Dr. Umaru Bah at Inaugural Africa Open Data

Dr. Umaru Bah recently participated in the inaugural Africa Open Data Conference (http://africaopendata.net) in Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania (September 2-5, 2015). Dr. Bah planned and coordinated the highly interactive, groupsourced session on effective and optimal use and management of data (primarily open data) for good governance and sustainable development in the continent. The event was geared toward encouraging, influencing and/or training various drivers, stakeholders and beneficiaries across all sectors of government, civil society and businesses on effective and optimal use and management of data (primarily open data) for good governance and sustainable development in the continent. Sponsors included USAID, World Bank, IBM Research Africa, Africa Development Bank, UNDP and World Wide Web Foundation.

In recognition of his active role in the Ebola Open Data Jam (http://www.meetup.com/Africa-Open-Data/events/220348825/) [February 21, World Bank Headquarters, Washington, D.C.], Dr. Bah was tasked with coordinating a session on open data for enhancing and expanding effective healthcare in Africa. Participants of the highly interactive, groupsourced session included local, regional and international policymakers, program sponsors, implementing partners, civil service organizations and SME (small and medium enterprises) representatives.

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