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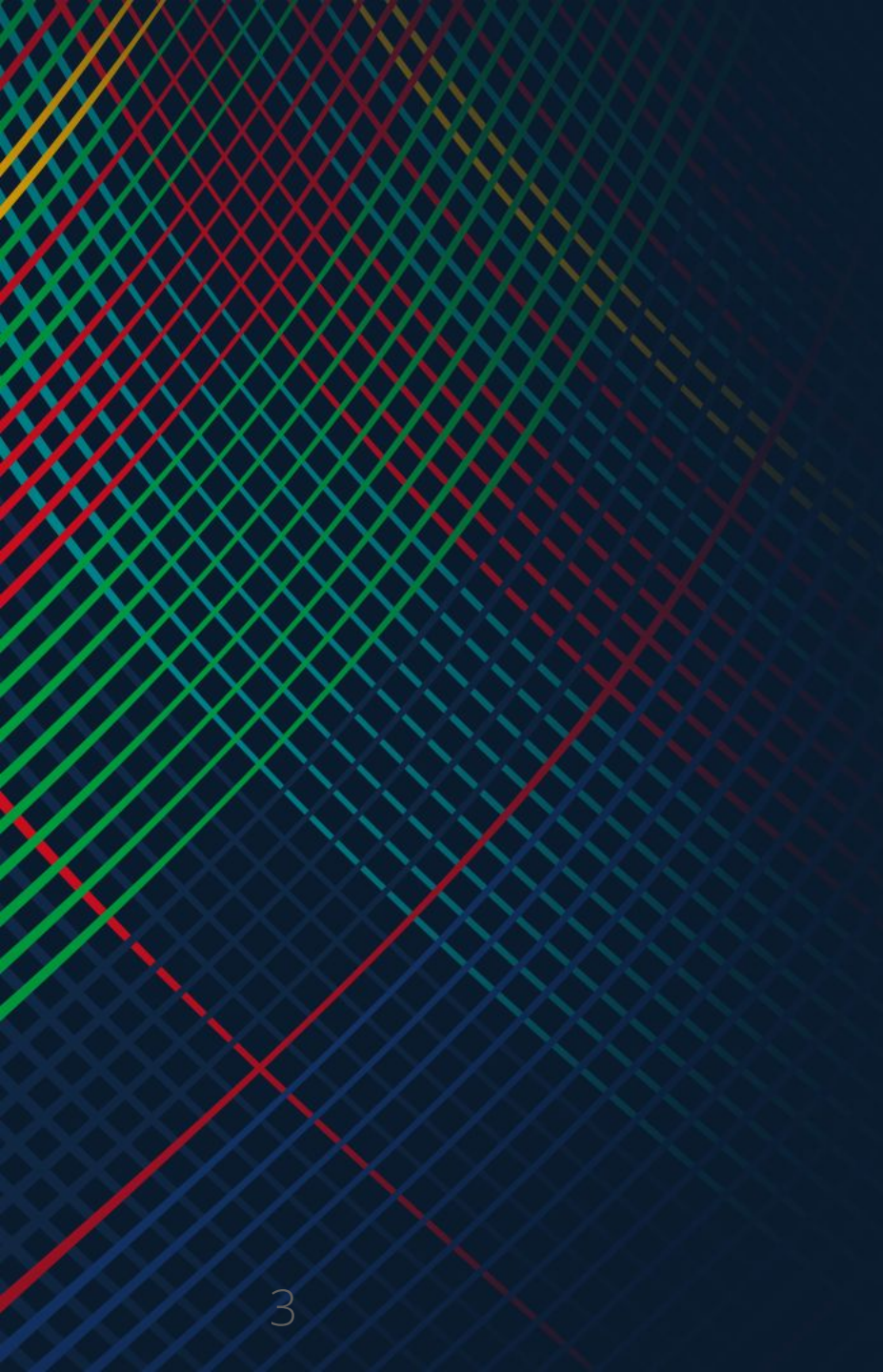

Introductions

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Research Interests:

- Cybersecurity
- Connectivity in Rural and Under-Served Areas
- Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence

Client: Dr. Amreesh Phokeer

Previous Profession: Research Manager at AFRINIC

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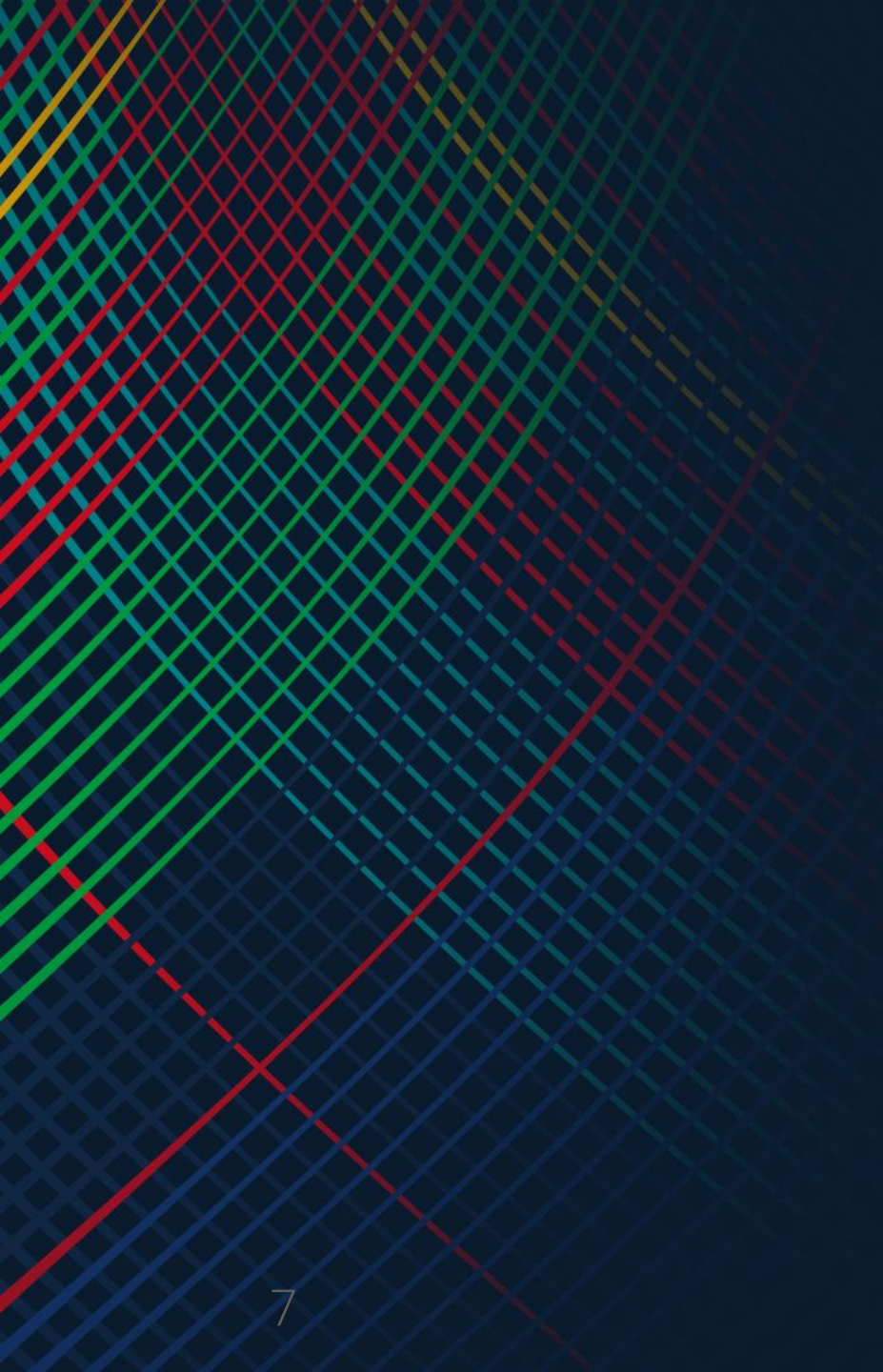
Research Interests:

- Interdomain routing
- Network Security
- Internet Measurements
- Software Design



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- The AFRINIC organization currently lacks a proper metric aggregation method that qualitatively represents and communicates the state of a country's or region's network resilience to its end users and stakeholders.
- To achieve this, a metrics aggregation method will be delivered as a way for AFRINIC to efficiently gauge and inform network operators, ISPs, regulators, and other end users of the network resilience in any city, country or a region.

The Solution

Metric Selection

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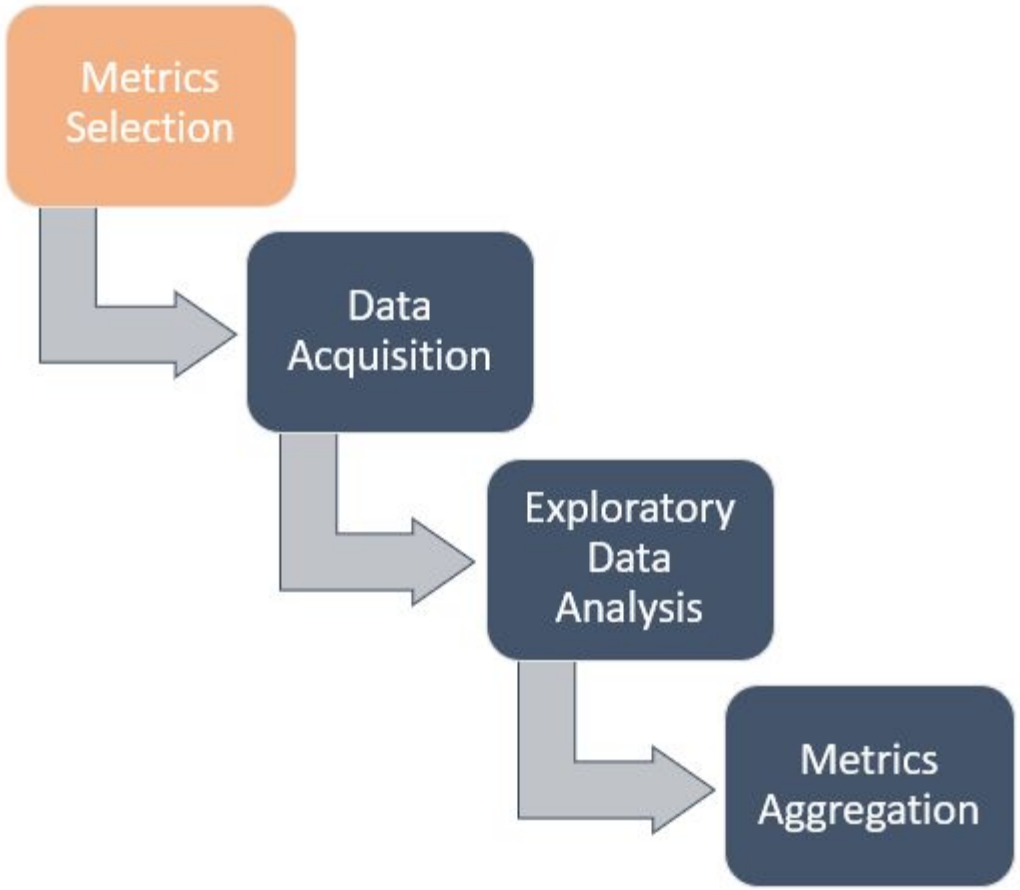
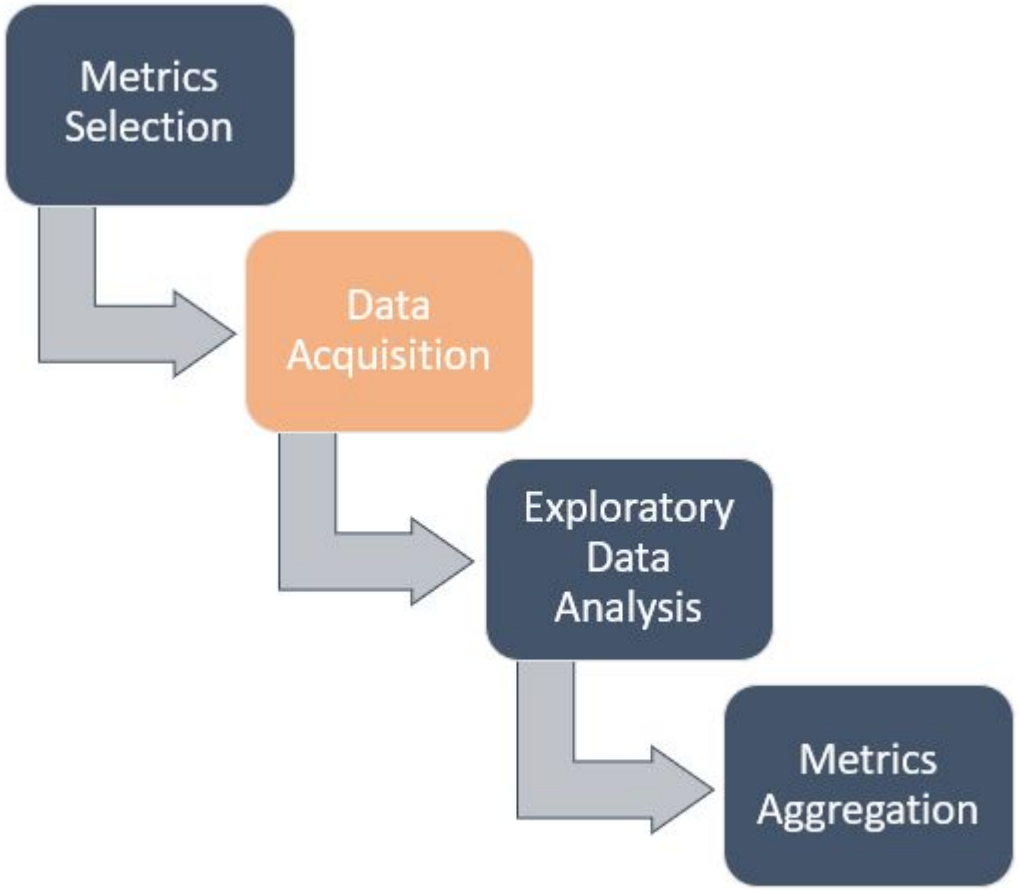


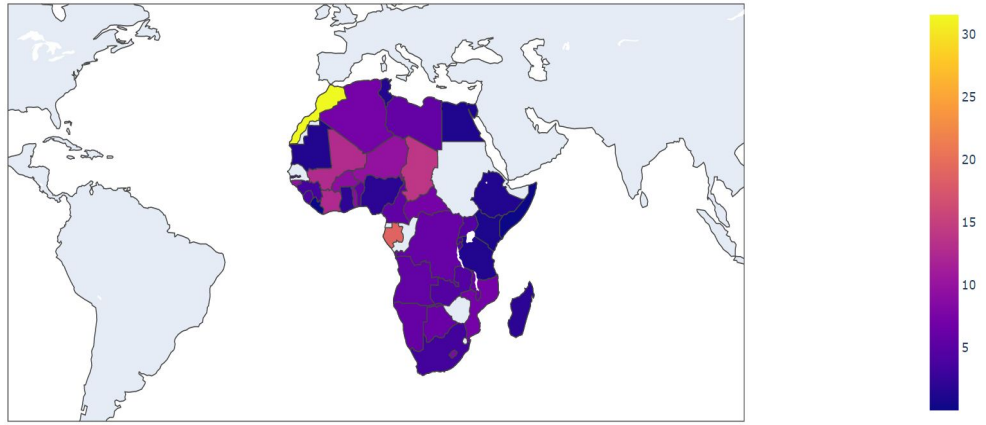
Data Acquisition

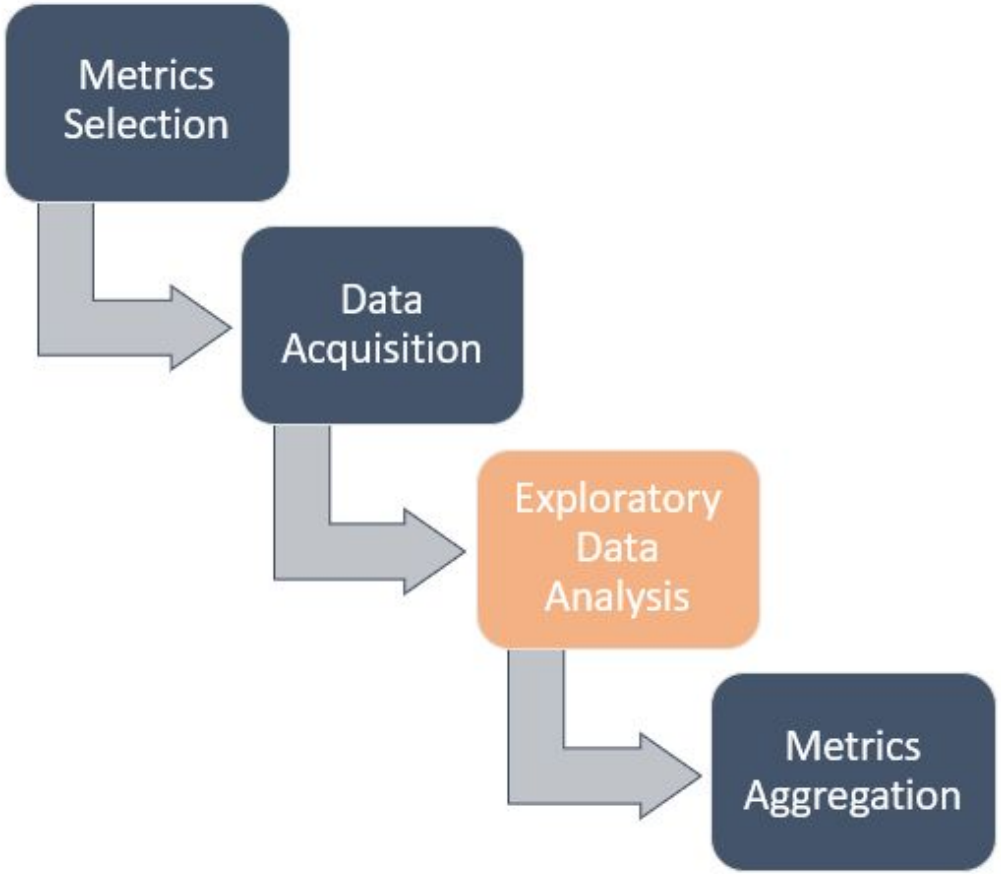
- Open source, AFRINIC or other internal collections
- Various formats – json, csv, text files
  - All standardized to pickle files
- Between 37 and 57 countries represented per dataset
- Measurements obtained between years of 2019-2020



Exploratory Data Analysis

- Pandas Profiling Library
- Choropleth maps using Python Plotly





Metrics Aggregation

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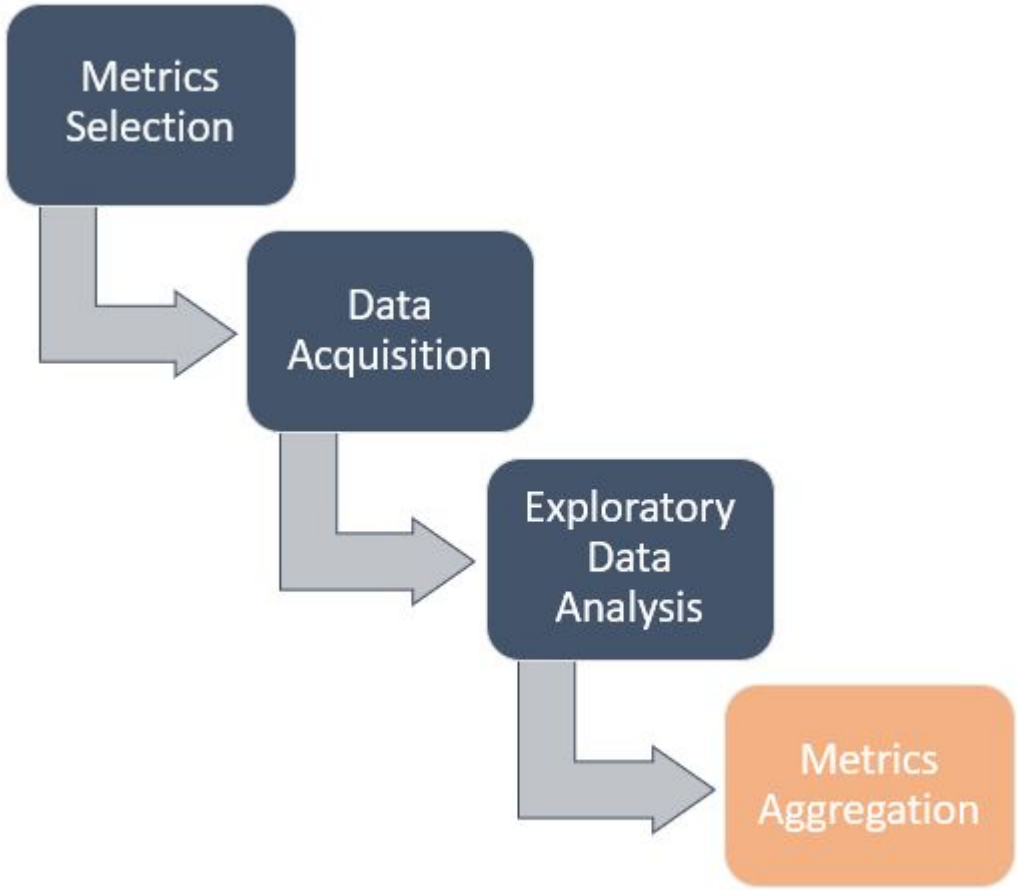
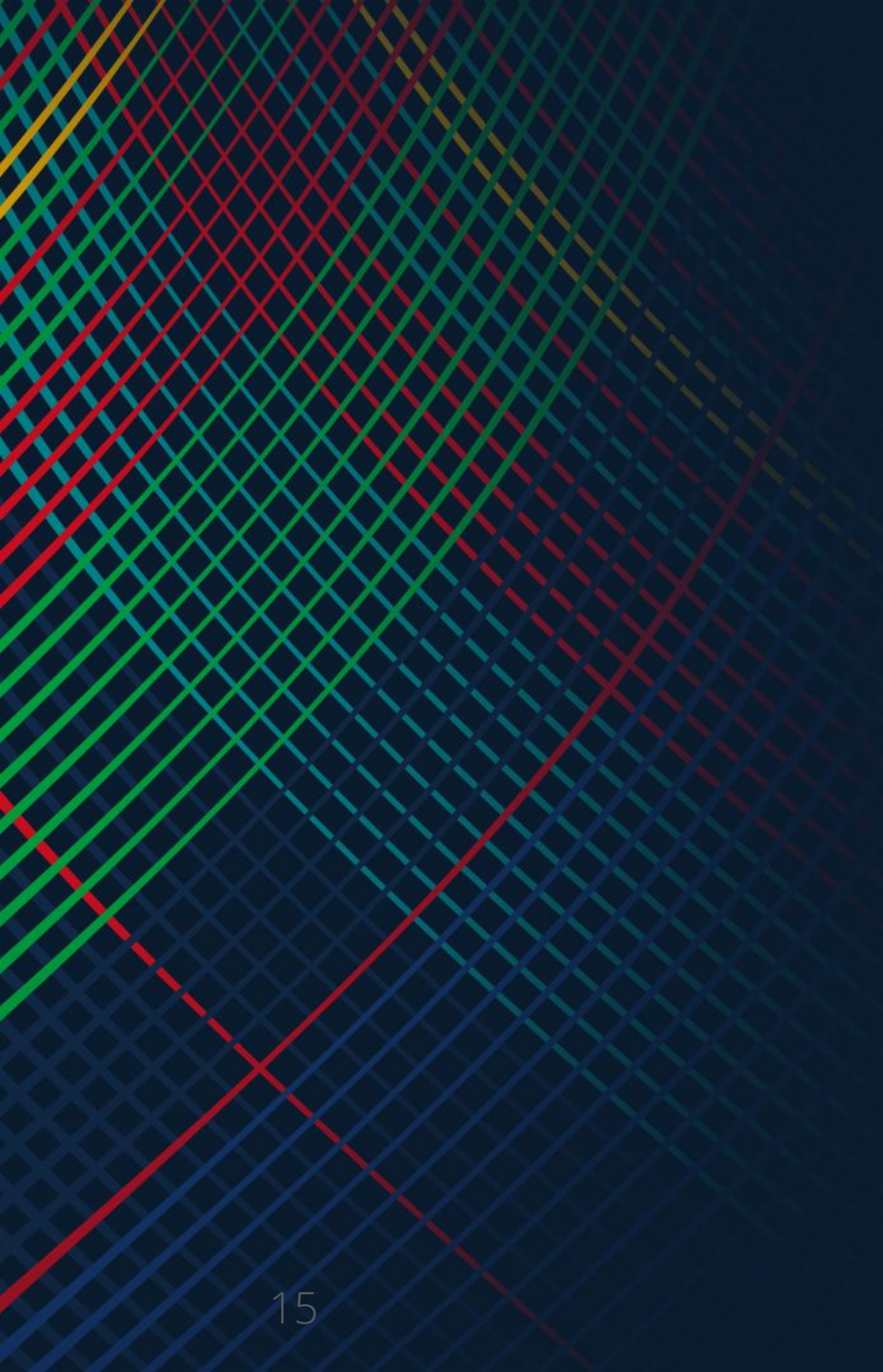
- Data coverage, availability and importance to describing each category



Simulations

- Python Dash, Plotly, Excel
- 4 Categories: Quality of Service, Security, Infrastructure, Affordability
- 1-6 metrics per category
- Geometric aggregation formula of sub-indicators

$$Y = w_{c_1} * (w_{m_1 1} * m_1 2 + \dots) + w_{c_2} * (w_{m_2 1} * m_2 1 + \dots) + \dots$$



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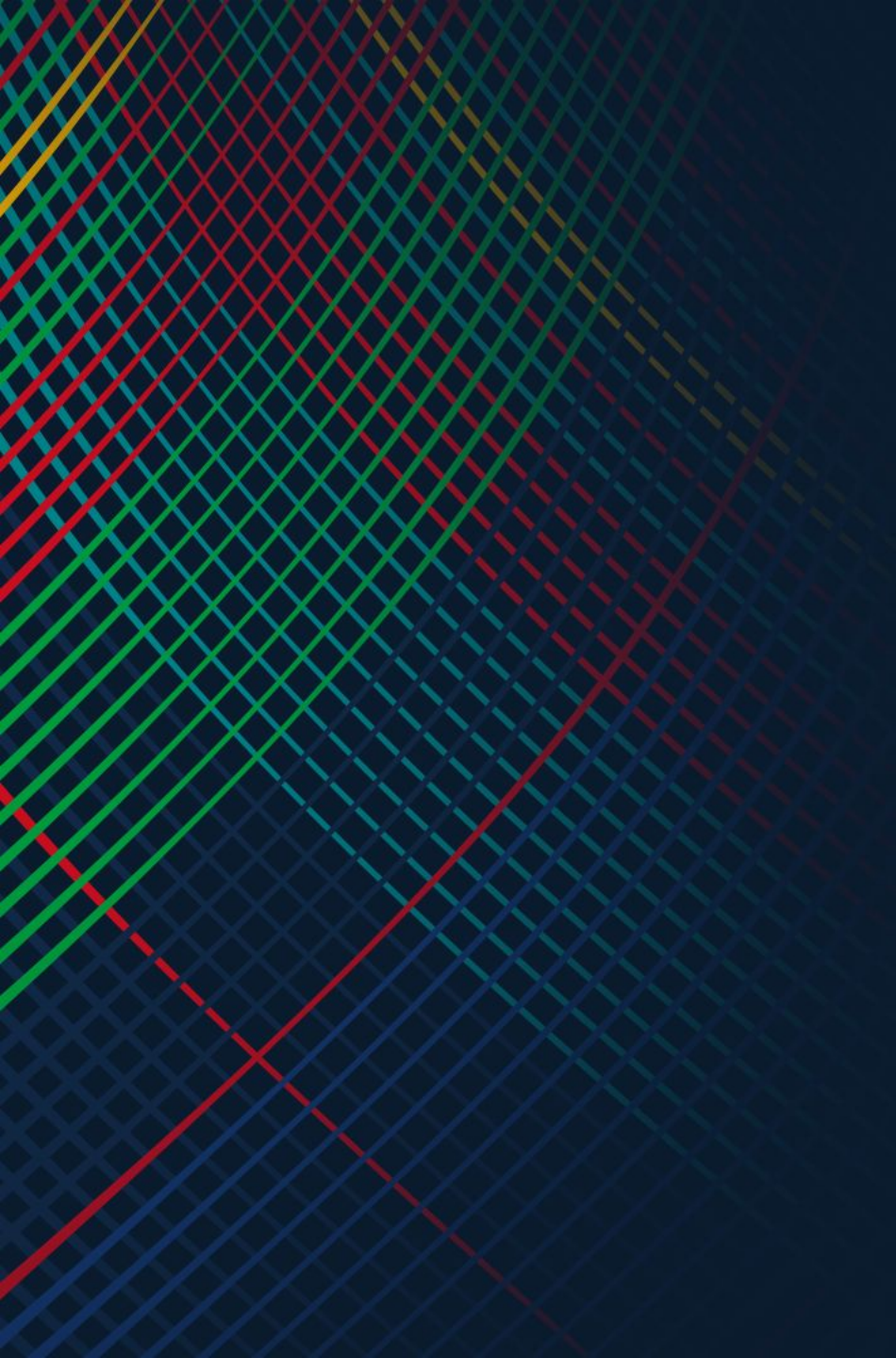

Evaluation

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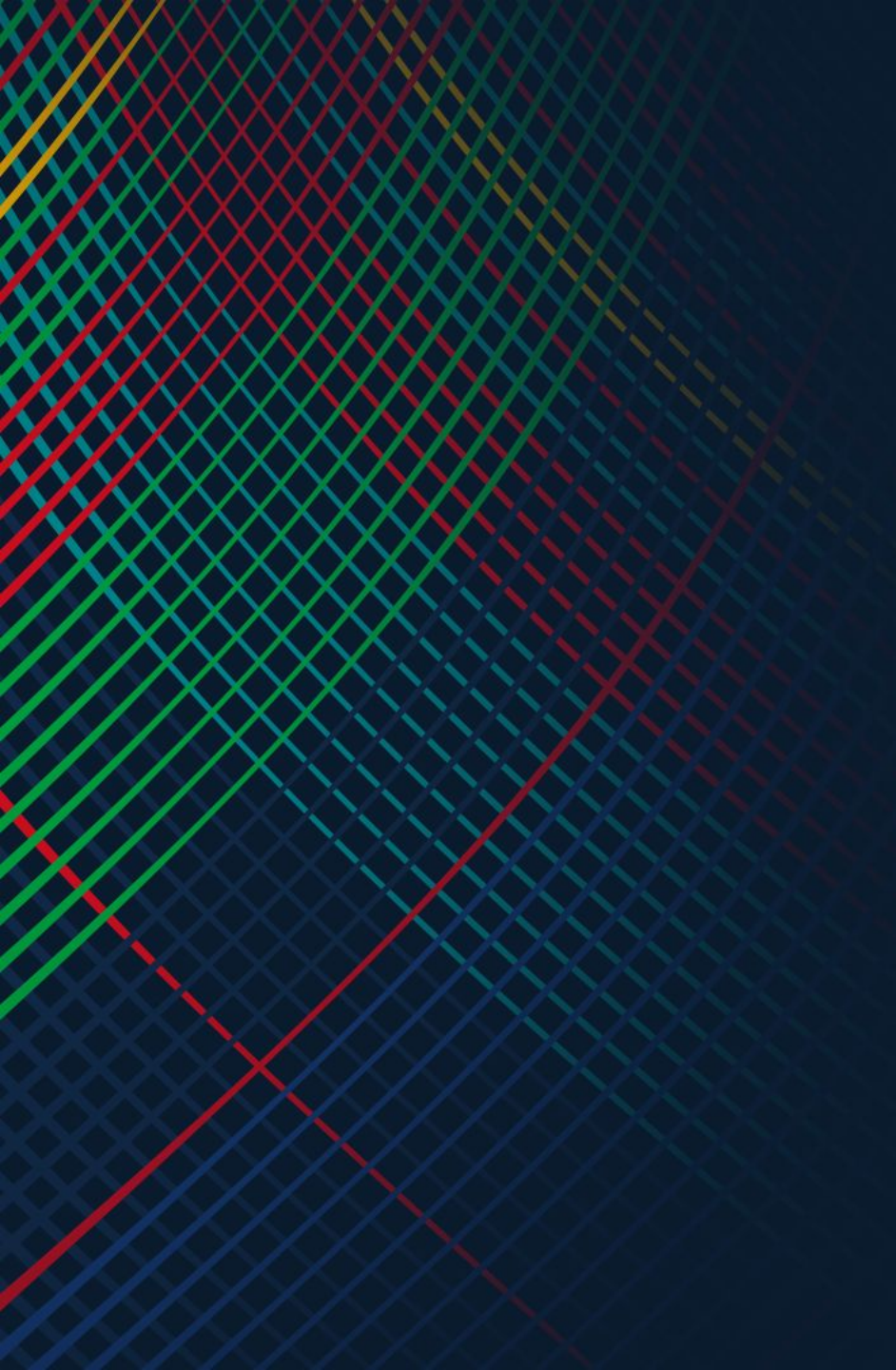
- Past research work

  We used some of the publications on past work done on measurement of Internet resilience as a benchmark for our results.

- Expert opinion

  We had discussions with our client, Dr. Amreesh, and his team on the different stages of our project



Future Work

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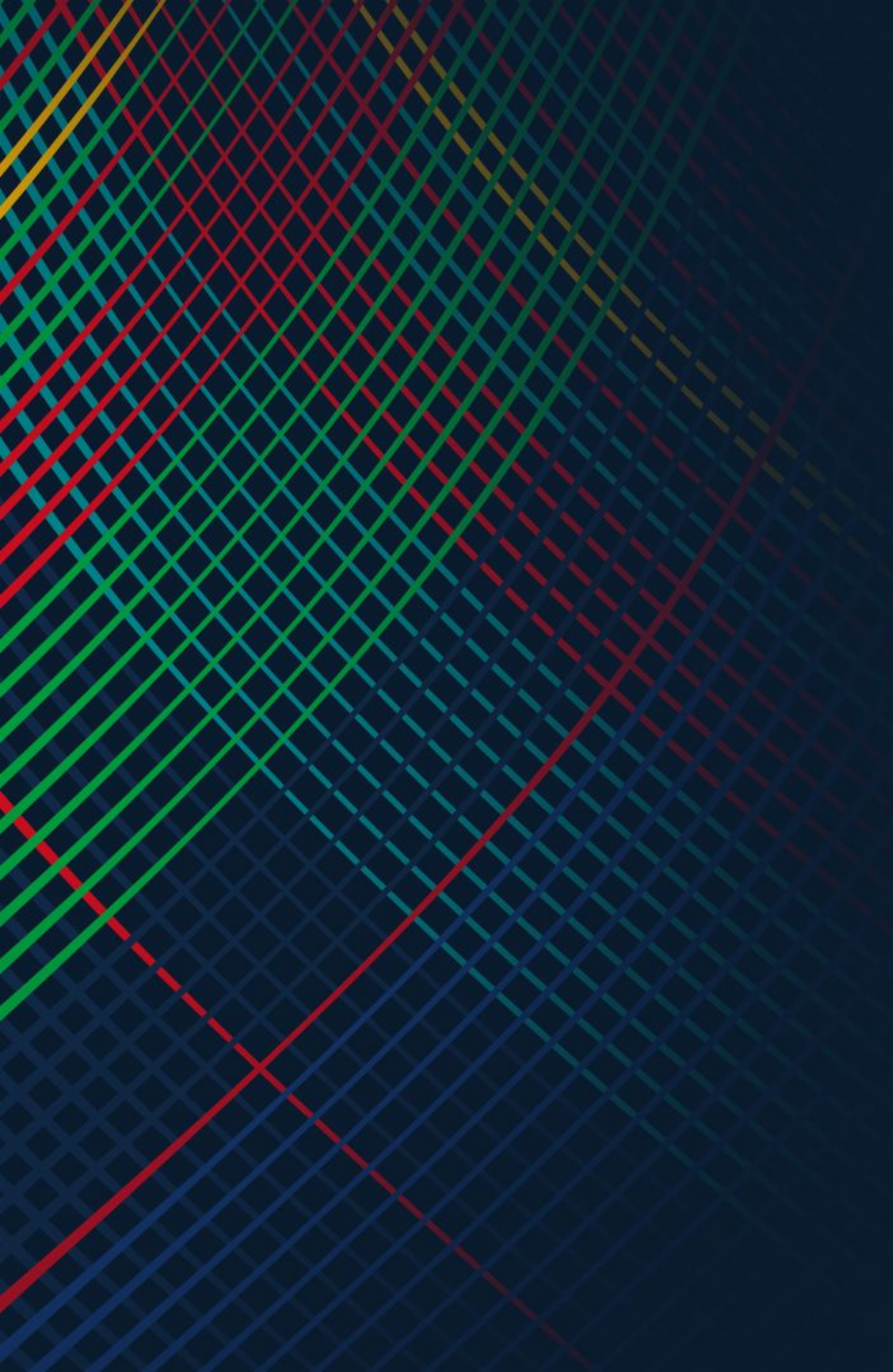
- Update Subject Expert Harnessing tool to receive feedback from Subject Matter Experts and to help validate final model
- Collection of unavailable data per selected metric using Internet Probes
- Expanding the usage of this tool to countries in other continents
- Discussion of further study of Internet Measurement Probes and benefits, other measurements that can be incorporated
- Implementation of database for potential recalibration and updating of model parameters and data



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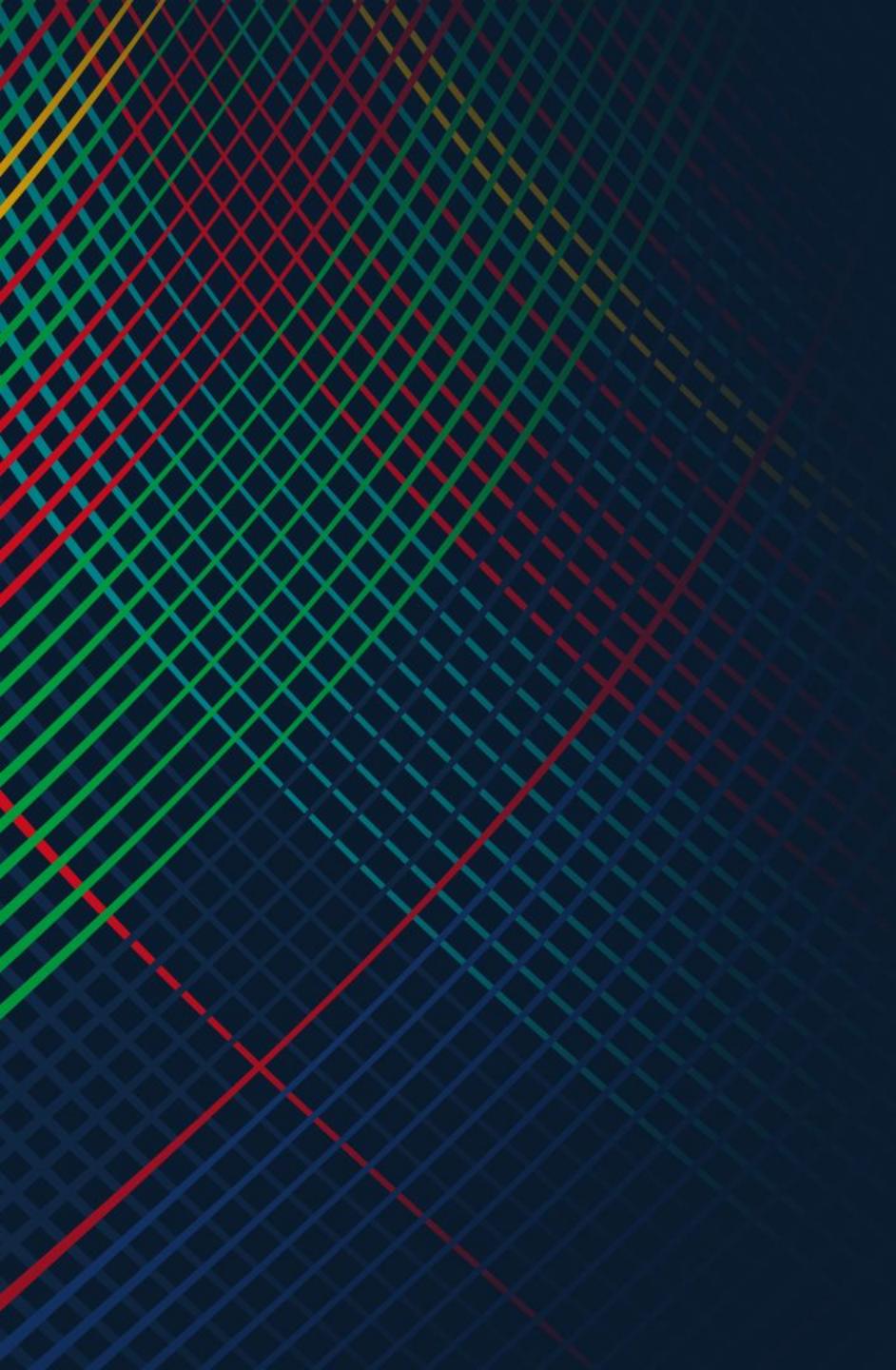

Questions?

Technical Appendix

Demo Cloud Access

Link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GHTEofDt4wMaFaz4d8K8l0Goc34z61XN/view?usp=sharing

Data Description

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Category	Metric	Proposed Individual Metric Weight According to Internet Lifecycle	Proposed Individual Metric Weight	Measurement
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	IPv6 capability	Availability - Quality (very important)	33.30%	IPv6 capability of the ISP network (count)
Security - 25%	MANRS score (Routing regulations)	Availability - Quality (very important)	25%	% of prefixes covered by IRR object
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	Spam Infection	Availability - Quality (very important)	25%	%
Infrastructure - 35%	IXP efficiency	Availability - Infrastructure (very important)		% of ASes present at the IXP
	Upstream	Availability - Quality (very important)	33%	Number of upstream providers
	Cable landing stations	Availability - Infrastructure (very important)	16.70%	Number of cable landing stations per capita/km2
	reach	Availability - Infrastructure (very important)	33%	% of population within 10-Km reach
	degree distribution	Availability - Infrastructure (very important)	16.70%	Degree distribution of cable entering/leaving a country/city
Affordability - 15%	Affordability	Affordability - Price	100%	How affordable is Internet services in this country ($)

Data Preprocessing

1. Tidy – one row per country
2. High quality – reliable sources
3. Highly representative of African countries
4. Standardized measurements

Step 1: Research of Metrics

- Research potential metrics relating to Internet security, Quality of Service, Infrastructure and Affordability
  - White papers, websites, reports, previous research by AFRINIC, etc.
  - Conversations with client based on their expertise

Step 2: Selection of Metrics Guidelines

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Step 3: Weighing Metrics

- Grouped based on type of measurement
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  1. **Internet Availability**
  2. **Internet Affordability**
  3. Internet Accessibility
  4. Internet Readiness
- Data coverage, availability and importance to describing each category

Step 4: Displaying Scores

- Calculate score per country based on formula below – 2 level weighted average
- Translate score into qualitative representation (ex. Low, medium, high)
- Facilitate comparison through dashboard
  - Currently using Python Dash and Plotly in notebooks, will be transferring to Apache Superset
  - Easy to integrate

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Current Results – Metric Weights

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