This project focuses on training journalists and leaders of civil society organisations in the use and analysis of open data on public action. In addition to technical training sessions on the use of open data, beneficiaries will take part in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Global Summit, which, from 7 to 9 December 2016, will bring together 2000 open data stakeholders in Paris. Strengthened by new skills and an enriched professional network, they will then be able to initiate citizen projects locally, using or creating open data.

AIM

To play a part in making citizens more involved in monitoring public policies, by helping journalists and actors in civil society to gain a better understanding of open data and use it more effectively.

FOR WHOM?

50 journalists and leaders of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in 15 countries in French-speaking Africa, the Arab world and South-East Asia.
WHEN?
From September to December 2016

HOW?

Training on the use of open data: four training sessions will be held in Dakar (Senegal), Tunis (Tunisia) and Manilla (Philippines) in October and November 2016. The workshops will focus on collecting and reusing open data.

Attendance at the Open Government Partnership (OGP) World Summit: meetings with international actors in the open data arena in order to allow the participants to exchange good practices and build up contacts.

Launch of local open data projects: assistance to devising the projects and presentation of their thoughts and proposals at a round-table meeting forming part of the official programme of OGP World Summit.

EXPECTED RESULTS

3 months

€480,000

50 professionnals

Strengthening of participants' technical skills in the use of open data.

Exchange of experiences and good practices between beneficiaries and open data stakeholders, plus enrichment of professional networks.

Initiation of citizen projects, involving the use or creation of open data by participants.

CFI, the French media development agency

CFI provides support to media organisations as development actors across several continents. A subsidiary of France Médias Monde and an operator of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the agency is currently working on around 30 projects that fall under three major programmes: Media and Governance, Media and Business, Media and Development.

The “Media and Development” programme helps media organisations to take ownership of development issues (education, health, gender) by strengthening the relationship of trust between journalists and civil society.

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