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Background



- **Country:** Papua New Guinea
- **Population:** 11 Million (Estimated -2024)
- **Geography:** Geographically diverse country located in the southern western Pacific Ocean
- **National Flag:**





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1. What are two critical lessons learned in implementing data/digital transformation strategy in your country: what works and what doesn't?

What works:

- Leadership Commitment: Full support of the current government to drive digital transformation with the recent approval of the Digital Transformation Policy

What doesn't work:

- Inadequate Infrastructure: Due to geographical and cultural complexities, roll out of technological infrastructure impedes the implementation of new digital tools.





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2. What are two challenges that you face, and would like to learn from other countries?

1) Infrastructure Gaps:

- Limited access to reliable internet and electricity has been a challenge to the adoption of digital technologies

2) Skill Shortages:

- Lack of digital literacy and technical skills among the workforce and burdened with a very low literate rate amongst the general population of the country





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3. Suggest one recommendation for further discussion in UN forums; how can the UN and the global community better support countries in advancing effective data/digital governance strategies?

Capacity Building:

Providing training and resources to develop digital skills and literacy among government officials (trainer of trainers)





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