Finding *reliable* & *authoritative* data on internal administrative boundaries?
"promote transparent and accountable scaling-up of appropriate public-private cooperation to exploit the contribution to be made by a wide range of data [...] and geospatial information, while ensuring national ownership in supporting and tracking progress” of the SDGs...
Objectives

Compile **complete and consistent** GIS dataset **worldwide** for administrative boundaries and names at first and second level below national, at 1 million scale;

Identify and maintain of **authoritative contact information** of the National Geospatial Authorities responsible for administrative boundaries **validation**

Maintain a table overview of **historical changes** (data through time) of national administrative units and names
**OUTREACH**
- Data advocacy to political
- Yearly request for updates
- Promote geospatial authority

**PROCESS**
- Common geography
- Consistent and **standard** data
- Attributes & scale

**SHARE**
- Accessible website
- Dedicated country pages
- Data through time

**OWNERSHIP**
- Custodian national agency
- **Authoritative** POC & data
- Policies & Terms

**STORE**
- Metadata and time-stamp
- Time stamped data & validity
- **Global** data coverage

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Challenges:
- Continuous participation from Member States
- Standardization efforts (geography & codes)
- Lack of resources of the programme

Opportunities
- Unique authoritative approach
- Countries interest in participating
- Currency with the help of partners
Defining further with partners a process for linking operational initiatives to SALB as the authoritative source of data on internal administrative boundaries.