

Workshop on shaping a research and policy agenda on big data for development for the Global South

Location: [Tryp Madrid Atocha Hotel, Calle de Atocha, 83, 28012 Madrid](#)

Date: 8-9th October 2016

Objectives

- Facilitate the development of a research and policy agenda on big data for development for the Global South
- Achieve a consensus on the way forward for a research network

Program

Primacy is to be given for discussion. During each small group session, the resource person will use a maximum of 5-10 minutes to frame the discussion. Workshop participants will then be divided into small groups with each having an assigned rapporteur from among the participants. There is time set aside in the agenda for each rapporteur to report back to the whole group. A draft discussion document is also being circulated with this agenda, covering some of the areas of discussion. Participants are expected to have read this prior to coming to the workshop.

Note: We will not be circulating hardcopies of the workshop discussion document so please have them on your computer.

Saturday 8th October 2016

	Discussion topic	Resource person(s)
0900-0930	Introduction of workshop & participants	Sriganesh Lokanathan & Elonnai Hickok
0930-1030	What is big data for development and what are its uses?	Joshua Blumenstock, Ryosuke Shibasaki, UN Global Pulse, Sriganesh Lokanathan
1030-1100	Break	
1100-1200	Small group session: Representativity & Marginalization (Gender, socio-economics, race, etc.)	Framing by Bitange Ndemo
1200-1300	Small group session: Researching harms (Competition, Privacy, Security, Surveillance)	Framing by Rohan Samarajiva
1300-1400	Lunch	
1400-1500	Reporting back on morning small group sessions + discussion	Group rapporteurs
1500-1530	Break	
1530-1630	Small group session: Researching solutions (Legislation, regulation, ethics)	Framing by Elonnai Hickok
1630-1700	Reporting back + discussion	Group rapporteurs
1700-1900	Free time	
1900 -	Group dinner (Location: TBA)	

Sunday 9th October 2016

	Discussion topic	Resource person(s)
0900-1000	Small group discussion: Challenges in big data for development (Research capacity, data, policy impact)	Framing by Sriganesh Lokanathan
1000-1045	Reporting back + discussion	Group rapporteurs
1045-1115	Break	
1115-1230	Mapping actors for big data for development	Elonnai Hickok & Sumandro Chattapadhyay
1230-1330	Lunch	
1330-1500	Discussion of way forward: Modalities of developing a research and policy agenda for the Global South (Niche, network modalities, etc.)	Moderated by IDRC
1500-1530	Tea	

Outputs of the workshop

1. The draft report will be improved based on received input
2. A summary document of the workshop including the way forward will be prepared, circulated, and finalized