

Key challenges facing Africa's data revolution

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Access to and usability of data are limited, likely linked to weak in-country demand for quality data

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Political influence can hinder progress in improving data collection, management and dissemination

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National statistical offices lack incentives to improve, coupled with limited autonomy and unstable budgets

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Donors' priorities sometimes overtake national ones, often creating parallel systems

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Data accuracy is rarely checked and thus in many cases, baseline data is lacking

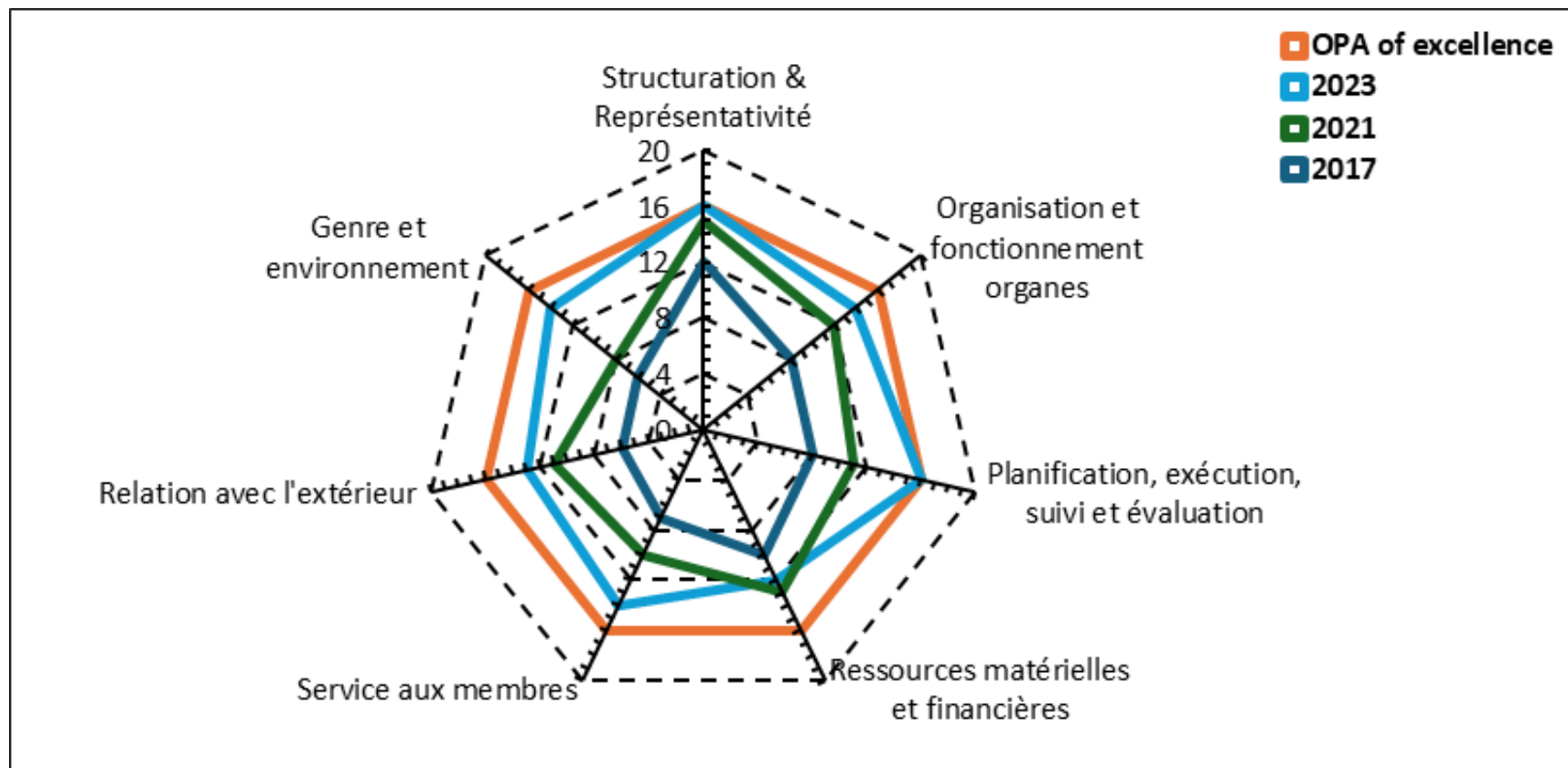
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Funding for data collection is often unstable and inadequate

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Data on key development indicators are scarce in Africa

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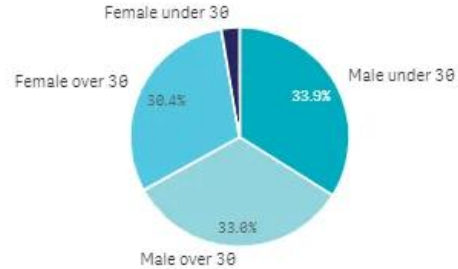
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Employee type



Age and gender composition of employees



Total number of employees

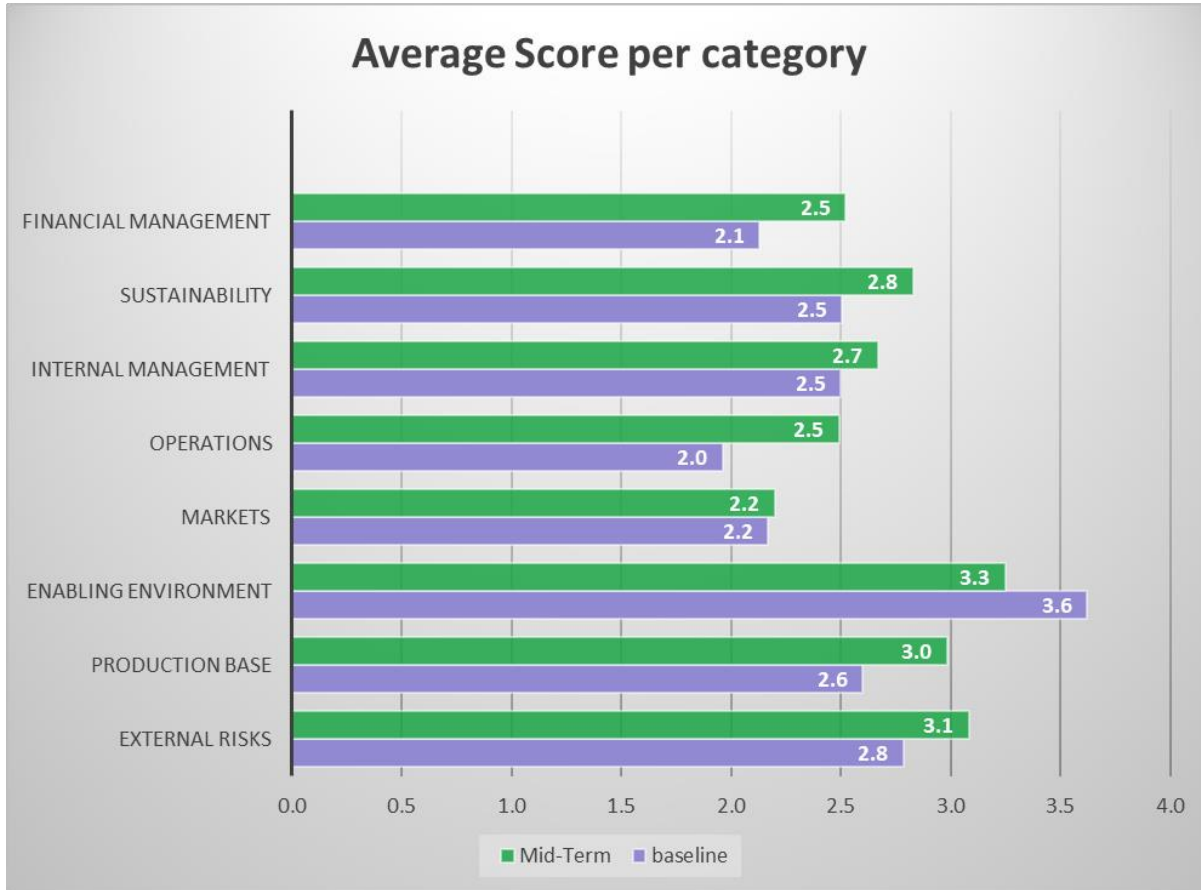
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Gender and age composition of total number of employees



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WHICH CHALLENGES REMAIN?

1. **DEMAND** – growing demand for Data for Accountability and Resource Allocation. But some actors are likely to block – confidentiality, fear.
2. **POLITICS** – move to Commercial Ag. Policies is leading to greater interest in data to stimulate investment
3. **GOVERNMENT** – still a huge challenge; limited resources and rapid staff turnover
4. **DONORS** – still building their own data silos
5. **DATA QUALITY** – generally poor; symptom rather than cause
6. ...and then a new challenge – **DATA PROTECTION**

WHAT WE NEED TO DO

1. Build from existing systems/pilots. Do not reinvent the wheel! But recognize the limits of current Government resources.
2. Build consensus amongst stakeholders for investment.
3. Challenge Donors to build national systems rather than their own system.....and move beyond farmer level data.
4. Address the Data Protection concern which could stall many initiatives....and if addressed well will also improve data quality.