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DEMOCRATISING DATA FOR DECISION-READY ANALYTICS



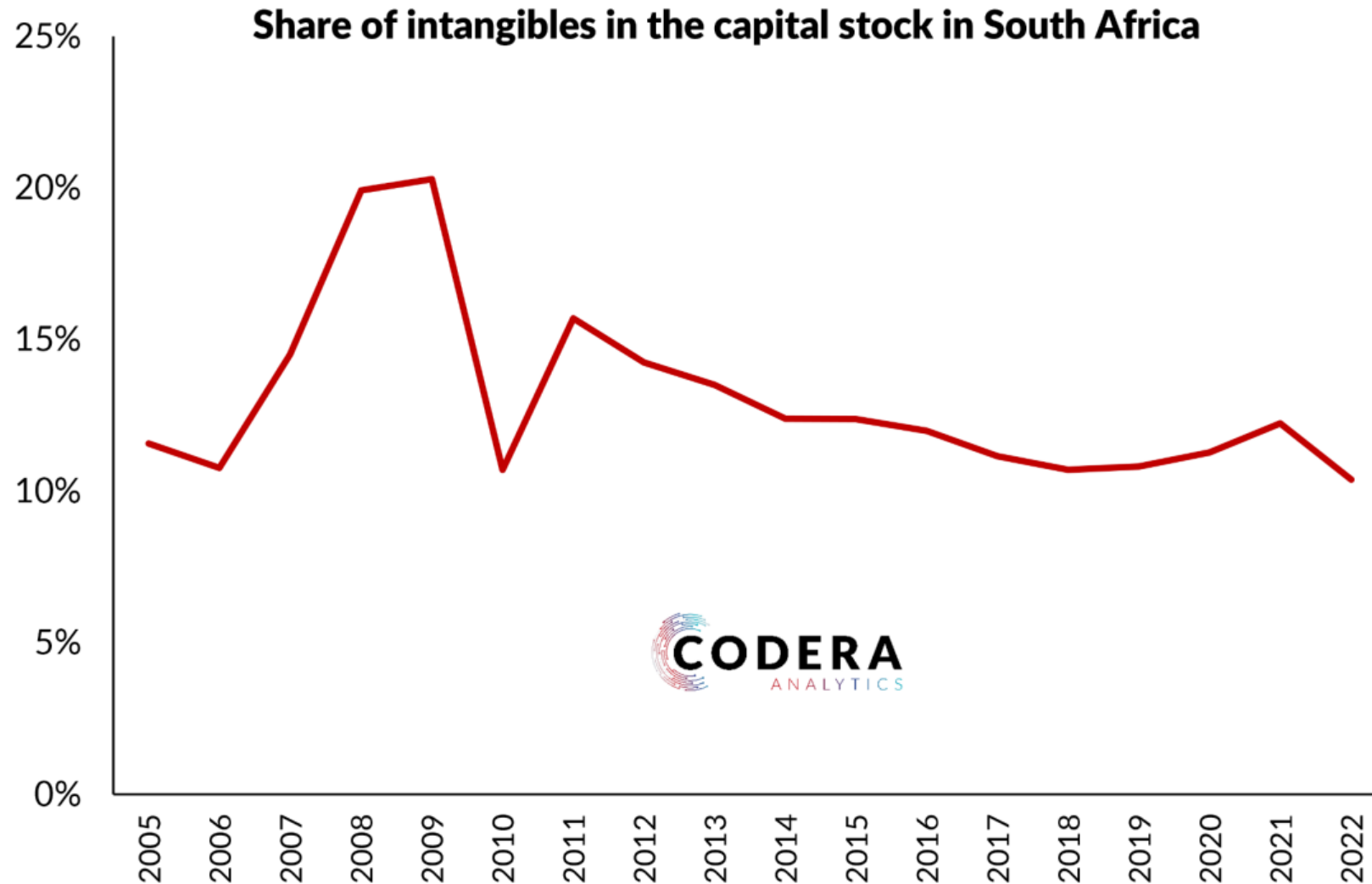
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Data Matters



SA is not accumulating IP & data assets



Source: Statistics South Africa. All industries excluding agriculture, hunting, financial intermediation, insurance, pension funding, other business services not elsewhere classified, general government and educational institutions.



An aerial photograph of the Gherkin building in London, showing its distinctive diamond-shaped glass facade and the surrounding cityscape. The image is overlaid with a blue gradient.

OVERVIEW

- Requirements for decision-ready analytics
- SA's Data Ecosystem
- What do we need to do?



REQUIREMENTS FOR DECISION-READY ANALYTICS

What are we trying to do?



Data
Integration



Data Assets



Data APIs



Automate



Data
Products



Automated
data quality
checks



Data Platforms
& Marketplaces



Protect
privacy &
security

What does data-driven analytics require?

Forecasting Data Product Example

Data Strategy



Data governance
baked into databases



Centralisation



Automation



Alignment with
strategy & policies

Value Realization



Data Taxonomy



Process codification



Value Chain



Bottom-up
implementation

Analytics



Aggregate
& disaggregated



Visualisation



Insights



Interoperability

Interaction



Scenario analysis



Answer questions



Judgements



Sharing outputs

Monitoring



Usage



Accuracy

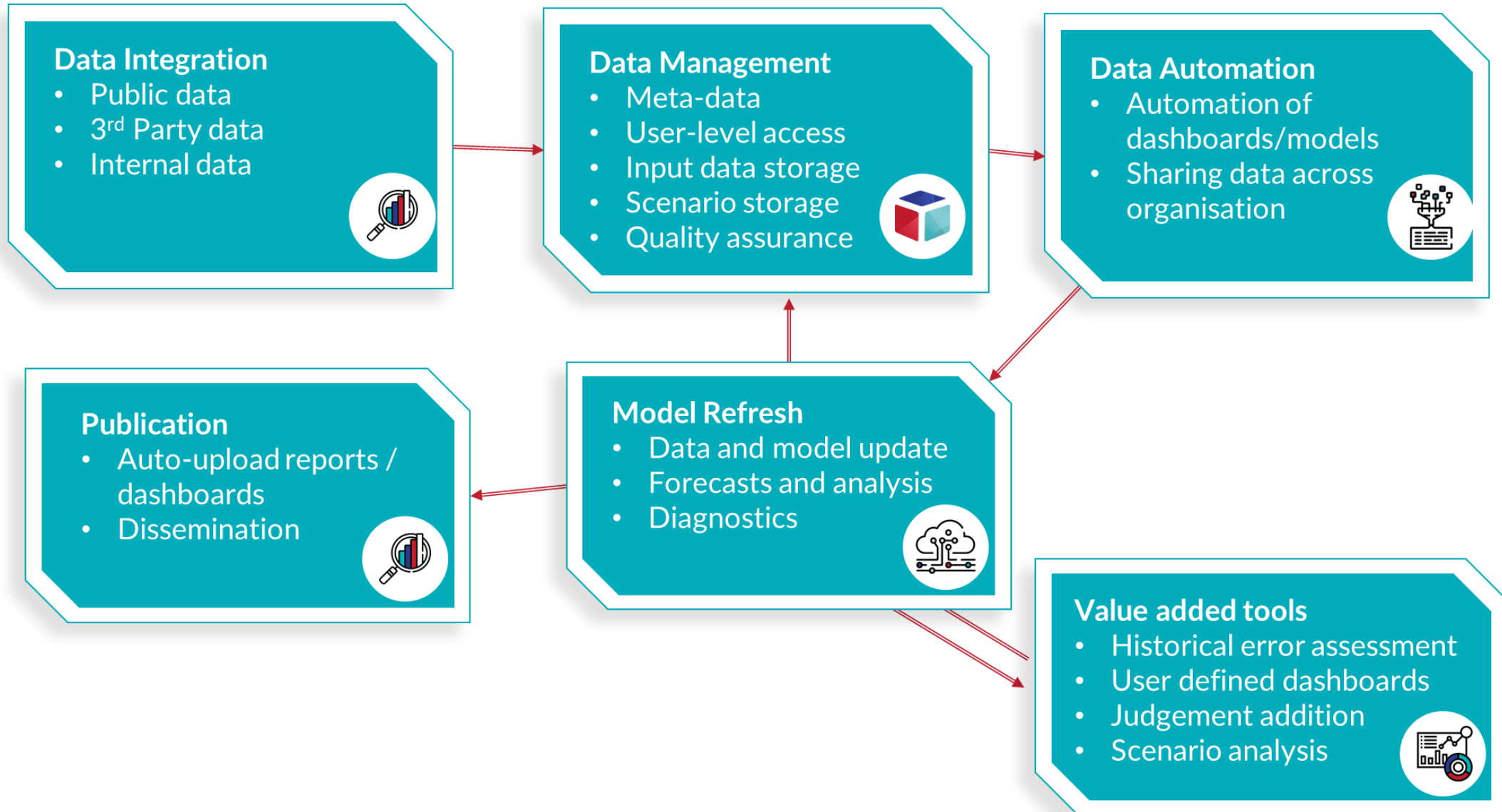


Role-based access



Data Quality

Example: Analytical Value Chain



Example: Automated predictive analytics

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South Africa Nowcast

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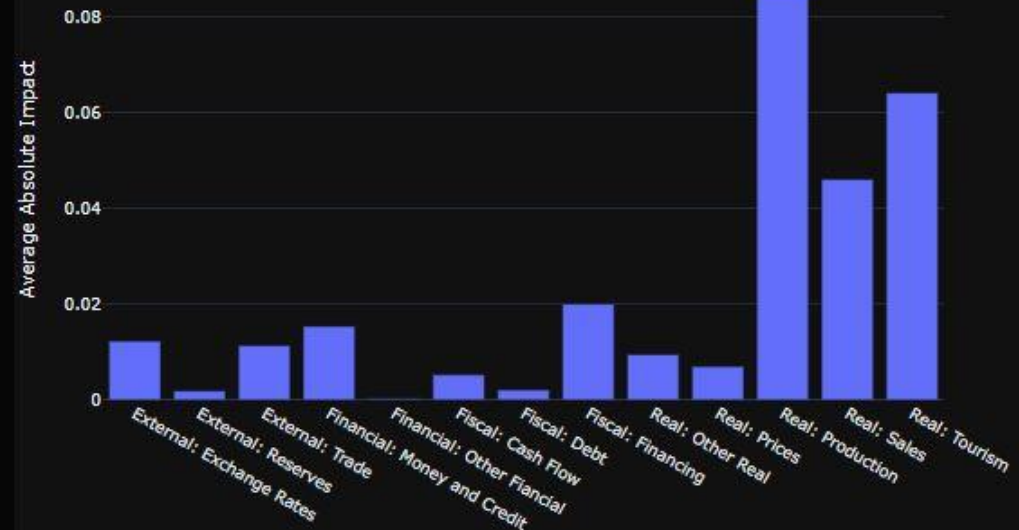
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All Nowcasts (+ Backtesting 2019Q2-2023Q1)



Average Absolute News Impact



DATA DEMOCRATISATION (PUBLIC & PRIVATE)

FAIR Principles for data governance & sharing



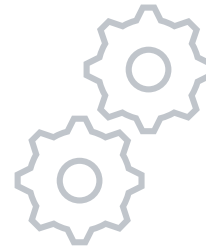
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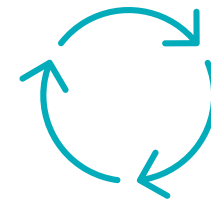
Accessible



Interoperable



Reusable



The Data Ecosystem as a city



Vehicles

- APIs

Trains

- Shared platforms & apps

Marketplaces

- Exchange, trade & sell

Government

- Public services
- Regulations & standards

Roads, Tunnels & Pipelines

- Data pipelines & utilities

Buildings & Skyscraper

- Companies with products & services

Residential areas

- Housing customer data

Community organisations

- Communities of practice
- Stakeholder fora

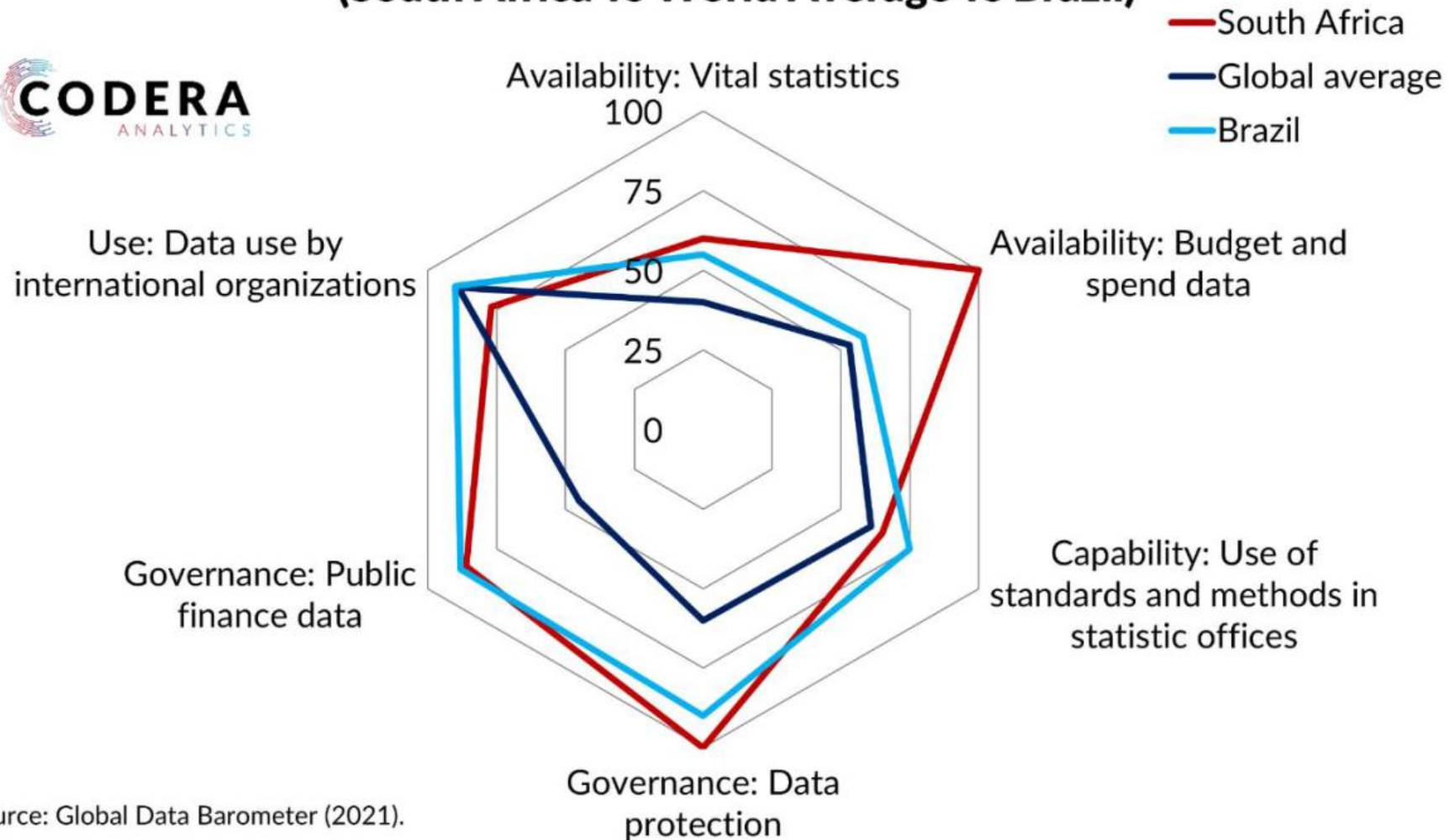
**DATA
ECOSYSTEM**



SA'S DATA ECOSYSTEM: COMPARATIVE STRENGTHS

SA does well on vital statistics & data protection

**Global Data Barometer scores for selected economies
(South Africa vs World Average vs Brazil)**



Source: Global Data Barometer (2021).



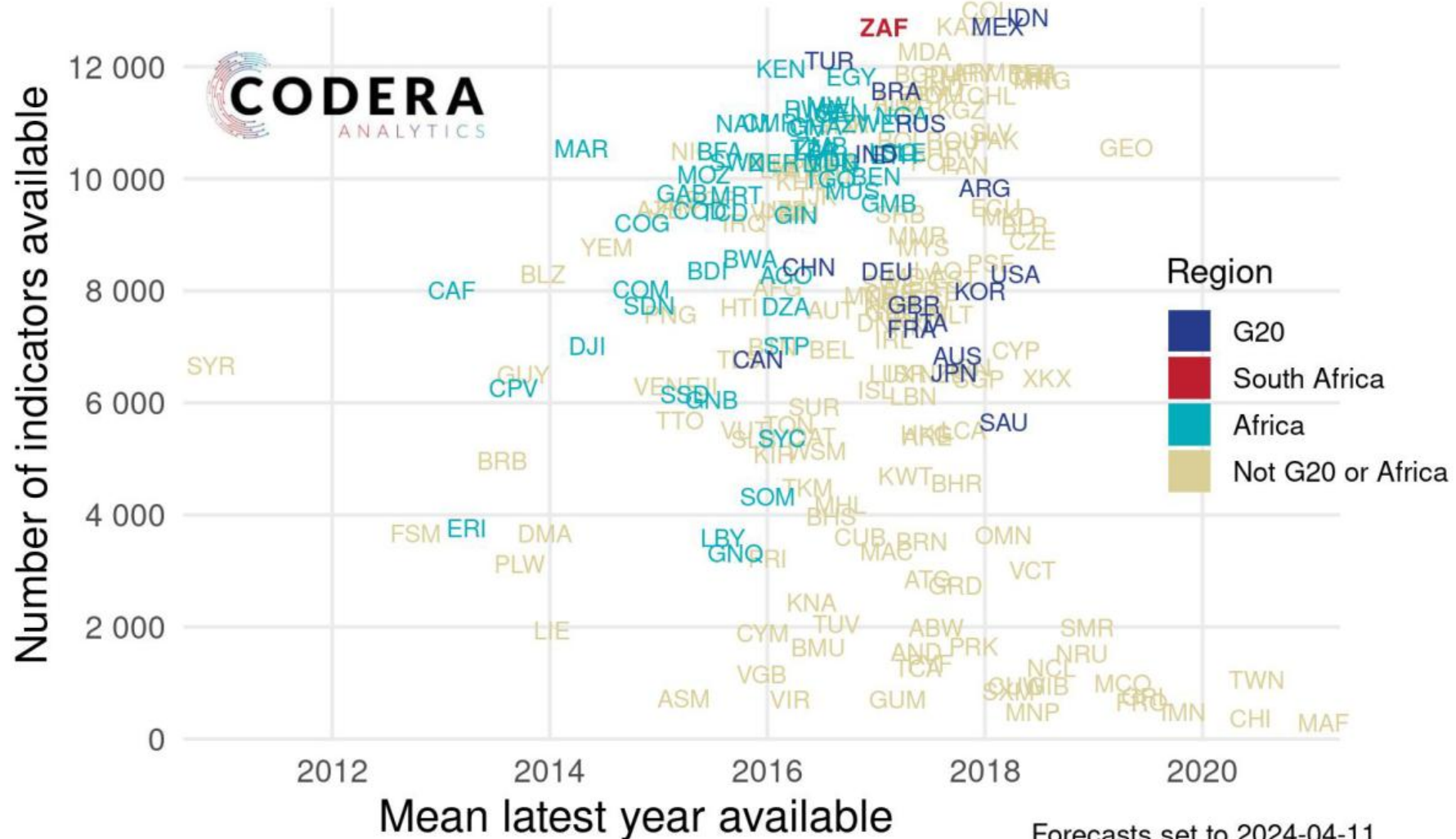
City data merged into the country level



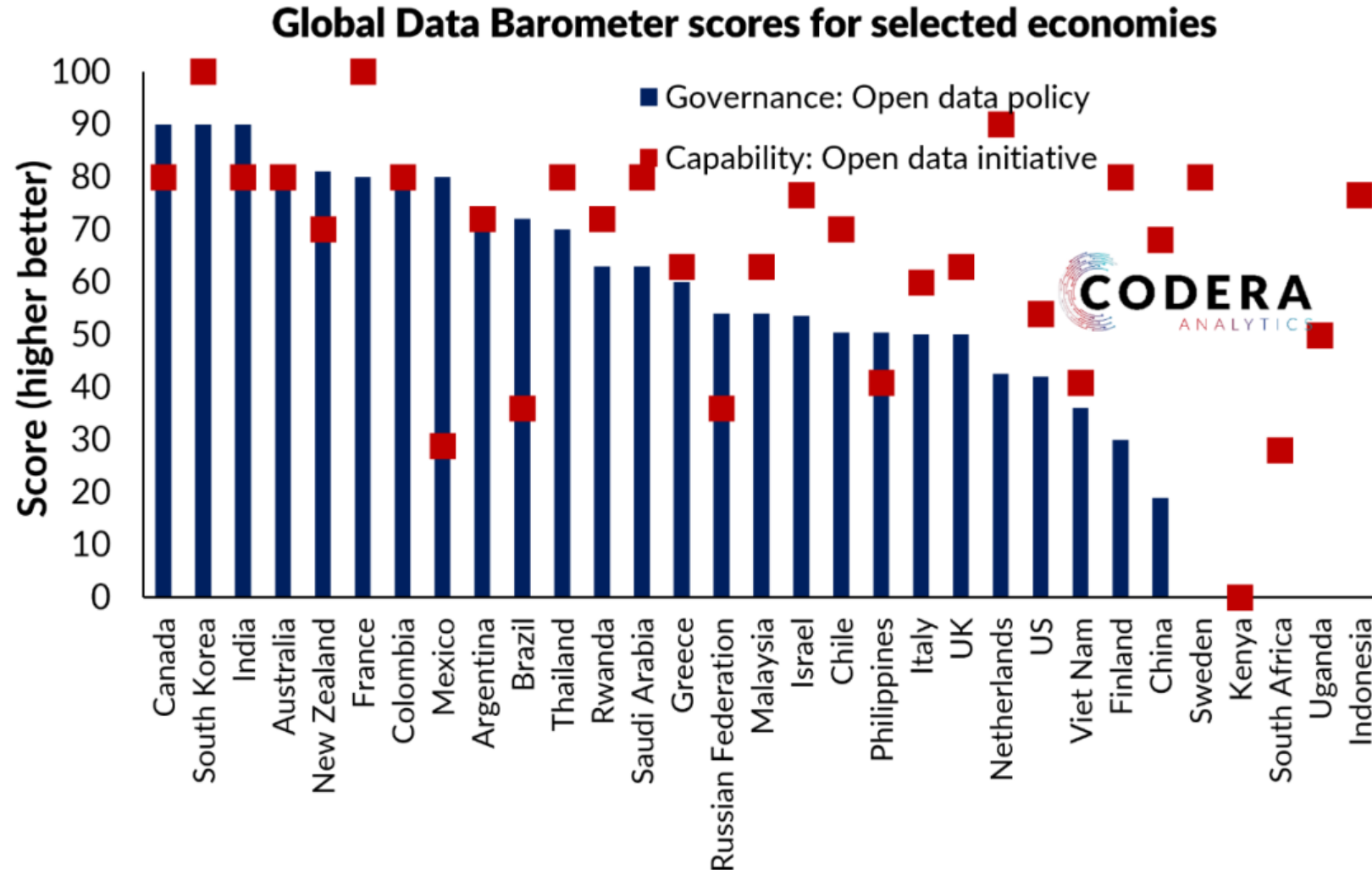
SA'S DATA ECOSYSTEM: COMPARATIVE WEAKNESSES

Though less up-to-date

Average latest year available for World Bank indicators, across countries
City data merged into the country level



Weak on open data

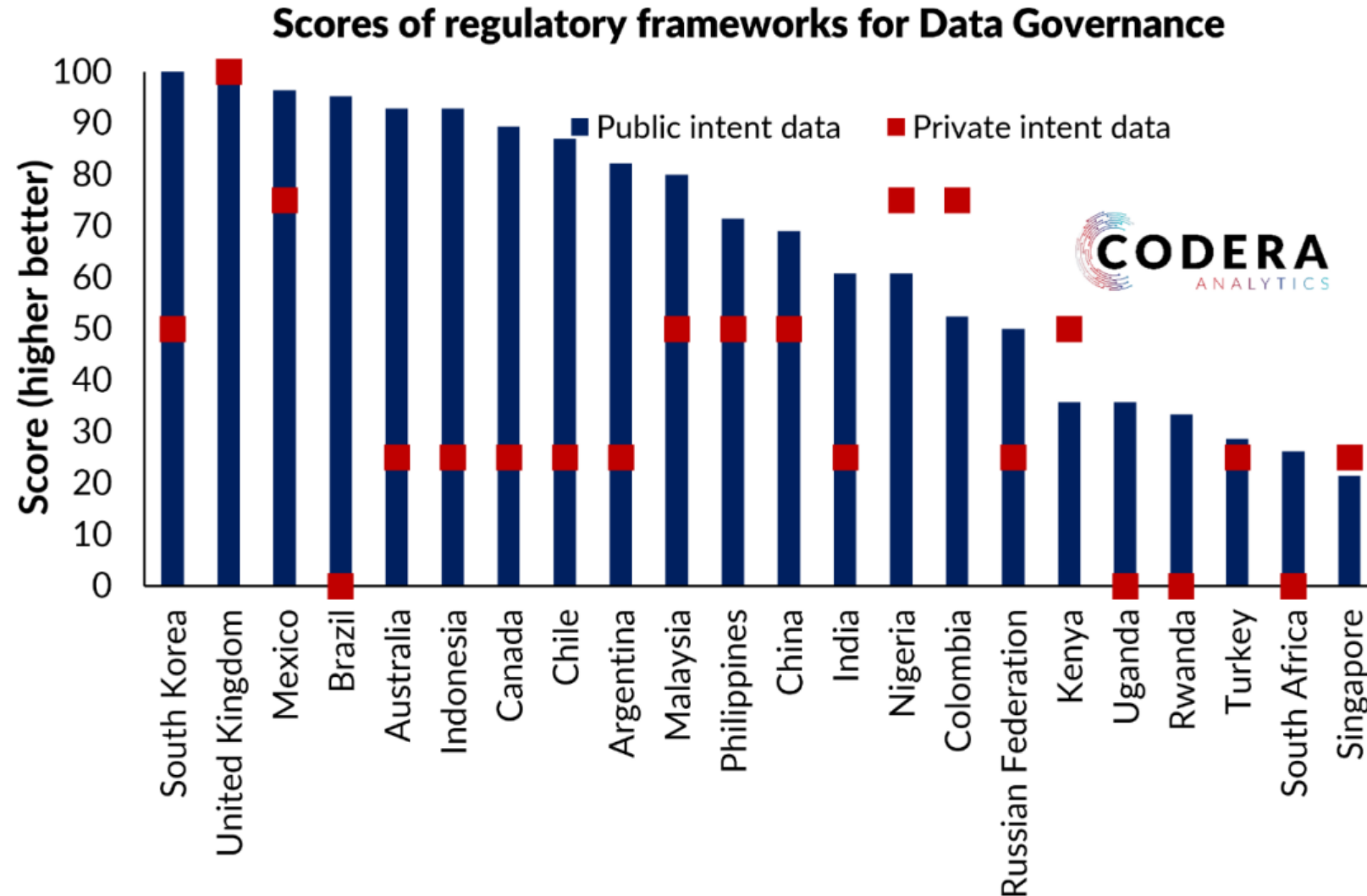


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WHY IS SA FALLING BEHIND?

Especially on regulatory frameworks

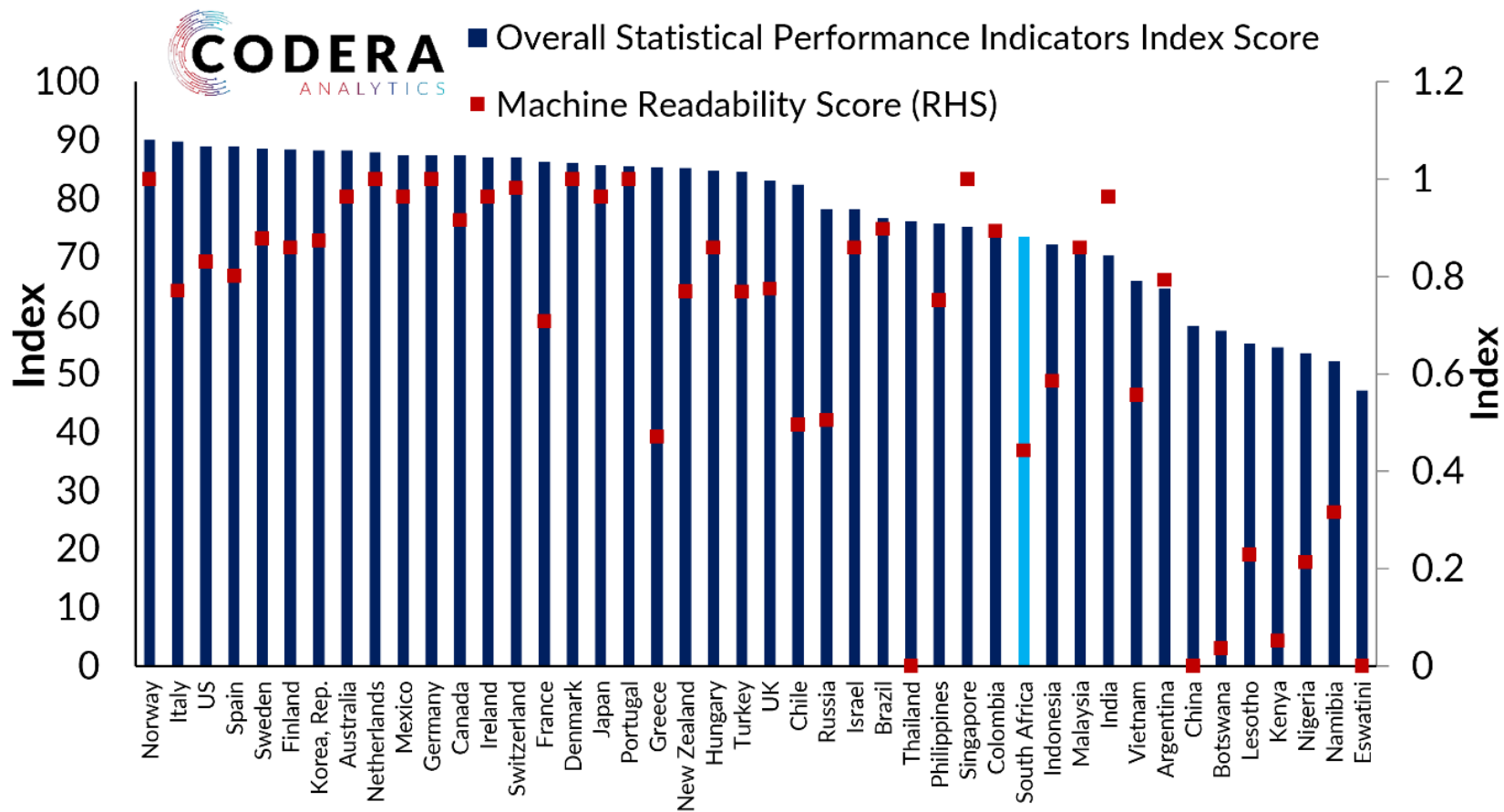


Source: Chen,Rong - DECIG, 2021. "[Mapping Data Governance Legal Frameworks Around the World : Findings from the Global Data Regulation Diagnostic](#)," Policy Research Working Paper Series 9615, The World Bank.



... and accessibility

National Statistical Performance Indicators for selected economies

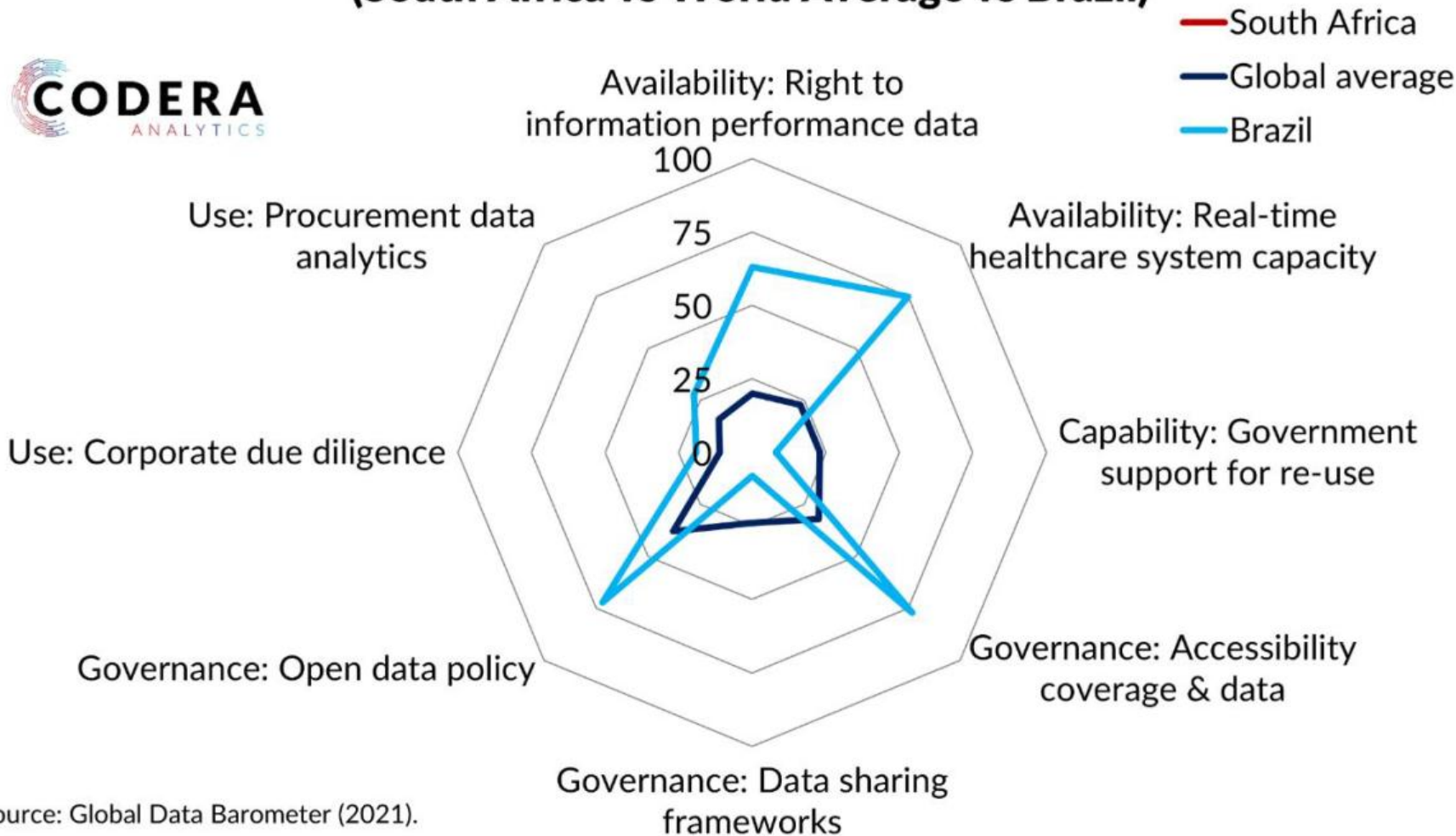


Source: World Bank, estimates for 2019. The Statistical Performance score contains indicators along five dimensions: data use, data services, data products, data sources, and data infrastructure. Each dimension of the five pillars incorporates several indicators.



And frameworks and accessibility

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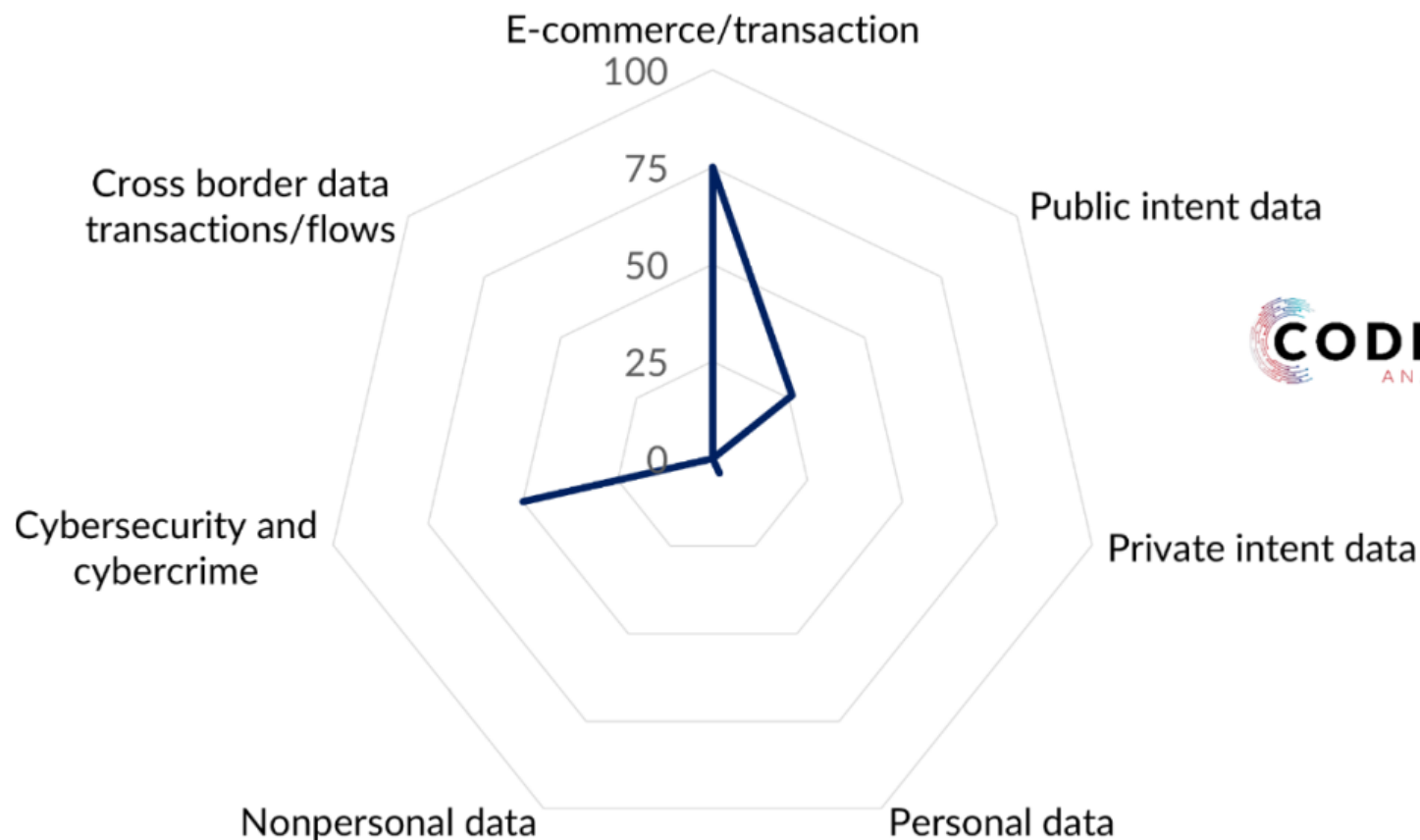


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We lack frameworks for data sharing & access

Legal regulatory assessment for data governance in South Africa



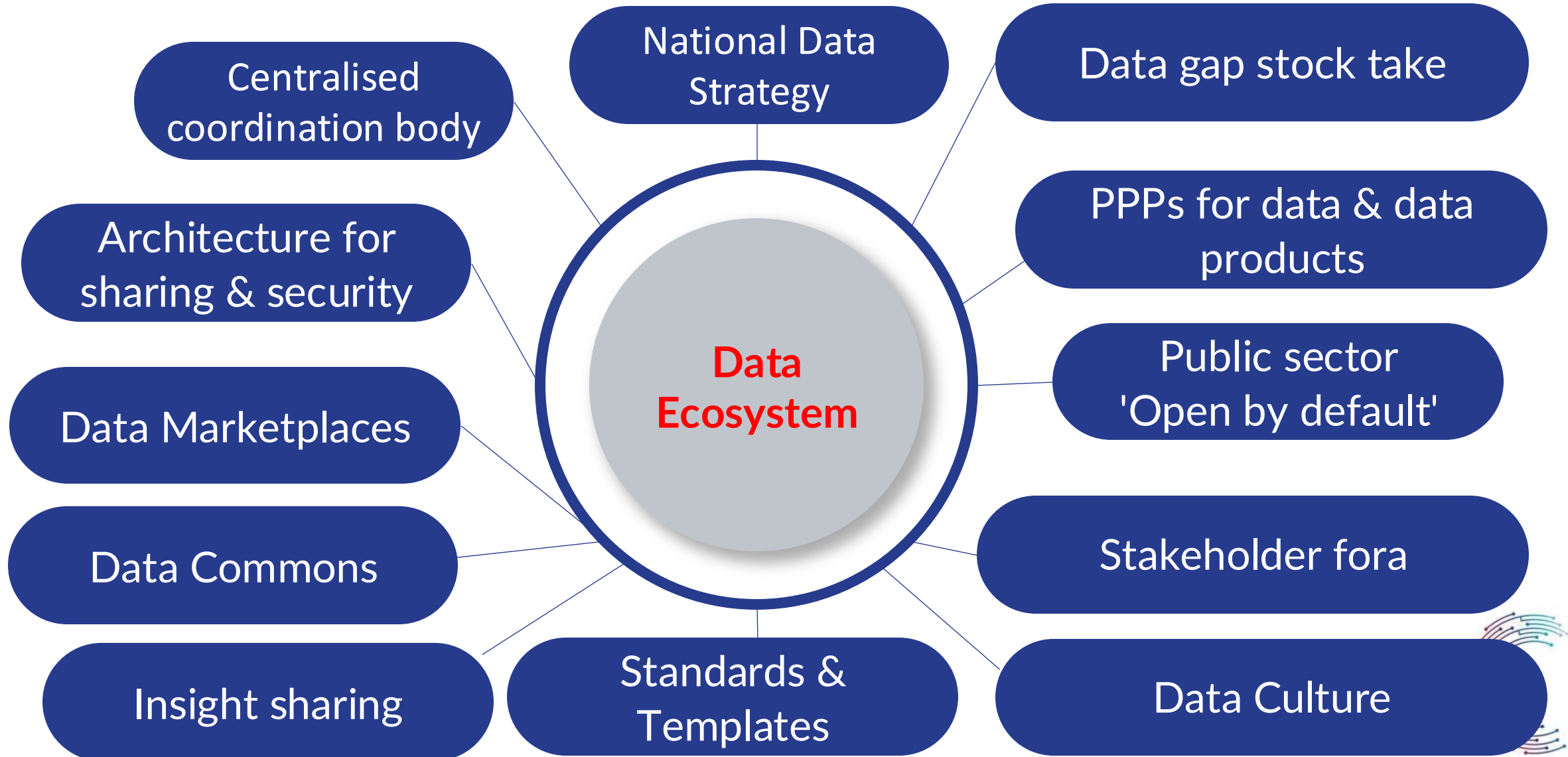
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Challenges and Opportunities

Modernising SA's data ecosystem



Data democratisation today



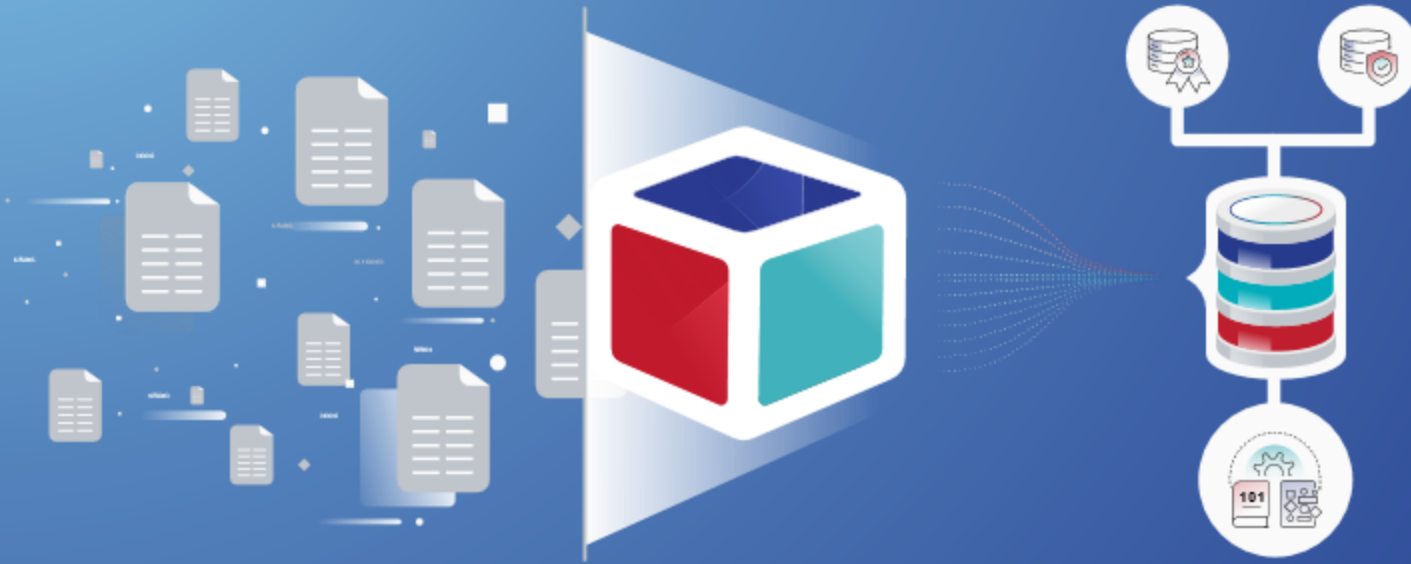
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EXTRA SLIDES

Mature your data management today



Make your organisation's data discoverable,
accessible and automatically updated

- Integrate external and internal data sources
- Centralize data to be easily discoverable and shareable across teams
- Control role-based access for data sharing and governance
- Ensure interoperability: access via website, Excel, R, or Python
- Maintain an up-to-date glossary of data concepts
- Enable easy data validation
- Implement SDMX for best practice quality management and governance
- Enable workflow automation



Become a super-analyst



- Instant access to up-to-date information from a user-friendly platform, via Excel, website, or API
- Automate models, chart packs, dashboards, and reports
- Utilize forecast and scenario management tools to audit historical forecasts and improve performance over time

Automate your advanced analytics and
boost your productivity

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Harness your institution's data



- Integrate public domain, third-party and internal data
- Automate dashboards and reports
- Identify trends and synthesize implications
- Enable easy and secure collaboration and sharing across teams

Enable cross-institution interoperability and collaboration



Decision-ready analytics



- Data and model automation within a best practice data and model governance framework
- Automate advanced analytics and scenario forecasting to anticipate how macroeconomic and financial developments affect the outlook for industries and regional economies
- Generate 'what if' scenarios for strategic planning

Leading-edge forecast management and decision-ready analytics





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