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# **National broadband** mapping systems in Malawi

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### **Presentation of Africa-BB-Maps**



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### Africa-BB-Maps - Project's Objective in Malawi

To establish and operationalise sustainable national broadband mapping systems to enable:



Validated, publicly accessible broadband data



**Evidence-based** policy and regulation



Targeted infrastructure investment



(1) Universal and meaningful connectivity



Accelerated digital transformation



**Regional harmonisation** 



Alignment with international standards









# **Africa-BB-Maps - 3 Strategic Pillars for Malawi**



### **Policy & Regulations**



### Creating the enabling environment for broadband mapping to thrive:

- Governance frameworks aligned with EU best practices
- Policy and regulatory integration
- Common data standards and interoperability
- Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms

### **Technology**



### Delivering state-of-the-art mapping platform:

- Geospatial platform (proprietary, opensource, or hybrid)
- Integration of infrastructure and service data
- Geoportals for public access and planning
- Tools for network analysis and policy formulation

### **Capacity Development**



### Empowering people and institutions to lead:

- Structured training through ITU Academy
- Hands-on learning in GIS, broadband policy, and data governance
- Support for MACRA and stakeholders
- Malawi-EU collaboration and regional knowledge exchange

### **National Ownership for Sustainability**





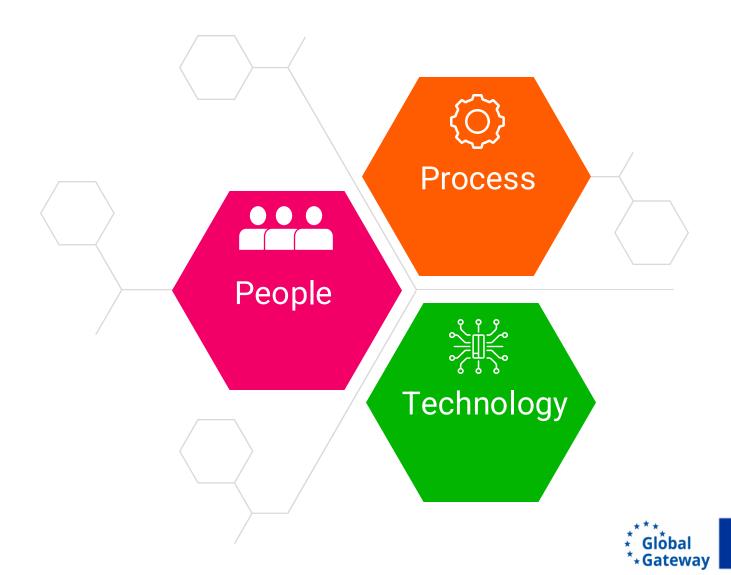






# **Africa-BB-Maps - Technical Framework for Malawi**

People, Process, and Technology for Sustainable Broadband Mapping









Africa-BB-Maps - Expected Outcome for Malawi

### Low

Star Star

Status: No system, no capacity, no coordination.

Focus: Raise awareness and assess digital readiness.

Medium (Emerging)

Status: Foundations forming, but data and systems are minimal.

**Focus**: Build mandates, standards, and system blueprint.

Medium (Functional)

Status: Basic system running with limited features and data.

Focus: Deploy core components and train initial users.

**High** (Established)

Status: Operational system integrated into national planning.

**Focus**: Institutionalise platform and scale use across stakeholders.

High (Strategic)

Status: Strategic tool aligned with regional and global standards.

Focus: Drive decision-making, enable regional harmonisation.



# **Africa-BB-Maps** - Roadmap for Malawi

**Operationalisation & Policy Alignment** 

2027

2028
Sustainability

& Regional Leadership

Foundation & Readiness



2026

**System Deployment**& Capacity Building









### Thank you.

Any question?









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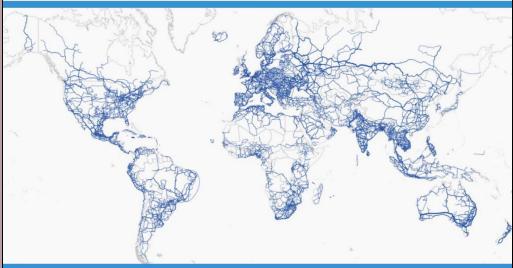


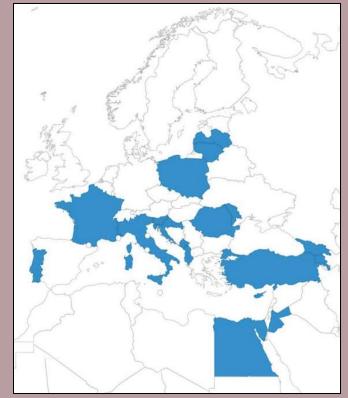


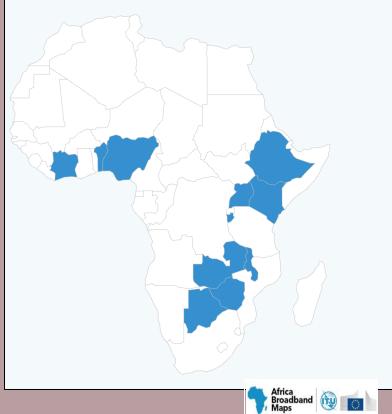


# Framework for our policy action

Global Gap analysis on National Broadband
Mapping Systems Initiatives







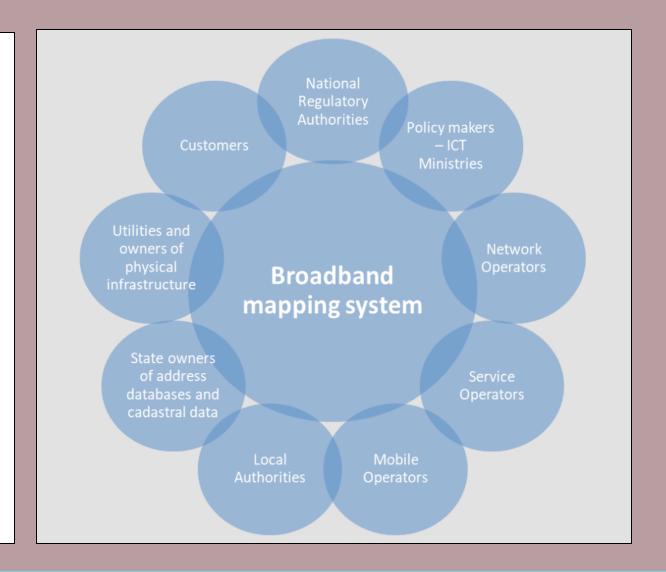








Infrastructure Mapping	Service Mapping
The activity entailing the gathering, structuring and representing:	The activity entailing the gathering, structuring and representing:
georeferenced data on passive physical infrastructure (e.g., pipes, ducts, poles, manholes, base stations, mobile towers, etc.) represented in lines and nodes; information about the type of infrastructure deployed (fiber/copper, water pipes, electricity); information about the owners of that infrastructure (fixed/mobile telecommunications, other network operators, national and local government, etc.)	data about service availability (including bandwidth and or type of technology used to offer the service), data about the number of broadband service offers from operators data about the estimated quality of service available for a specific address and/or a specifically defined geographical area (e.g., 100m x 100m grid)
Investment Mapping	Demand Mapping
The activity entailing the gathering, structuring and representing:	The activity entailing the gathering, structuring and representing:
data about planned investments aimed at developing broadband infrastructure and services in a defined geographical area (e.g., region, municipality), including relevant information about publicly and/or privately funded projects.  Investment maps may include reports about areas characterized by market failure or sub optimal outcomes	data about the quantity and quality of broadband demand for bandwidth desired by the end user.  the level of financial allocation foreseen in association with that given broadband fixed service.











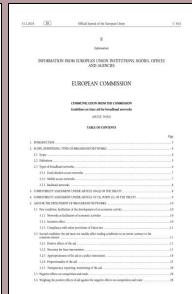


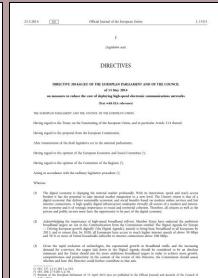
### **Regulatory Practices & Frameworks**

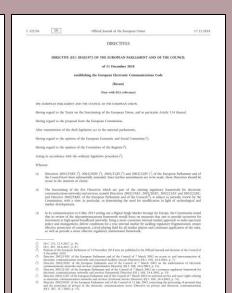






















# **Africa-BB-Maps in Malawi**











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### National Stakeholder Mapping: Roles and Responsibilities



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### Africa-BB-Maps - Geospatial Software Choices for Malawi

















### Africa-BB-Maps - Geospatial Software: Malawi 's Choice



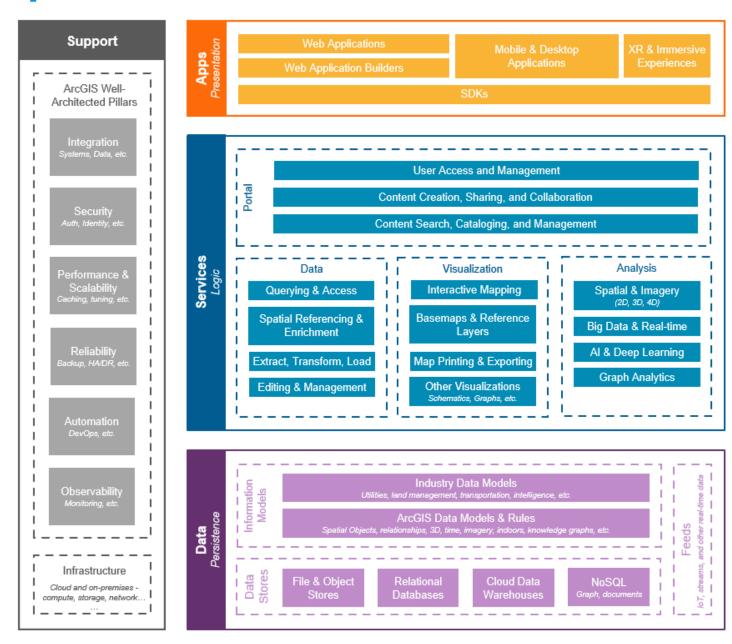








### Africa-BB-Maps – ArcGIS Architecture



Source: Esri

### Africa-BB-Maps - ArcGIS Architecture Pillars

### **Best Practice and Design Recommendations**





Integration



**Performance & Scalability** 



Reliability



**Automation** 



Observability











### Africa-BB-Maps – ArcGIS Architecture Systems Patterns

### **Geospatial in Nature, Supports Multiple Deployment Models**



**Location Services** 



Self-service mapping, analysis, and sharing



Enterprise application hosting and management



Data editing and management



Imagery data management and analytics



Mobile operation and offline data management



Real-time data streaming and analytics



Big data analytics











### Africa-BB-Maps - ArcGIS Architecture Deployment Model

**On-premises** 

laaS

PaaS

SaaS

**Applications** 

Data

Runtime

Middleware

OS

Virtualization

**Servers** 

Storage

Networking

**Applications** 

Data

**Runtime** 

Middleware

OS

Virtualization

Servers

**Storage** 

Networking

**Applications** 

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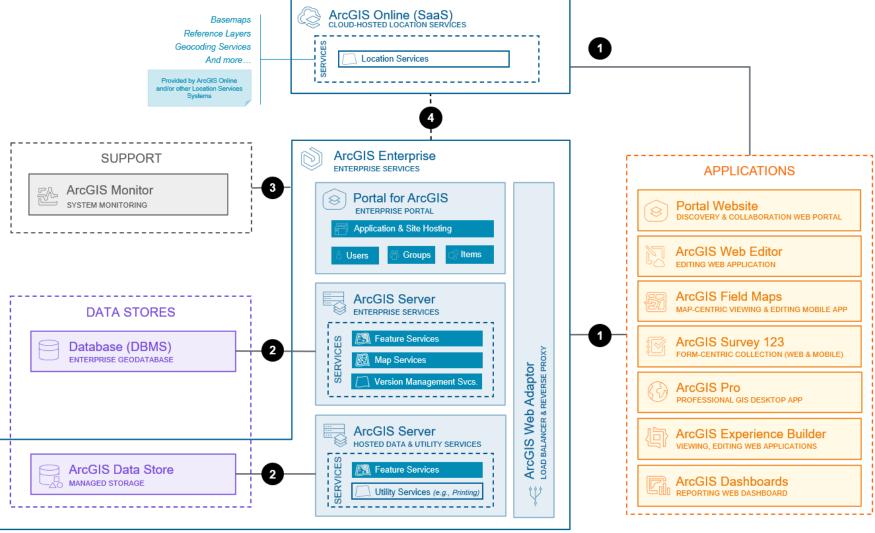








### Africa-BB-Maps - ArcGIS laaS/On-Premises





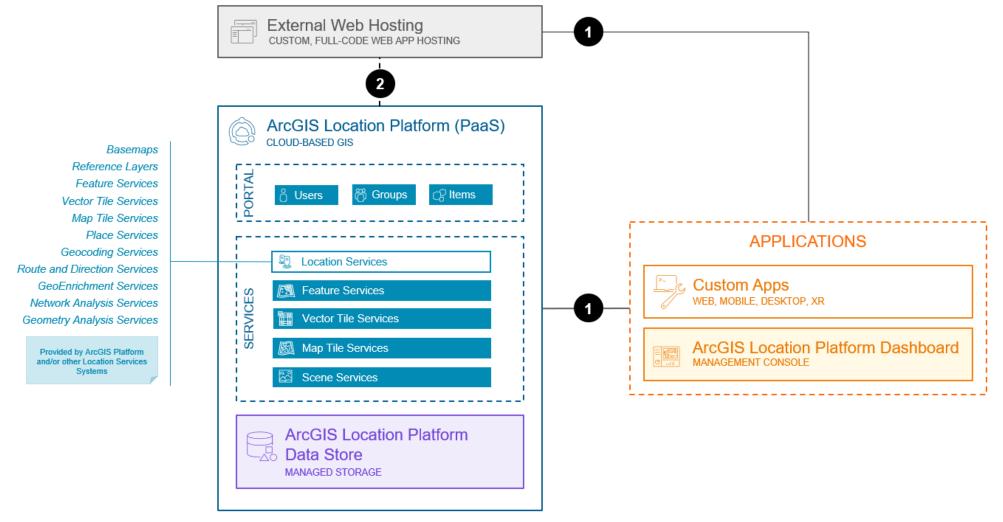








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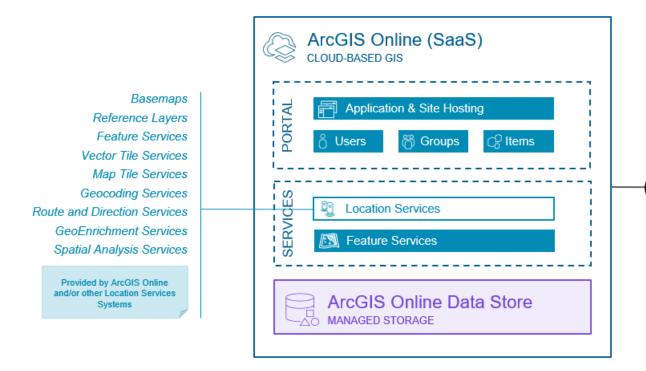








### Africa-BB-Maps - ArcGIS SaaS







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# Geospatial Open Source & Open Data









### Africa-BB-Maps - Geospatial Open Source Software



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#### deegree

deegree is open source software for spatial data infrastructures and the geospat...



#### GDAL/OGR

GDAL is a C++ translator library for more than 200 raster and vector geospatial ...

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#### GeoMoose

GeoMoose is a Web Client JavaScript
Framework for displaying distributed cartogr...



#### GeoNetwork

A catalog to manage spatially referenced resources. It provides powerful metadat...

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#### GeoNode

GeoNode is a web-based application and platform for developing geospatial inform...



#### GEOS

GEOS (Geometry Engine – Open Source) is a C++ port of the Java Topology Su...





#### GeoServer

Designed for interoperability, GeoServer publishes data from any major spatial d...

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♦ OSGeo

#### GeoTools

An open source Java library providing a standards compliant approach for visuali...

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#### **GRASS**

GRASS is a powerful computational engine for raster, vector, and geospatial proc...



#### gvSIG Desktop

gvSIG is a powerful, user-friendly, interoperable GIS used by thousands o...

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#### Mapbender

Mapbender is a web based geoportal framework to publish, register, view, navigat...



#### MapServer

Known as one of the fastest mapping engines in the world, MapServer is an Open S...

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#### Marble

Versatile, yet easy to use. Use Marble similar to a desktop globe; pan around an...

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#### OpenLayers

OpenLayers makes it easy to put a dynamic map in any web page. It can display ma...

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#### Orfeo ToolBox

Orfeo ToolBox is an open-source project for state-of-the-art remote sensing, inc...

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#### OSGeoLive

OSGeoLive is a self-contained bootable DVD, USB thumb drive or Virtual Machine b...

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#### pgRouting

pgRouting extends the PostGIS / PostgreSQL geospatial database providing routing...



#### PostGIS

PostGIS adds GIS spatial types and support to PostgreSQL. It is used by Database...

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#### PROJ

PROJ is a generic coordinate transformation software that transforms geospatial ..



#### pycsw

pycsw is an OGC CSW server implementation written in Python. Started in 2010 (mo..



#### pygeoapi

pygeoapi is an OGC API to geospatial data



#### **PvWPS**

PyWPS is an implementation of the Web Processing Service standard from the Open ..

Website Source Documentation



#### **QGIS Desktop**

QGIS is the leading Free and Open Source Desktop GIS. It allows you to create, e...

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#### Z00-Project

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ZOO-Project is a C-based WPS (Web Processing Service) implementation. It is an



**F**eature **D**ata

FDO Data Access Technology is an API for

manipulating, defining and analyzing ge...

**FDO** 

**O**bjects

#### GeoHealthCheck

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#### GC2/Vidi

A platform for building spatial data infrastructure and deploying browser based .

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GeoHealthCheck is a Python application to support monitoring OGC Web Services up...



#### GeoServer Client PHP

GeoServer Client PHP is library for interacting with the GeoServer API.

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#### GeoStyler

generic styler for geodata

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#### actinia

Actinia is an open source REST API for scalable, distributed, high performance p...



#### EOEPCA+

EOEPCA+'s vision is to streamline the access to and processing of earth observat.

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⊕ OSGeo

ETF is a testing framework for validating data and APIs in Spatial Data Infrastr..



#### GeoWebCache

GWC is a tile server and caching proxy written

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( OSGeo

#### Giswater

An intelligent technology, free and open source for the integral water cycle man...

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#### istSOS

IstSOS is an OGC Sensor Observation Service server implementation written in Pyt...

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A loader for geographic data in GML and KML (that needs some preparation before ..

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#### mapfish

Create reports that contain maps!



#### MapGuide Open Source

MapGuide Open Source is a web-based platform that enables users to develop and d...

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#### mappyfile

A Python library to create, parse, modify, and format MapServer Mapfiles....

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#### Mesh Data Abstraction Library (MDAL)

Mesh Data Abstraction Library (MDAL) is a translator library for more than 15 un...

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#### MobilityDB

An open source geospatial trajectory data management & analysis platform..

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#### Open Data Cube

The Open Data Cube is a Python library and suite of supporting applications that...



#### Opticks

Opticks is an expandable remote sensing and imagery analysis software platform t...

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#### OSGeo4W

OSGeo

OSGeo4W is a binary distribution of a broad set of open source geospatial softwa...



#### OSSIM

OSSIM is an open source, C++ (mostly), geospatial image processing library used ...

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#### **OWSLib**

OWSLib is a Python package for client programming with Open Geospatial Consortiu.

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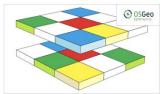






#### PROJ-JNI

PROJ-JNI provides a Java Native Interface for PROJ C/C++ library...



#### Pronto Raster

Pronto Raster is a C++ library for calculations with raster data. The library is...

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#### rasdaman

Scalable datacube analytics

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#### **TEAM Engine**

The Test, Evaluation, And Measurement (TEAM) Engine is a testing facility that e...



#### TorchGeo

TorchGeo: datasets, samplers, transforms, and pre-trained models for geospatial ...

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#### XYZ / MAPP

Open source presentation, controller, domain, and service layers for cloud nativ...

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# Coastal Modelling Environment

#### CoastalME

A land surveying CAD package under CoastalME (Coastal Modelling Environment) is development a Free Open Source and Software for...

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#### DigiAgriApp

DigiAgriApp is a software solution aimed at anyone with cultivated land....

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#### eodash

Bezitopo

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Publish and integrate Earth Observation data in a dashboard application through ...



#### **EOxServer**

EOxServer is a Python application and framework for presenting Earth Observation...



#### ESA-NASA WorldWind

WorldWind is a free, open source API for a virtual globe. WorldWind allows devel...

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#### First Draft GIS

First Draft GIS is an Artificial Intelligence that makes the first draft of a ma...



#### Flexurba

Flexurba is an open-source R package to flexibly reconstruct the Degree of Urban...



#### Geomajas - OSGeo

Heritage Project

Note: This project is an OSGeo Heritage Project - it is no longer maintain...

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#### GeoMesa

GeoMesa is an open-source, distributed, spatio-temporal database built on a numb.

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#### Geopaparazzi

Geopaparazzi is a tool developed to do very fast qualitative engineering/geologi...

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#### geOrchestra

geOrchestra is the free, modular, interoperable & secure Spatial Data Infras...



#### GeoTrellis

GeoTrellis is a geographic data processing library designed to work with large g...

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#### GeoWave

GeoWave is a software library that connects the scalability of distributed compu...



#### GET-IT - Geoinformation Enabling ToolkIT starterkit®

The Geoinformation Enabling ToolkIT starterkit® (GET-IT) is the software suite f...



#### **GIFramework Maps**

GIFramework Maps is a .NET based web mapping application designed and developed

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#### Giro3D

Giro3D is an open-source JavaScript framework for visualizing and interacting wi...



#### Gisquick

Let's share GIS much quicker!



#### **HOT Tasking Manager**

The purpose of the Tasking Manager is to divide a large mapping project into sma...

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#### JTS Topology Suite

JTS is an open source spatial library defining geometry, spatial relationships, ...



#### Kaoto

Kaoto is an integration editor to create and deploy workflows in a visual, low-c...

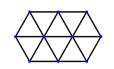
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#### pdal

The Point Data Abstraction Library (PDAL) provides command line tools and a libr...

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#### PerfectTIN

Converts point clouds to TINs

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#### py3dtiles

Python library and command-line for 3dtiles

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#### Koop

An Open Geospatial ETL Engine so you can leave geospatial data where it lives an...

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#### Leaflet

Open-source JavaScript library for mobilefriendly interactive maps



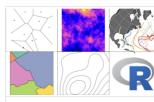
### LERC Limited Error Raster Compression

LERC is an open-source image or raster format which supports rapid encoding and ...



#### QField

Get your QGIS fieldwork done efficiently and comfortably.



#### R-Spatial

A set of R packages for handling and analysing spatial data, built upon OSGeo co...

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#### **RasterFrames**

RasterFrames® enables analysts, data scientists and EO specialists to easily...

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#### Masterportal

Masterportal is an open source geoviewer (WebGIS) compliant to OGC standards. It...

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#### MOSS

Map Overlay and Statistical System (MOSS) The Map Overlay and Statistical System...



#### MovingPandas

Python library for movement trajectory data exploration and analysis.



#### **SFCGAL**

SFCGAL is a C++ wrapper library around CGAL (Computational Geometry Algorithms L...



#### Tegola

Tegola is a high performance Mapbox Vector Tile server written in Go. In a nutsh...

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#### Terra Draw

Terra Draw is an open source JavaScript library for drawing and editing geometri...

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### Africa-BB-Maps - Geospatial Open Data

# 'Open Data applies the principles of free and open to geospatial data'









### Africa-BB-Maps - Geospatial Open Data (Global)











### Africa-BB-Maps - Geospatial Open Data (Global)



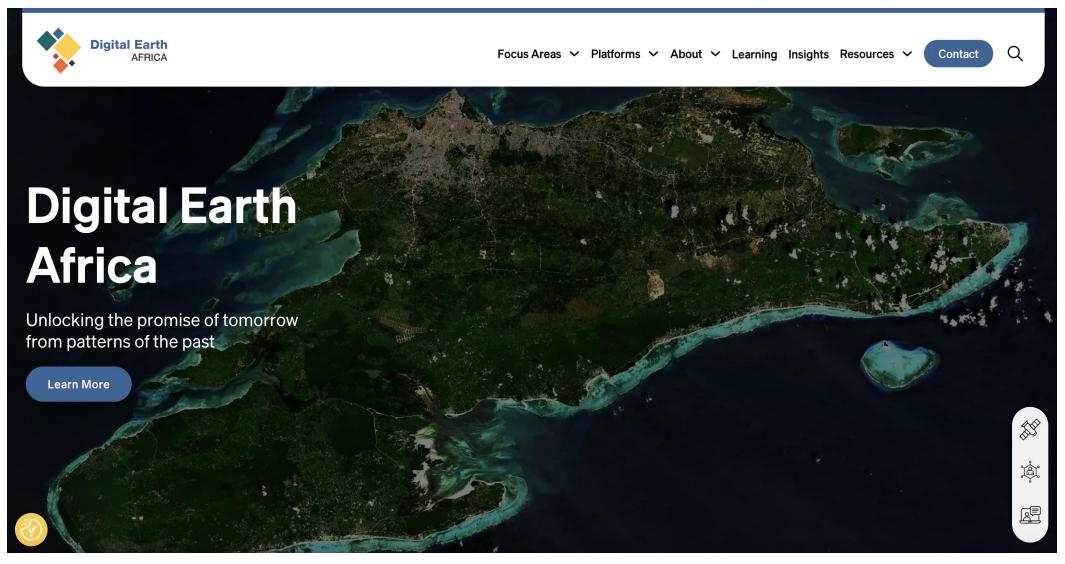








## Africa-BB-Maps - Geospatial Open Data (Africa)













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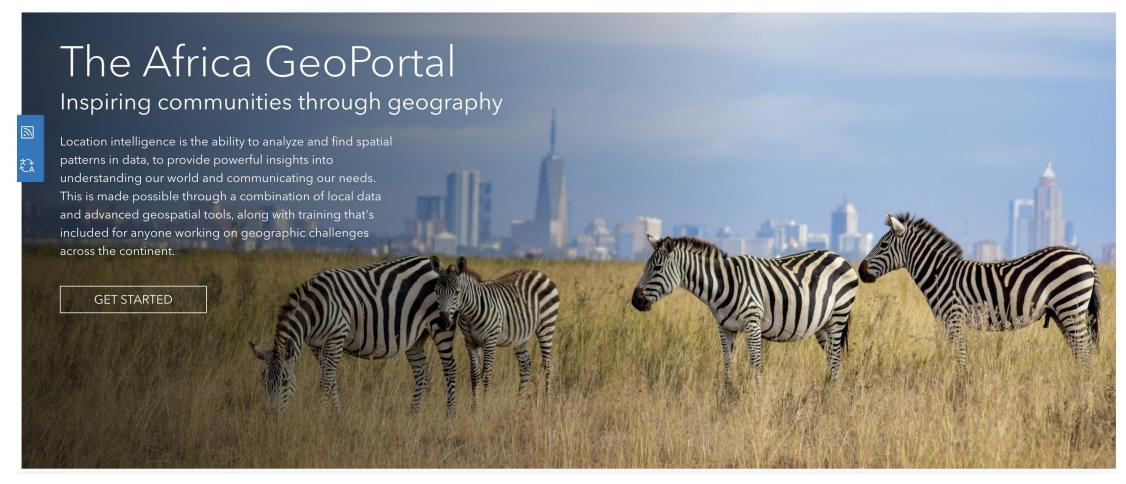


Data Library

Learning Center

**Geospatial Tools** 

Community **▼** 











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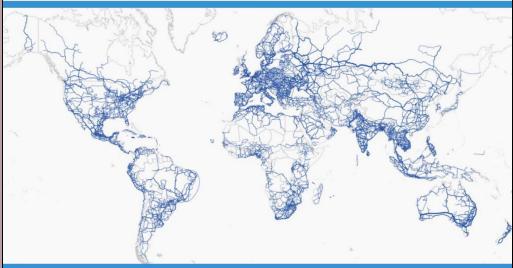


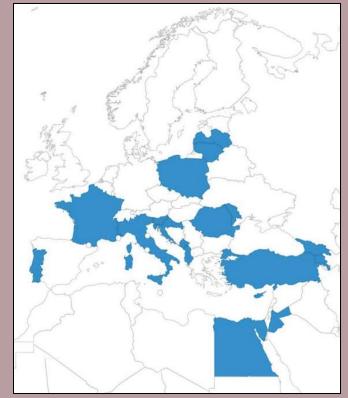


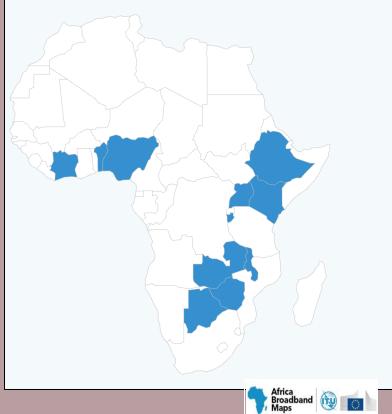


# Framework for our policy action

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## **Policy Deep-dive: Structure**

Section	Title
1	Introduction
1.1	Background
1.2	Context
1.3	Problem statement
1.4	Purpose of the guidelines









2.1	Strategic and policy drivers for broadband mapping	
2.2	A regulatory framework for mapping	
2.2.1	The EU Guidelines on State Aid for Broadband (2013)	
2.2.2	The Broadband Cost Reduction Directive (2014)	
2.2.3	The European Electronic Communications Code (2018)	
2.3	Regulatory improvements and developments	
2.3.1	Revision of the EU Guidelines on State Aid for Broadband	
2.3.2	Revision of the Broadband Cost Reduction Directive	
2.3.3	BEREC's implementation of the EECC	
2.3.4	The European experience in the field of dispute settlement mechanism	
2.4	Minimum policy and regulatory requirements to implement a broadband mapping system	









3.1	Project setup	
3.1.1	Project framework and objectives	
3.1.2	Project design	
3.3	Minimum technical and project requirements to implement a broadband mapping system	









4.2 General Success Factors
4.2.1 Stakeholder involvement
4.2.2. Clear definition on types of
mapping
4.2.3. Internal sponsorship
4.2.4 Efficient reporting tool
4.2.5 Reporting support

4.1	Data quality
4.1.1	Data confidentiality
4.1.2	Data sources
4.1.3	Reporting types
4.1.4	Regulation
4.1.5	Stakeholder costs

4.3 Long term sustainability
4.3.1 Investment in reporting tools
4.3.2 Collection tool adaptability and development
4.3.3 Visualisation tools
4.3.4 Tools' promotion
4.3.5 Data application
4.3.6 Open-source solutions
4.3.7 Change management











# **Example of Checklist**

#### **Checklist 1 - Policy and Regulatory Checklist**

- 1. Define the rationale and objectives for broadband mapping at the country level
- 2. Identify relevant institutions and stakeholders and their roles
- 3. Include the rationale and mandate in strategic documents (e.g., broadband plans, ICT strategies)
- **4.** Provide a platform for long term engagement and consultation with all stakeholders (operators, regional and local administrations, etc.)
- 5. Analyse the legislative framework and propose reform as needed
  - Infrastructure sharing (infrastructure mapping)
  - Allocation of public funding (service mapping)
  - Objective of the map
  - Obligation for the authority to deliver the map
  - Obligation for stakeholders to provide information
  - Other
- **6.** Ensure the NRA (or other Competent Authority) has the necessary mandate, budget and human resources to implement the provisions of the law
- **7.** Define common technical definitions and methods to carry out the broadband mapping exercise. Consult with stakeholders.
- 8. Establish a dispute settlement mechanism fit for the national context
- **9.** Plan regular evaluations of the mapping and of its the usefulness in fulfilling its objectives. adjust the map and any related normative provisions, if necessary, in accordance with the assessment, changes in objectives or legal/regulatory framework every 4-5 years to ensure they are fit for purpose

OUTPUT: review of enabling environment and recommendations and/or report describing existing boundaries of the regulatory framework for broadband mapping











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**Co-Creation on Architecture, Governance and Policies & Regulation** 

#### **Group 1**

Systems Architecture & Deployment Models

#### **Key Area:**

- Proprietary / Open source
- Deployment Architectures
- Pillars (Security,
   Performance
   & Scalability,
   Integration, Reliability)

#### **Group 2**

Data Governance Framework

#### **Key Area:**

- Data Governance,
- Standardization,
- Validation,
- Data Quality Assurance

#### **Group 3**

Policy and Regulation

#### **Key Area:**

- ☐ Internal, legal or policy barriers;
- Coordination challenges between data providers and MACRA
- Data ownership and confidentiality
- Institutional limitations
- National & Regional harmonization











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National Roadmap - Training Programme, Final

**Timeline & Next Steps** 



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### Africa-BB-Maps - MACRA's Orchestrating Role



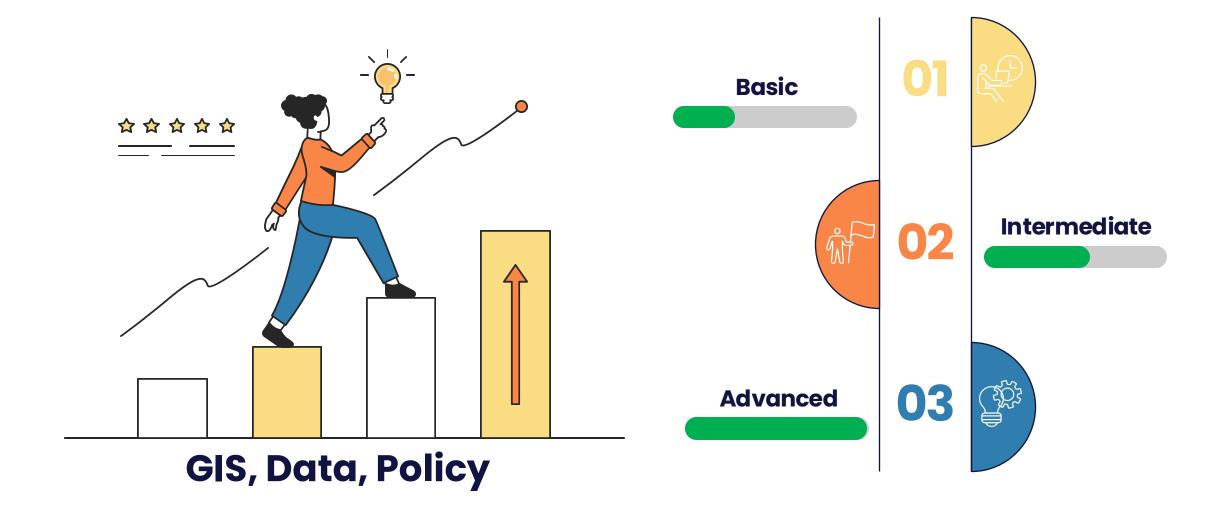








### Africa-BB-Maps - Capacity Development Roadmap for Malawi



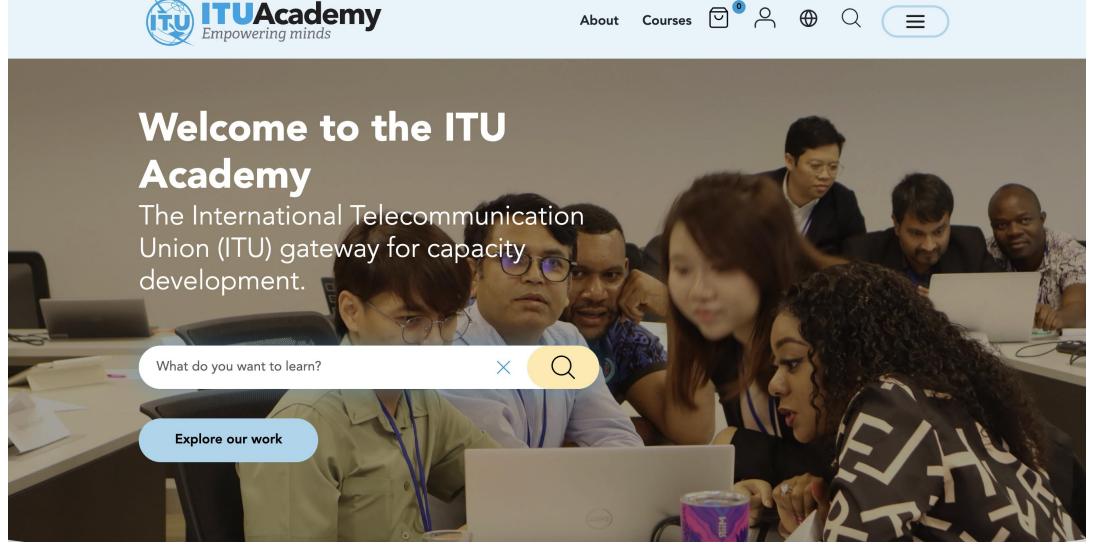








### Africa-BB-Maps - Capacity Development Delivery Platform





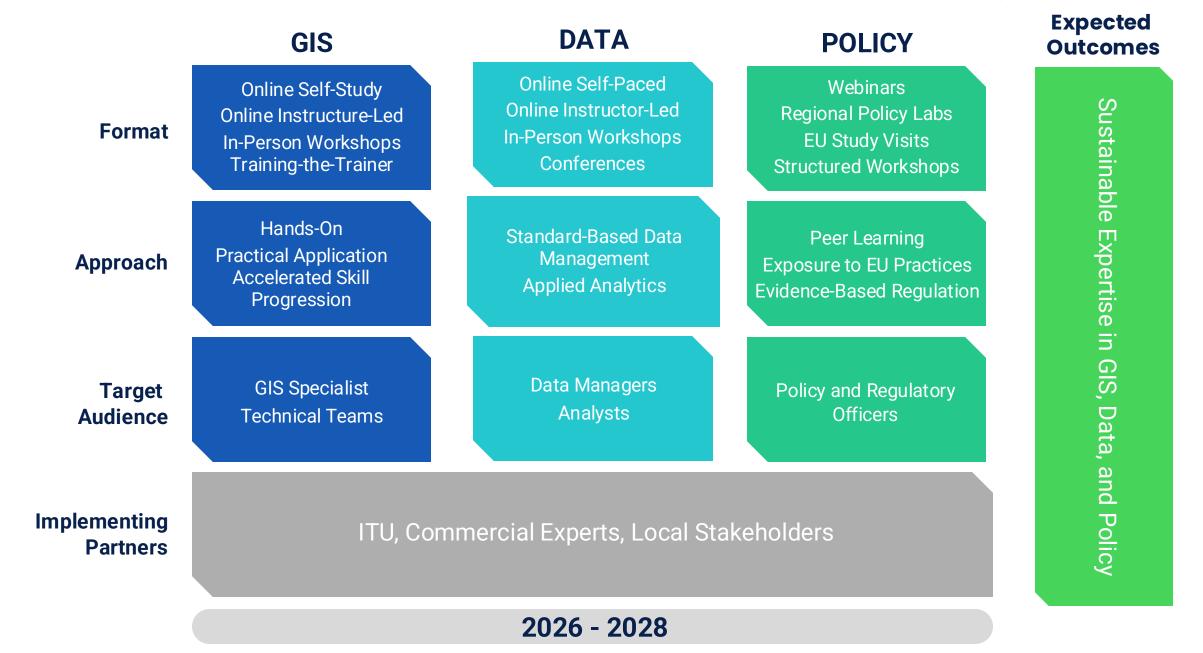




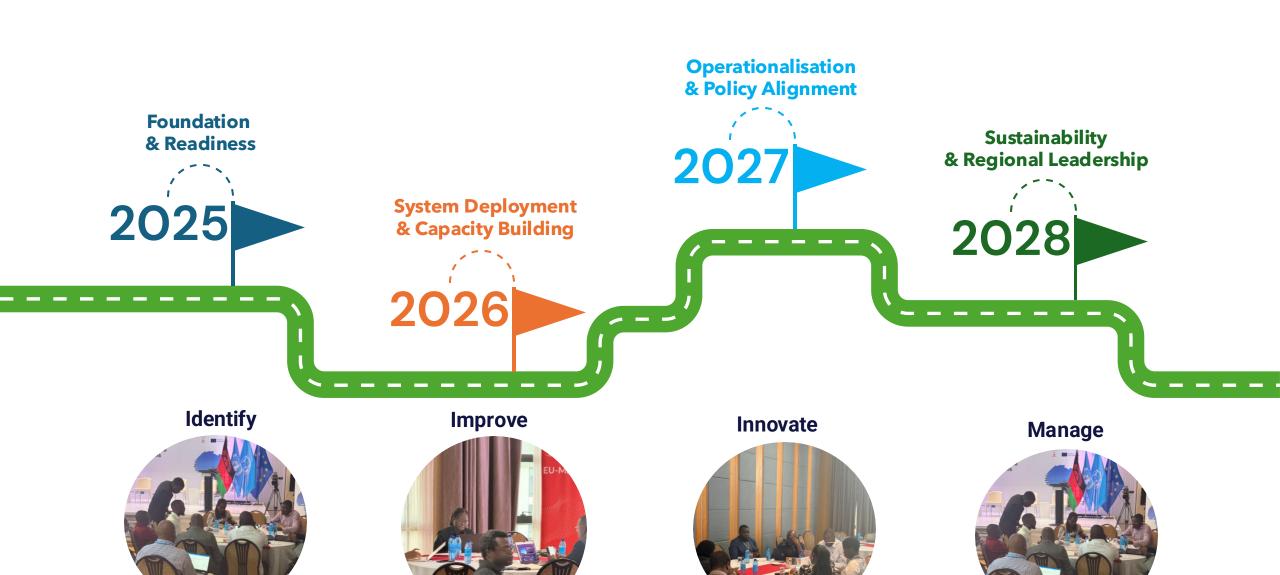




## Africa-BB-Maps - Capacity Development Framework (2026-2028)



### Africa-BB-Maps – Next Steps for Malawi



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