open access: practical matters

needs, benefits, audience, policy
idealistic?
no, deeply practical
why we publish
benefits

- showcases work of official bodies
- provides a platform for innovation by 3rd parties
- advertises economic opportunity
- makes business climate predictable
- offsets corruption
- forms communities of practice
- makes government better and governing easier
beneficiaries

- government itself
- lawyers and law people
- nonlawyer professionals
  - hospital manager needing public benefits law
  - policeman
  - engineer needing intellectual property law
  - anyone buying or selling anything regulated
- “average” citizens
answers that don’t depend on the ability to pay
principles crucial to policy

- open access
- right to republish
- open standards / bulk data
- regional and international cooperation
open legislation is like weather data for trade
republication enables innovative value adds
open standards and open source connect
cooperation builds communities of practice
thanks!
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