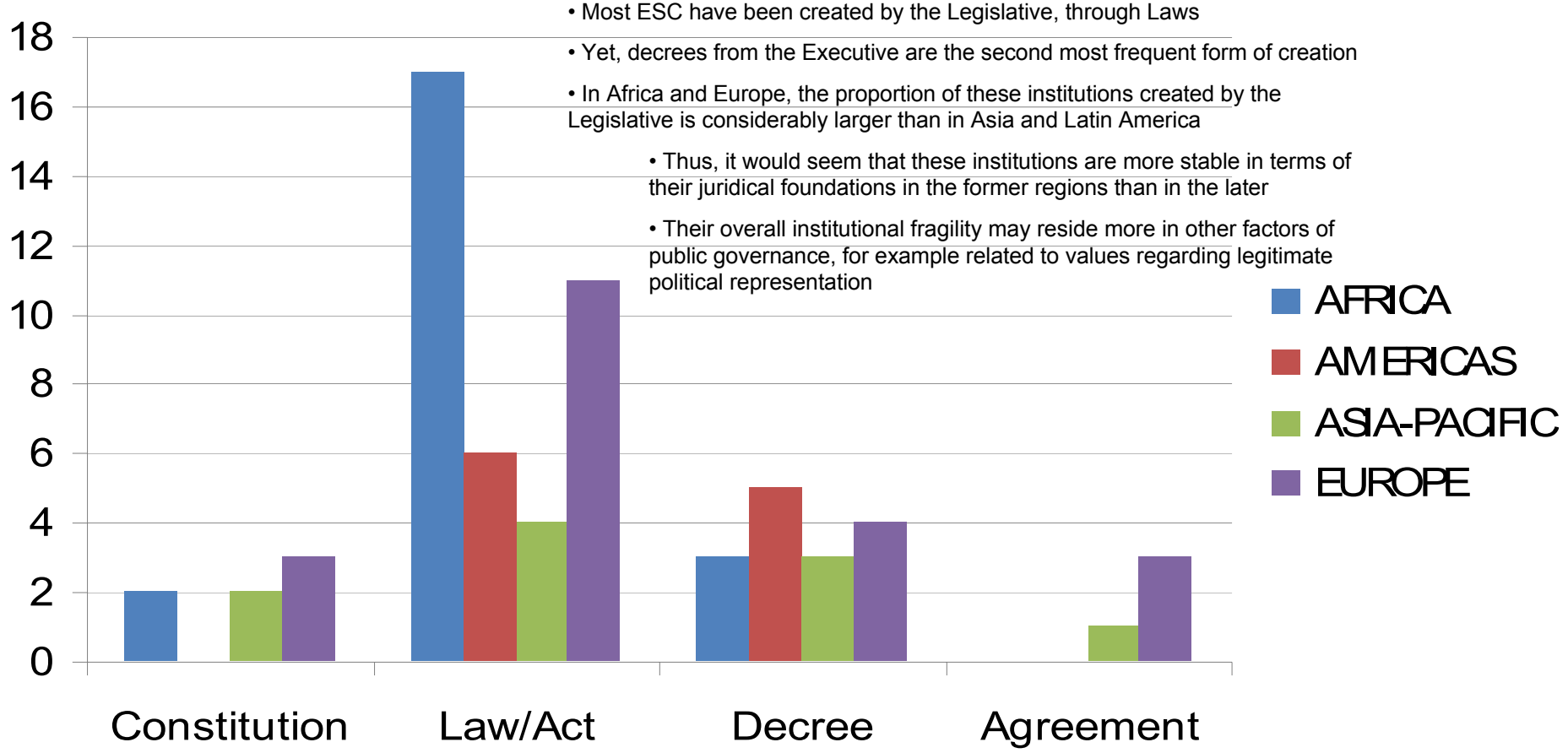
EXAMPLE OF FINDINGS: ESC BY ORIGINATING LEGAL INSTRUMENT, 2010

- Most ESC have been created by the Legislative, through Laws
- Yet, decrees from the Executive are the second most frequent form of creation
- In Africa and Europe, the proportion of these institutions created by the Legislative is considerably larger than in Asia and Latin America
- Thus, it would seem that these institutions are more stable in terms of their juridical foundations in the former regions than in the later
- Their overall institutional fragility may reside more in other factors of public governance, for example related to values regarding legitimate political representation



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Open Government Data

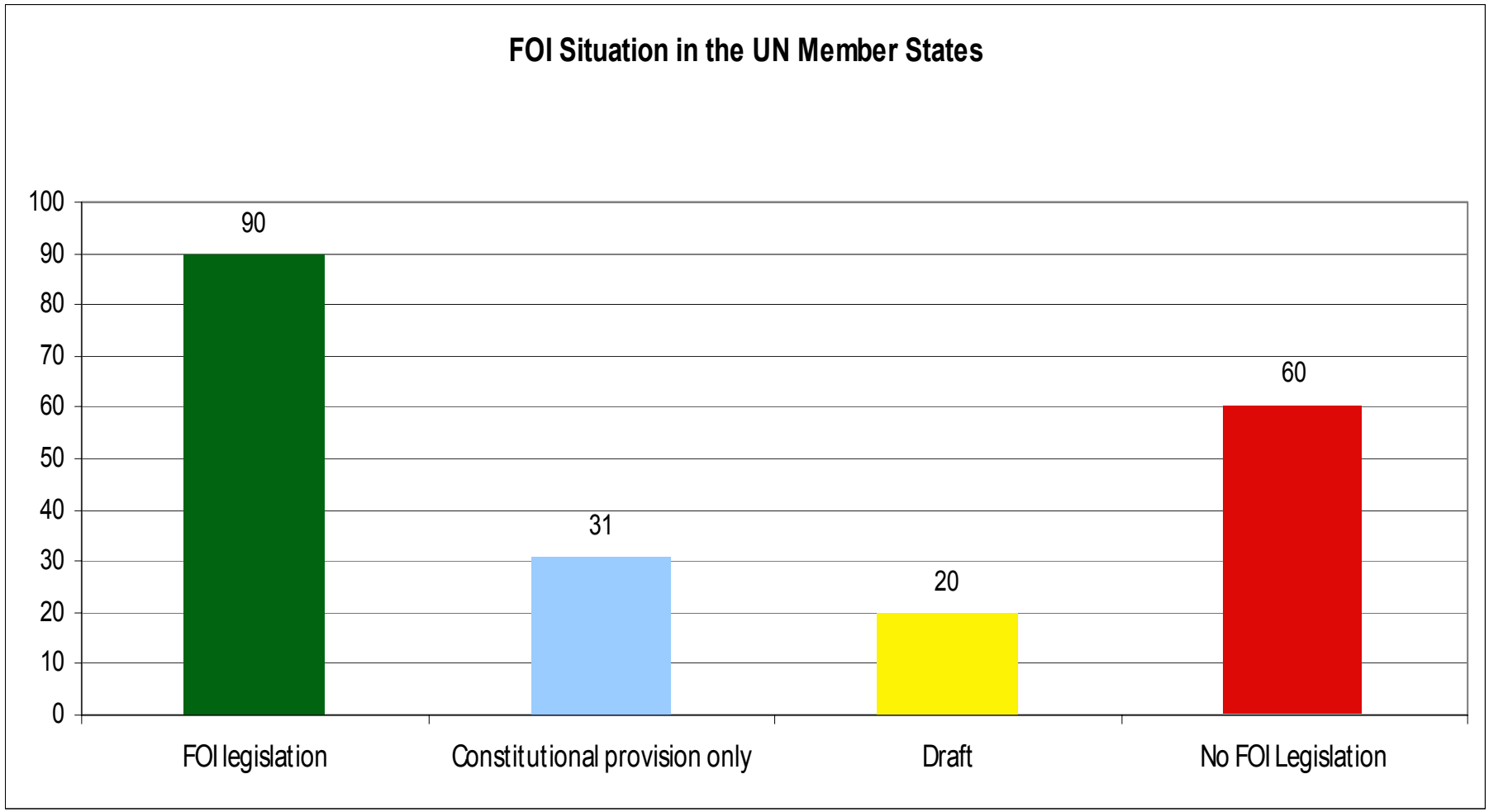
OGD International Conferences

2010 was a big year for Open Government Data (OGD).

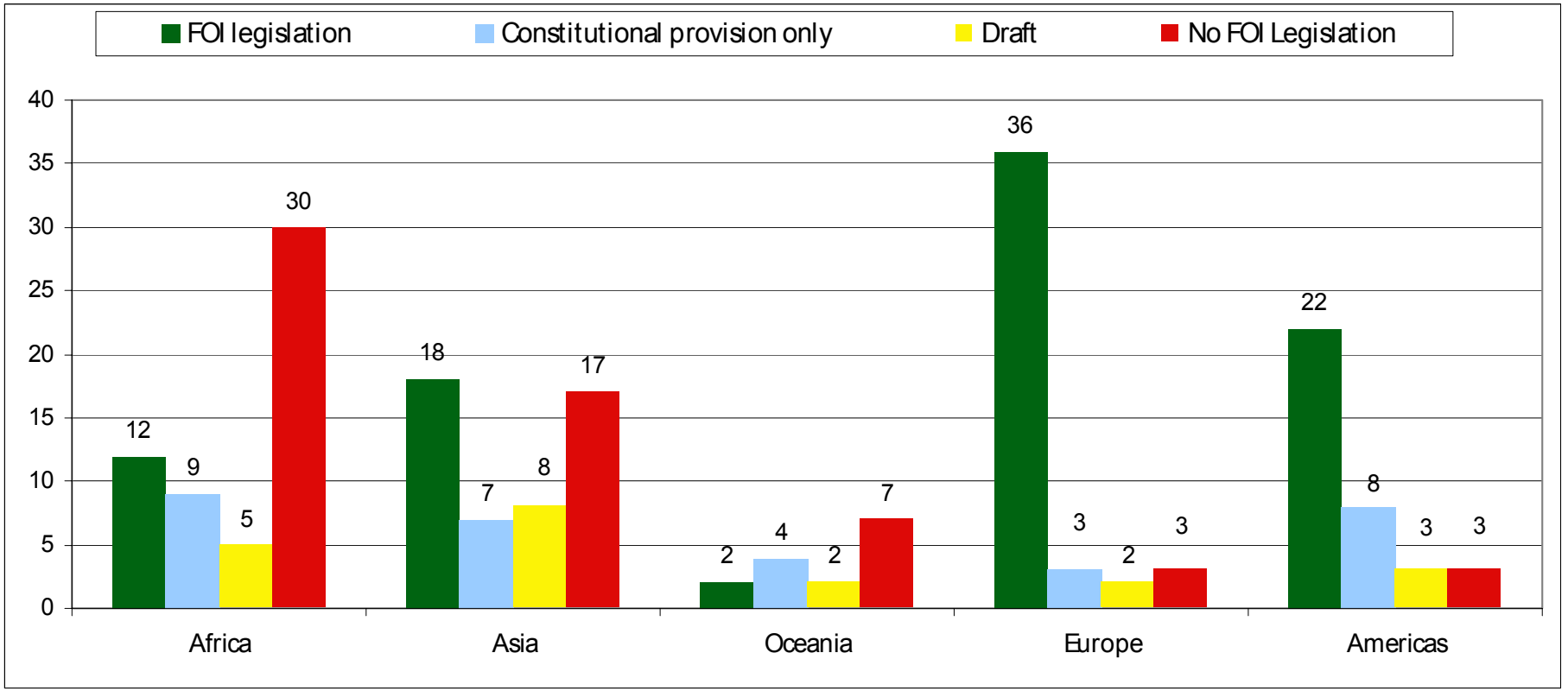
In 2010, DPADM was invited to attend two important events:

- First International Conference on Open Government Data in Washington D.C., USA (15 -17 November 2010)
- Open Government Data Camp 2010, in London, UK (18-19 November 2010)

FOI Situation in the UN Member States

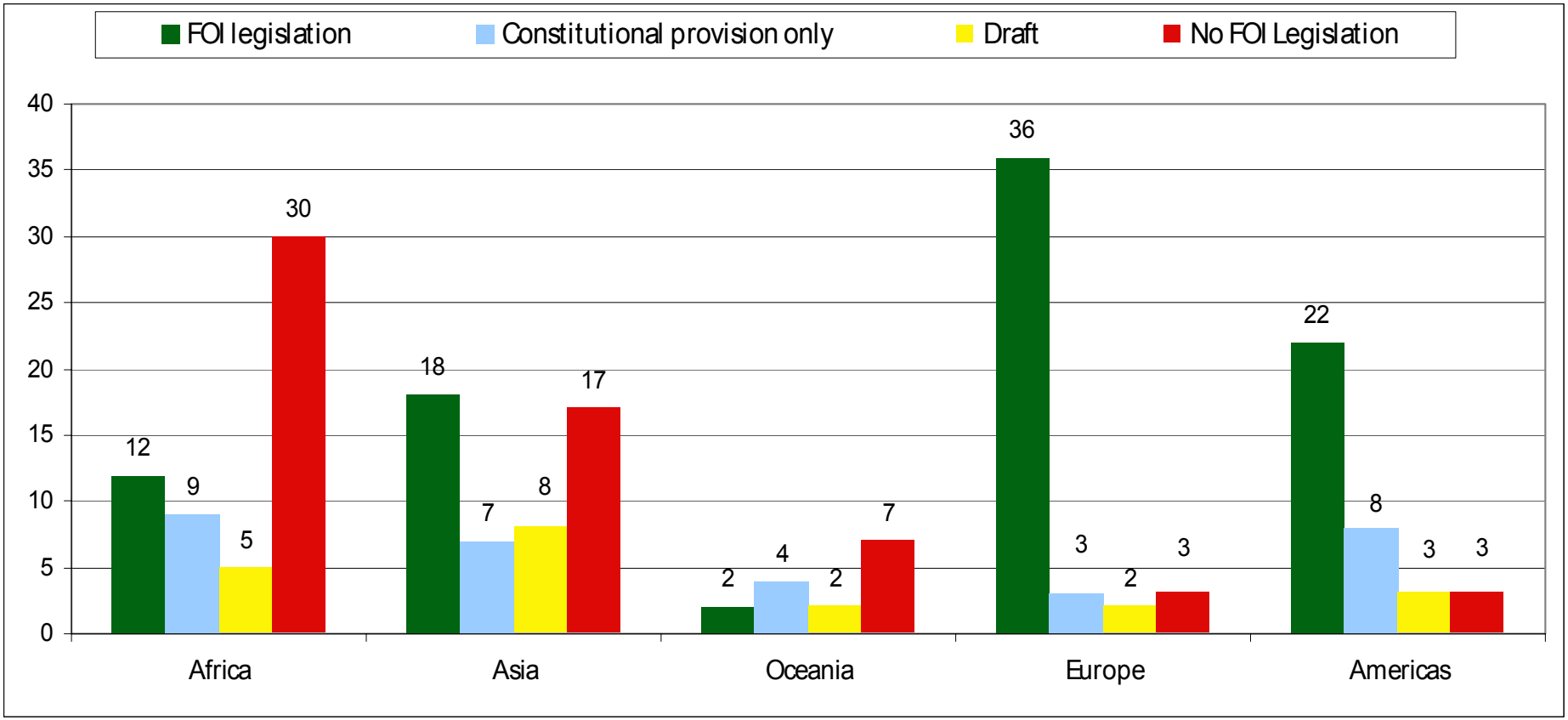


FOI in UN Member States – By Region



UN Member States in Africa, Asia and Oceania lack behind in terms of implementation of FOI legislations

DP Legislation in UN Member States



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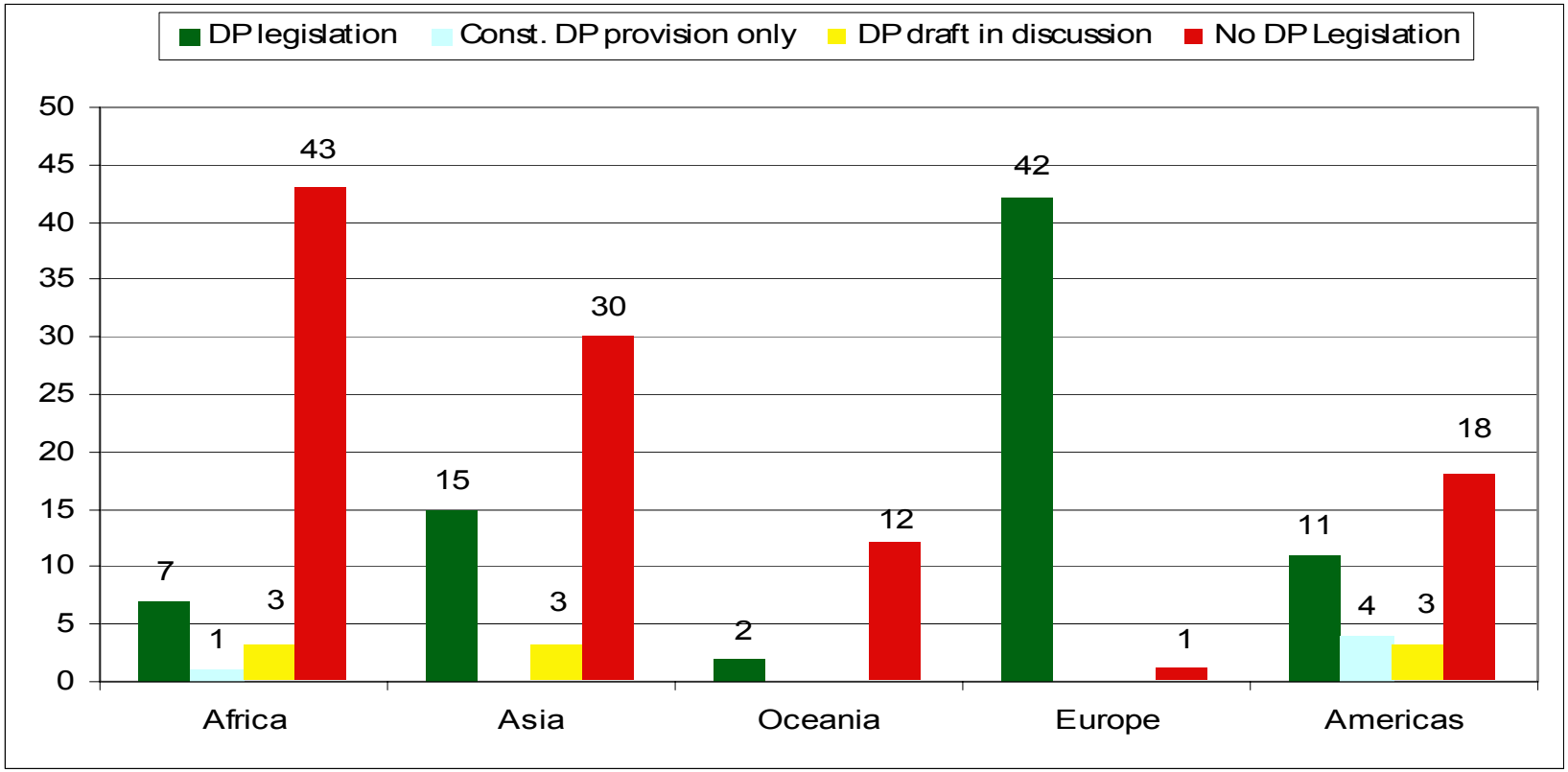
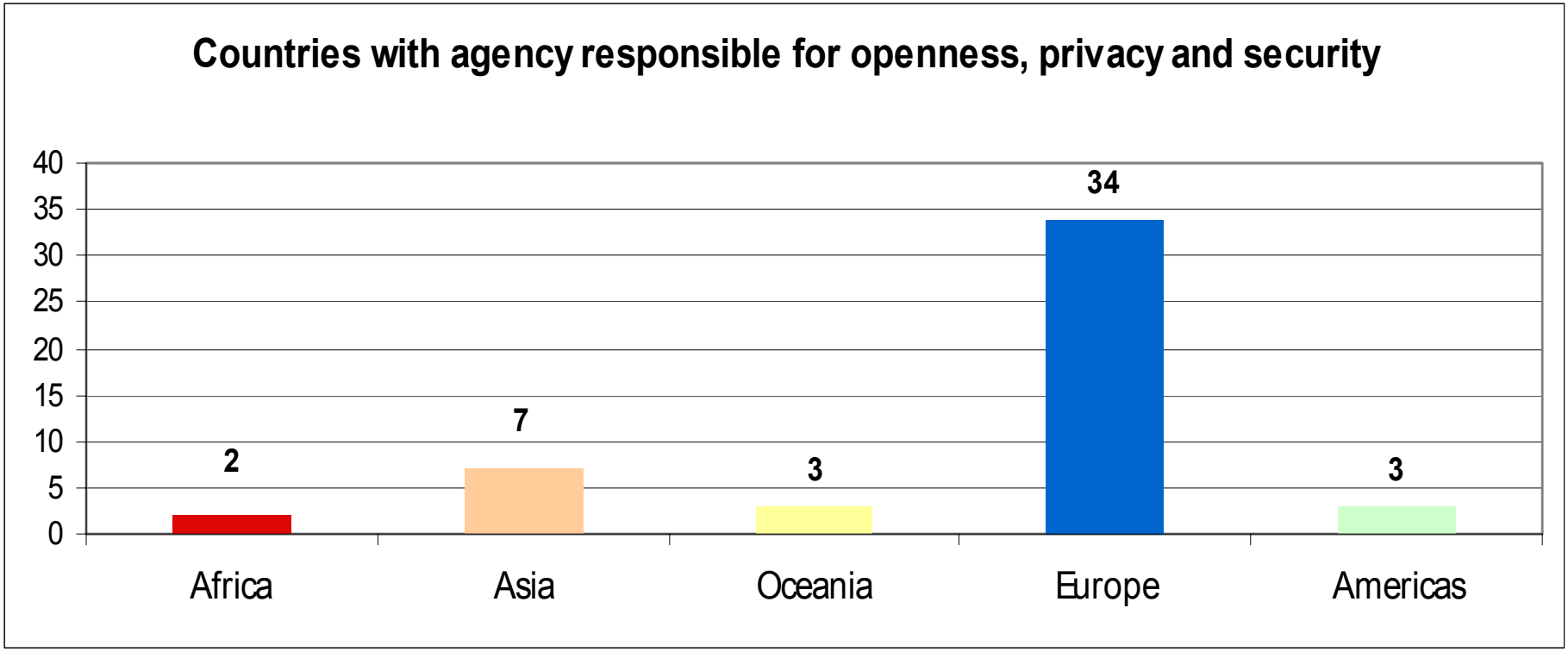


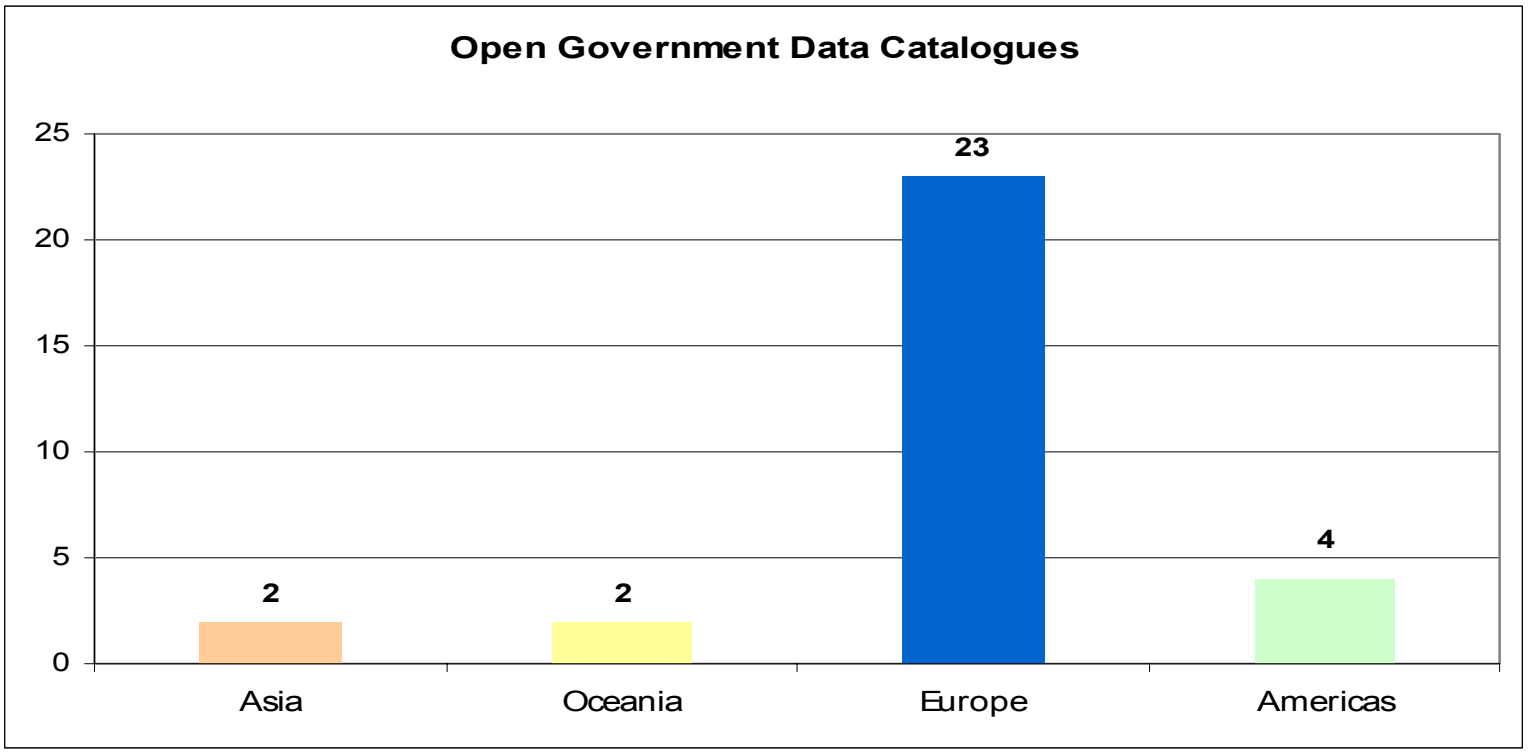
UN Member States in Africa, Asia, Oceania as well as Americas require assistance in the implementation of data protection legislations

Agency responsible for OGD & Privacy



OGD - Catalogues

31 UN Member States provide government data in a comprehensive way through Open Government Data Catalogues. The existence of OGD Catalogues still needs to be verified in 161 UN Member States.

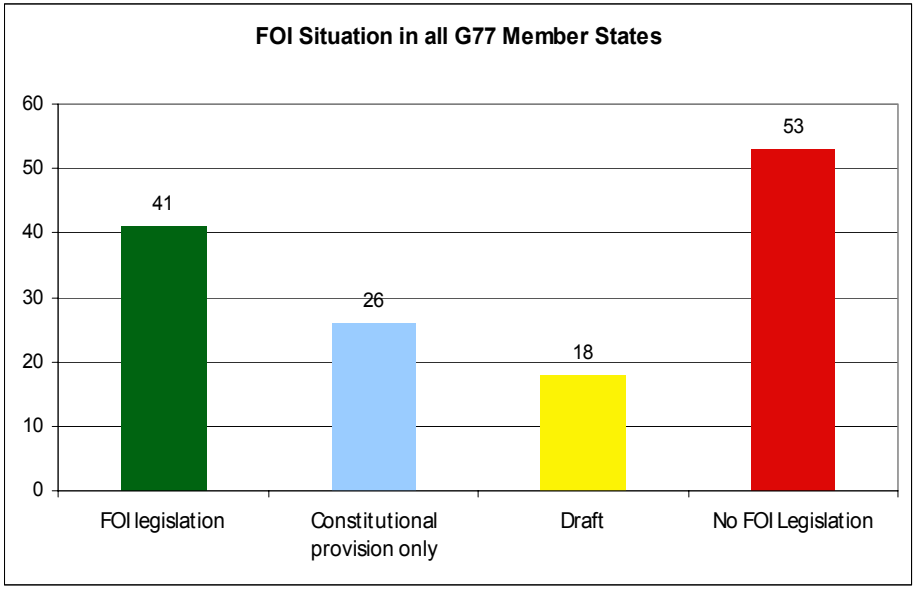


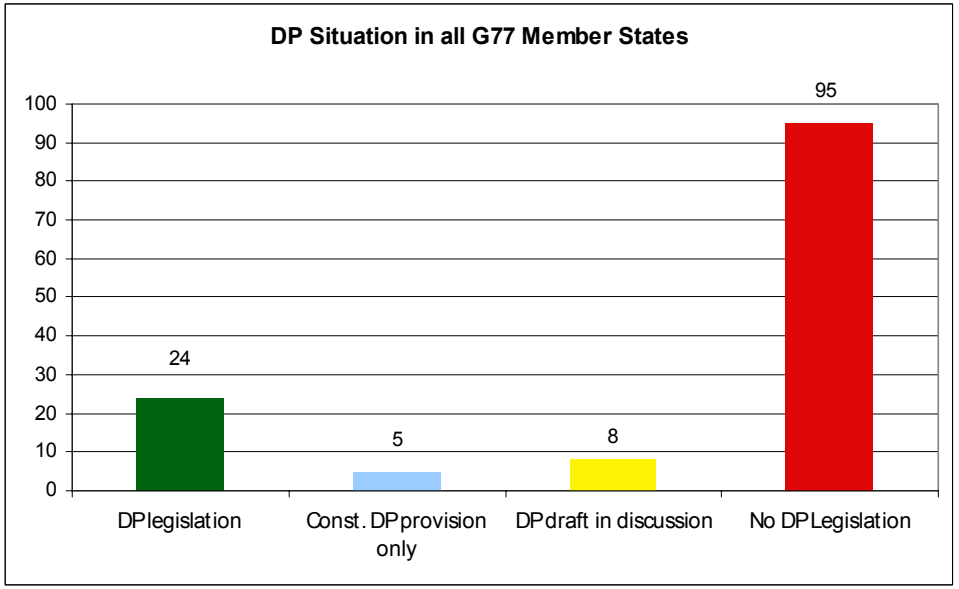
OGD - Legislation

- The following UN Member States are discussing/ drafting legislation on Open Government Data:

Austria
Finland
Norway
United States of America

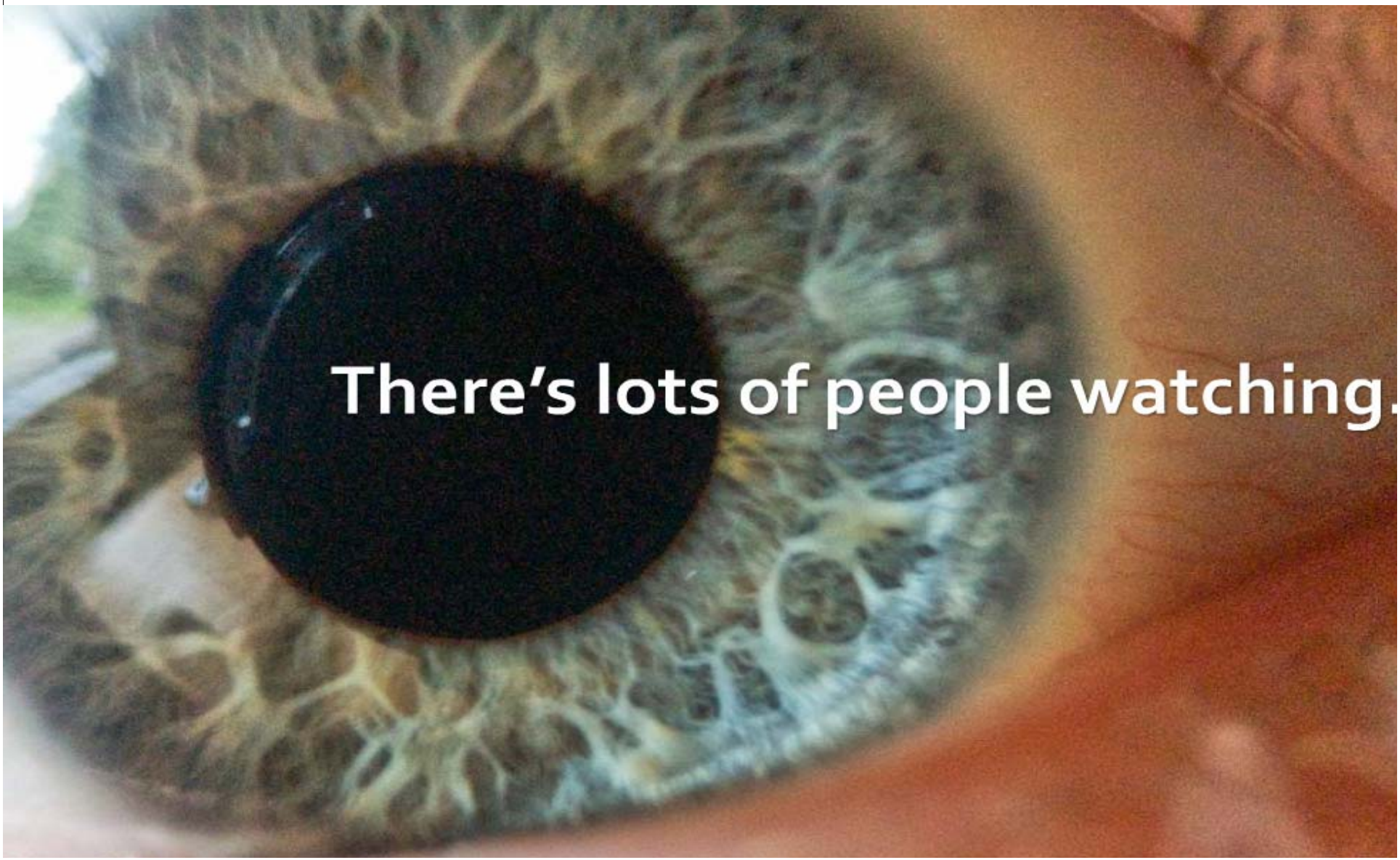
Situation in the G77





- Currently, 67 of the 131 G-77 countries have some form of Freedom of Information legislation;
- 29 of the 131 G-77 Member States have enacted some sort of legislation that protects personal and corporate data from governmental intrusion or infringement.
- Four G-77 Member States, **Brazil**, **Chile**, **People's Republic of China** and **Uruguay** provide government data in a comprehensive way through Open Government Data Catalogues.

Citizens monitor data streams



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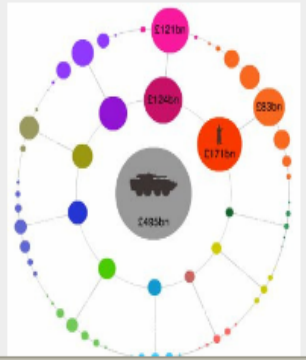

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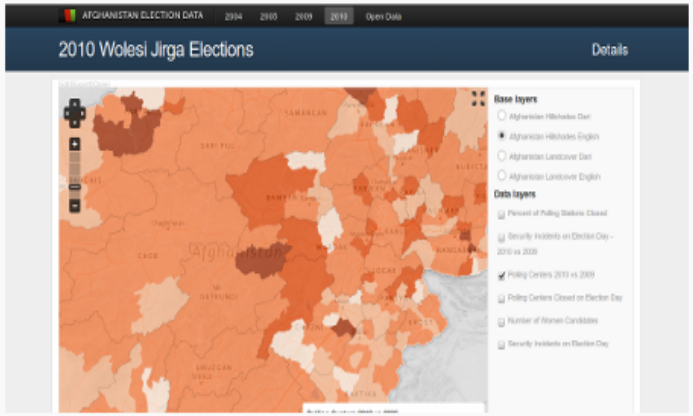

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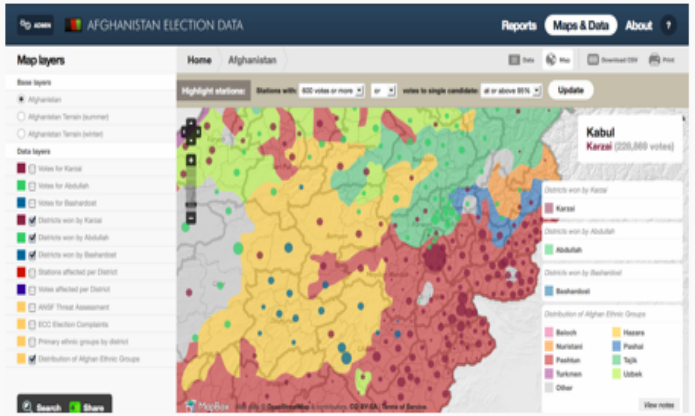

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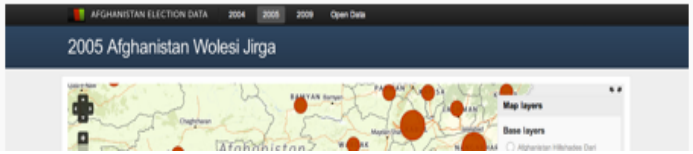

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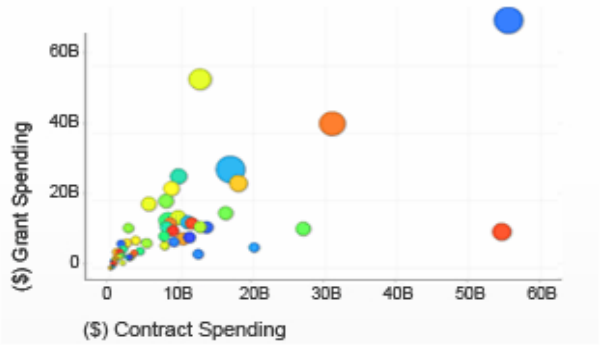

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