

## Spatial Data Infrastructure in Africa: spotting the elephant behind the trees

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A few years ago, if one surveyed Africa to see how prevalent Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) initiatives were, one might have gotten a scanty response. But scratch a bit deeper, and a different story begins to emerge. SDI development has been plodding along, though at times with a different name. This paper provides an overview on the development and status of SDI in Africa. It provides examples from across the continent and touches on aspects of political support for SDI, leadership, data policy and enabling legislation, standards, and the formation of the Executive Working Group of CODI-Geo.

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