

Open Land Data in the Fight against Corruption

Week 3: Monday September 23rd - Sunday September 29th 2019

STATEMENT OF THE WEEK:

THERE IS A GUIDANCE GAP TO OPEN LAND DATA

Governments are not getting the necessary guidance to take action to open land data responsibly.

Within this complicated framework of open land data and land corruption, the question is now how we can move from individual actions that have created minor ripples in the fight against corruption, to more large-scale and sector-wide impacts. Considering the mantra “open by default” embraced by open data advocates tends to scare many other actors away, clearly, there is a need for more nuanced guidance. Not only should the land sector be triggered to be more open, in turn, the Open Data sector should be more guided on risks in opening up data.

What are concrete steps we can take to move towards this more nuanced guidance? It is possible to provide general guidelines that allow for sufficient nuance, safety for all stakeholders and adaptable to many different and greatly varying contexts in which land corruption plays a role?

Questions:

1. How can we build stronger, sustainable and more effective connections among those working on land, corruption and/or open data?
2. How can we leverage a nuanced Open Data message that convinces land data stakeholders across the globe to open up land data responsibly?
3. How can we facilitate and strengthen the work of various stakeholders to generate and use data evidence to demand accountability and to lead in the fight against land corruption?