

Managing research data in the Caribbean: Good practices and challenges

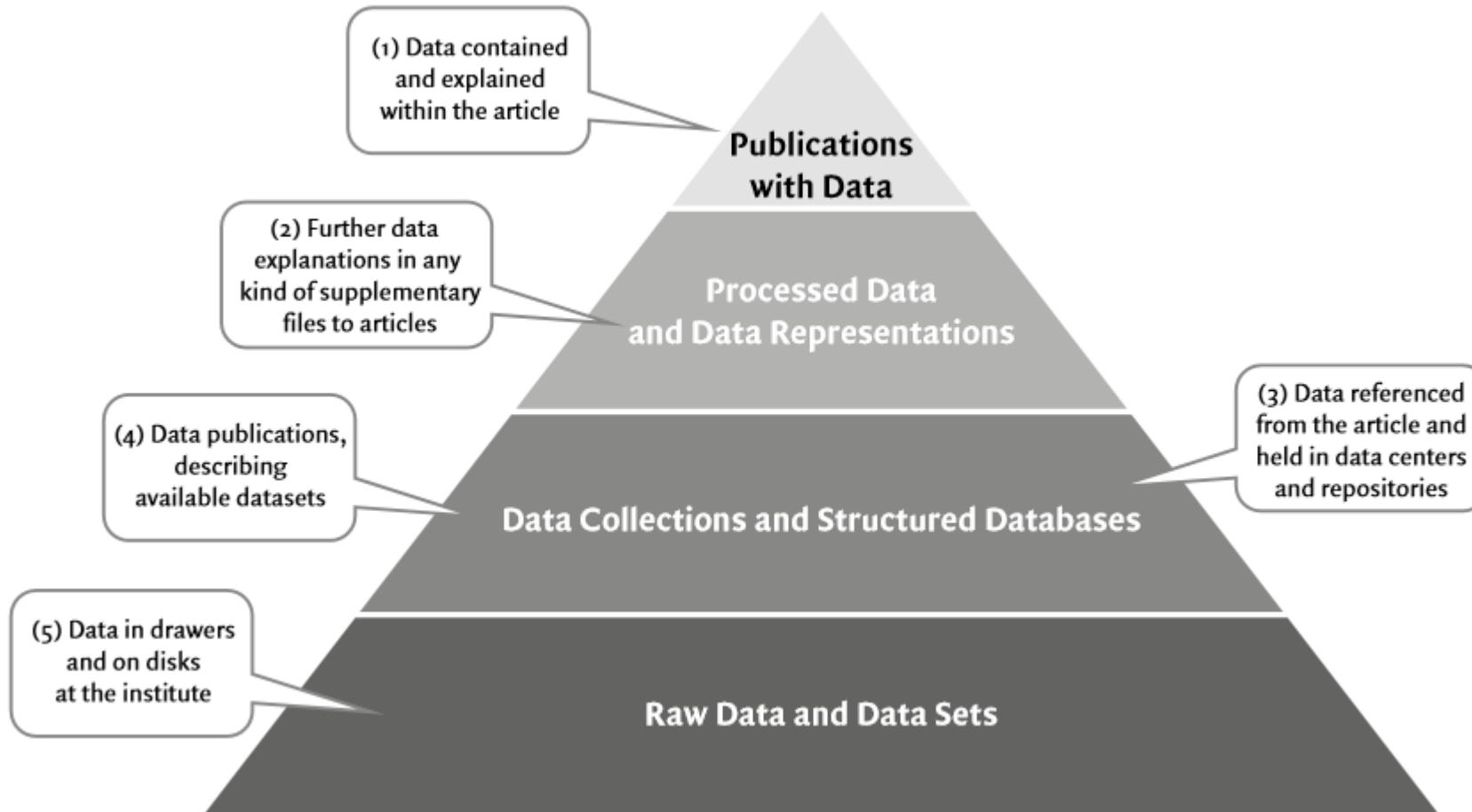
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Introduction

- Discussion with centre on experiences – personal and reported – of doctoral students, mainly from the UWI, but also to a lesser extent from the University of Technology.
- In severely resource-constrained contexts, rational policymakers, industry leaders, institutions stewards and managers of firms (not-for-profit and those with profit motives) allocate capital to provide optimal returns.

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 - Central Bank online repositories
 - The World Bank's World Data Bank (<http://databank.worldbank.org/data/home.aspx>)
 - The International Monetary Fund's World Economic Outlook Databases (<http://www.imf.org/en/data>).
 - Local statistics offices
 - Statistical Institute of Jamaica (<http://statinja.gov.jm/>)
 - Planning Institute of Jamaica (<http://www.pioj.gov.jm/>)
 - Industry sources
 - Jamaica Stock Exchange (<https://www.jamstockex.com/>)
 - University libraries

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- Created to encourage research among students, think tanks, policy makers, academics and all persons interested in Jamaica's economic and social history and performance.
- It is a compilation of over 700 of the most important macroeconomic variables over the period between 1950 and 2012 covering information on the economy, education, environment, finance, population, tourism, labour force and health.
- It was created in partnership with the Caribbean Open Institute, where developers, researchers and journalists can retrieve and re-use the data to develop their own analyses, reports and charts and applications.

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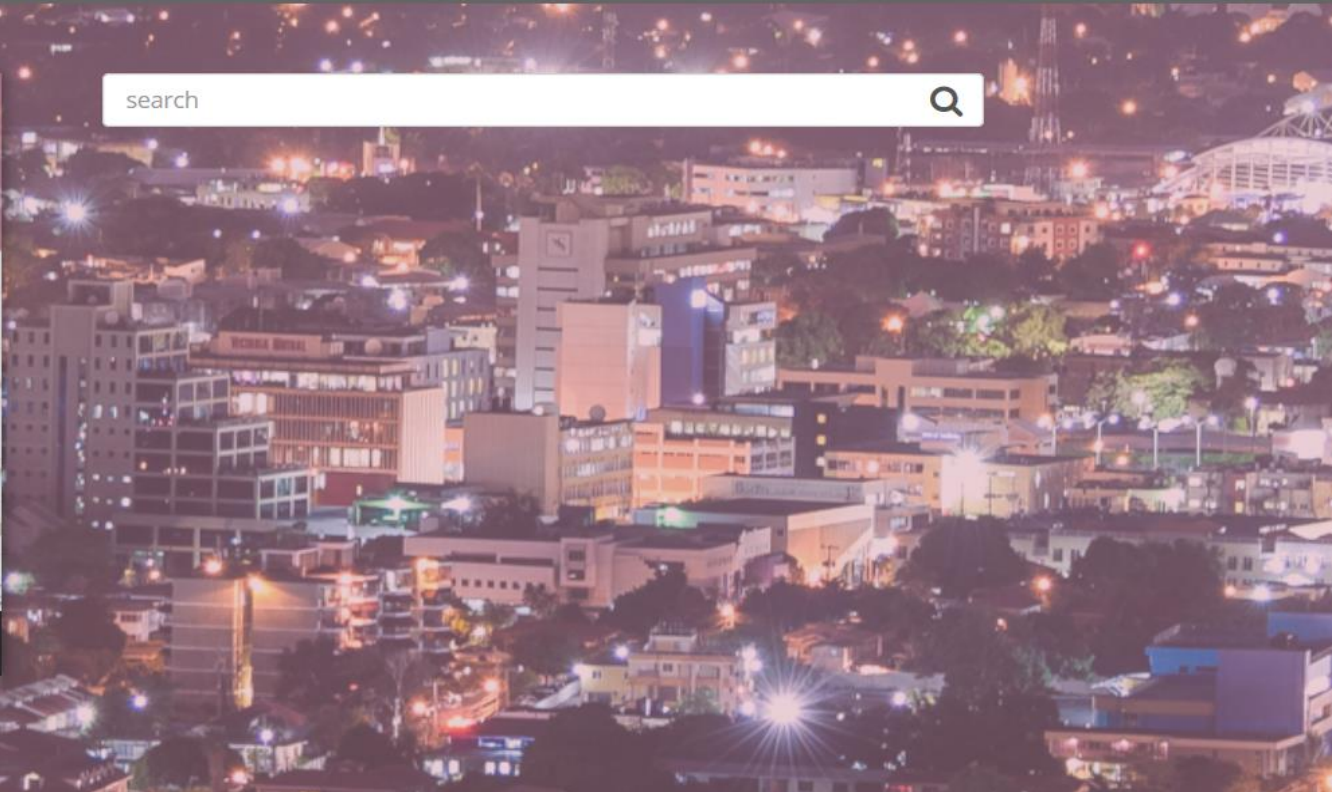
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The Open Data for Business (OD4B) Tool is a methodology to assess the private sector's current and potential use of government data in various countries. It is designed to increase the business use of government data.



Chikungunya Came to Jamaica in 2014

Chikungunya is a mosquito-borne viral disease first described during an outbreak in southern Tanzania in 1952. It is an RNA virus that belongs to the alphavirus genus of the family Togaviridae. In Jamaica, it is commonly called "Chik-V".



Open Data Readiness Assessment

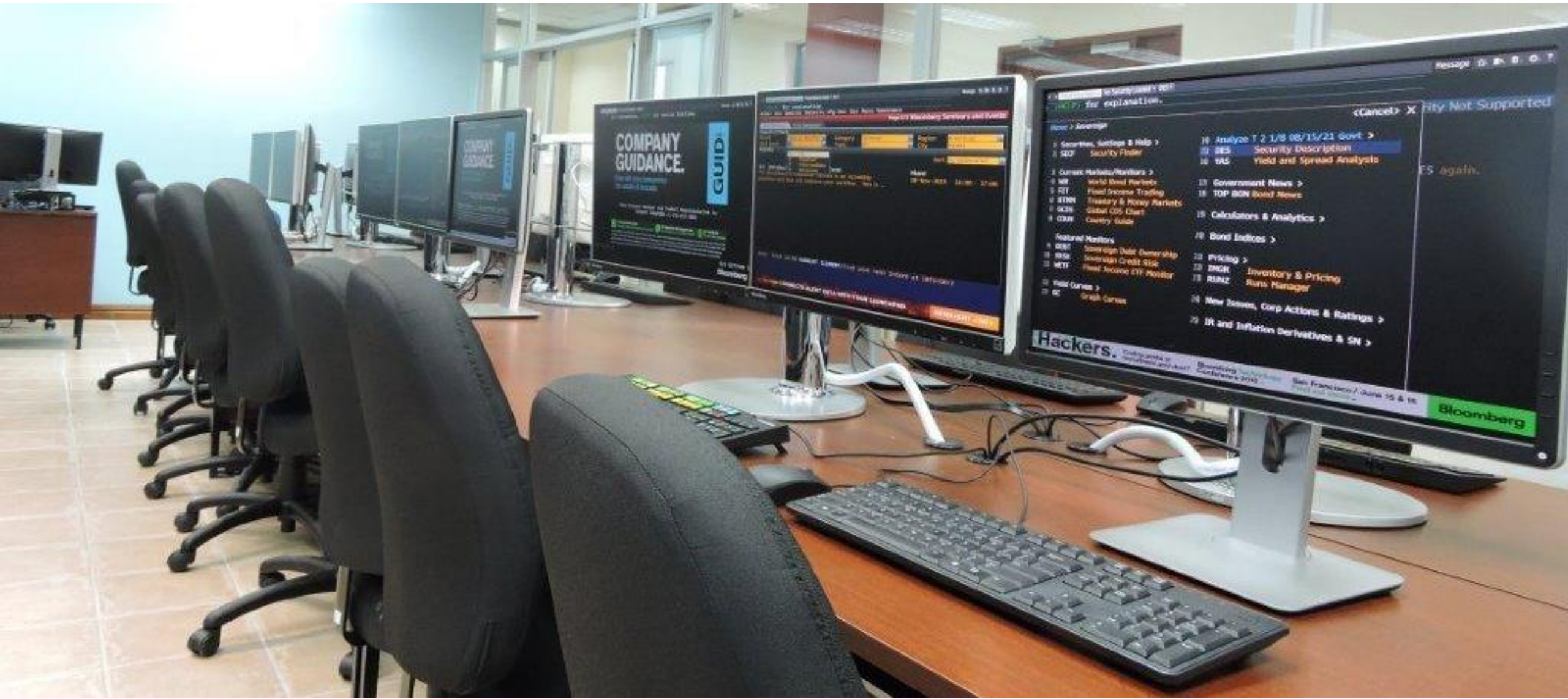
Jamaica is the third country in the Caribbean to take part in the World Bank's Open Data Readiness Assessment program and the second to include an Open Budget Data Readiness Assessment.



Using Jamaica's Open Data Portal

Welcome to the government of Jamaica's new open data portal, a site designed to provide access to timely and relevant data from various ministries and agencies using an open source data-publishing tool called DKAN.

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