

Open Data Principles

Below is the list of municipalities that accepted and adopted the Open Data Principles that were co-created together with the Centre of the 4th Industrial Revolution (C4IR) and other key stakeholders. The adoption workshop took place on the 27 March 2024 and was held at the CSIR Convention Centre:

1. City of Johannesburg
2. City of Tshwane
3. City of Ekurhuleni
4. City of eThekweni

Open Data Principles from the Charter:

- **1. Open By Default**
Governments need to justify data that's kept closed, for example for security or data protection reasons. Citizens must also feel confident that open data will not compromise their right to privacy.
- **2. Timely and Comprehensive**
Open data is only valuable if it's still relevant.
- **3. Accessible and Usable**
Ensuring that data is machine readable and easy to find
- **4. Comparable and Interoperable**
Data has a multiplier effect
- **5. For Improved Governance & Citizen Engagement**
Ensure formal citizen representation
- **6. For Inclusive Development and Innovation**
Ensure connectivity by all and encourage innovation of new services

The above principles were drafted into an Open Data Policy for each city and integrated into each individual city's current data policies.