



Finding *reliable & authoritative* data on internal administrative boundaries?



 **2030 Agenda** for Sustainable Development

...”promote transparent and accountable scaling-up of appropriate public-private **cooperation** to exploit the contribution to be made by a wide range of data [...] and geospatial information, while **ensuring national ownership** in supporting and tracking progress” of the SDGs...



Compile **complete and consistent** GIS dataset **worldwide** for administrative boundaries and names at first and second level below national, at 1 million scale;



Identify and maintain of **authoritative contact information** of the National Geospatial Authorities responsible for administrative boundaries **validation**



Maintain a table overview of **historical changes** (data through time) of national administrative units and names



OUTREACH

- Data **advocacy** to political
- Yearly request for updates
- Promote geospatial authority



PROCESS

- Common geography
- Consistent and **standard** data
- Attributes & scale



SHARE

- **Accessible** website
- Dedicated country pages
- Data through time



OWNERSHIP

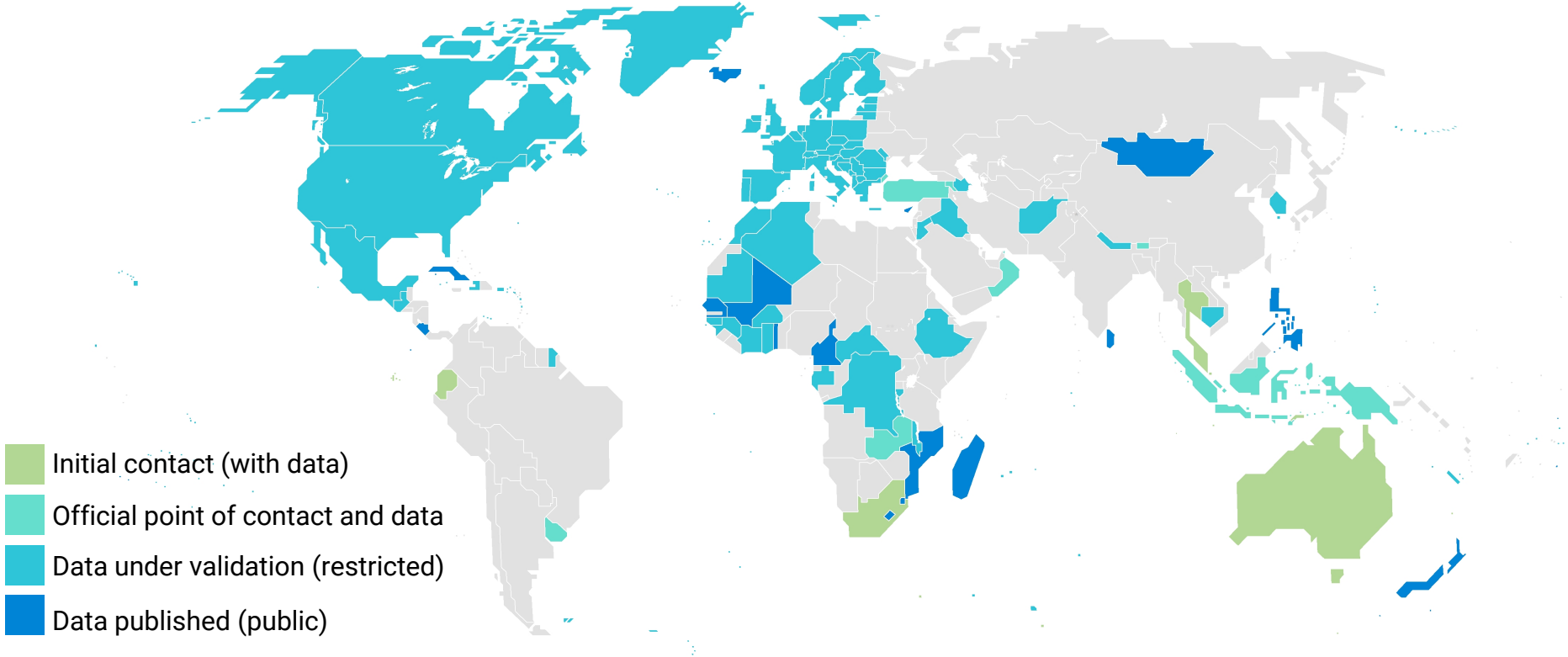
- Custodian national agency
- **Authoritative** POC & data
- Policies & Terms



STORE

- Metadata and time-stamp
- Time stamped data & validity
- **Global** data coverage





The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.
 * Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the Parties.
 ** Final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined.

Challenges:

- Continuous participation from Member States
- Standardization efforts (geography & codes)
- Lack of resources of the programme

Opportunities

- Unique authoritative approach
- Countries interest in participating
- Currency with the help of partners





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Defining further with partners a process for linking operational initiatives to SALB as the authoritative source of data on internal administrative boundaries

