

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

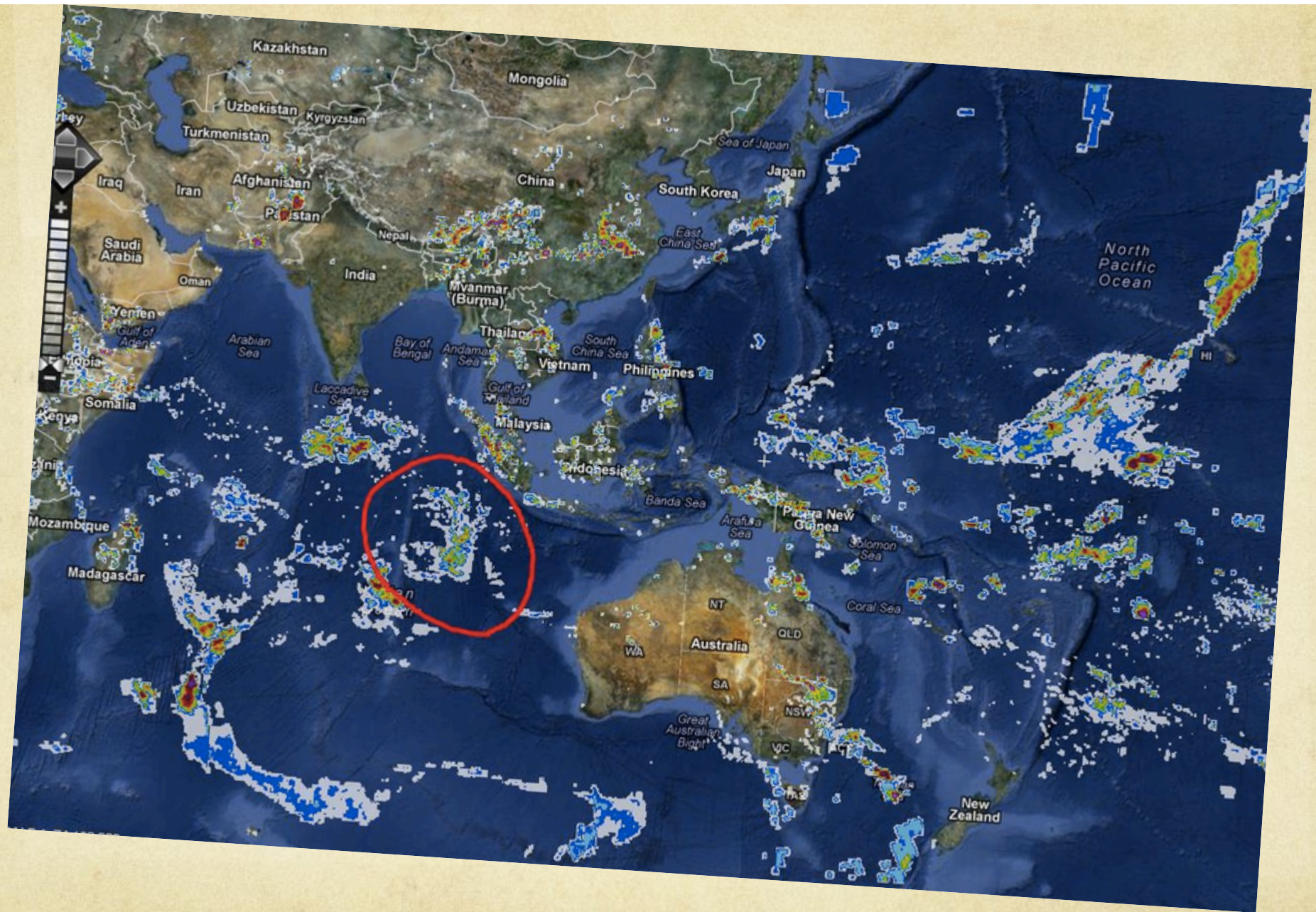
- government itself
- lawyers and law people
- nonlawyer professionals
 - hospital manager needing public benefits law
 - policeman
 - engineer needing intellectual property law
 - anyone buying or selling anything regulated
- “average” citizens



answers that don't depend on the ability to pay

principles crucial to policy

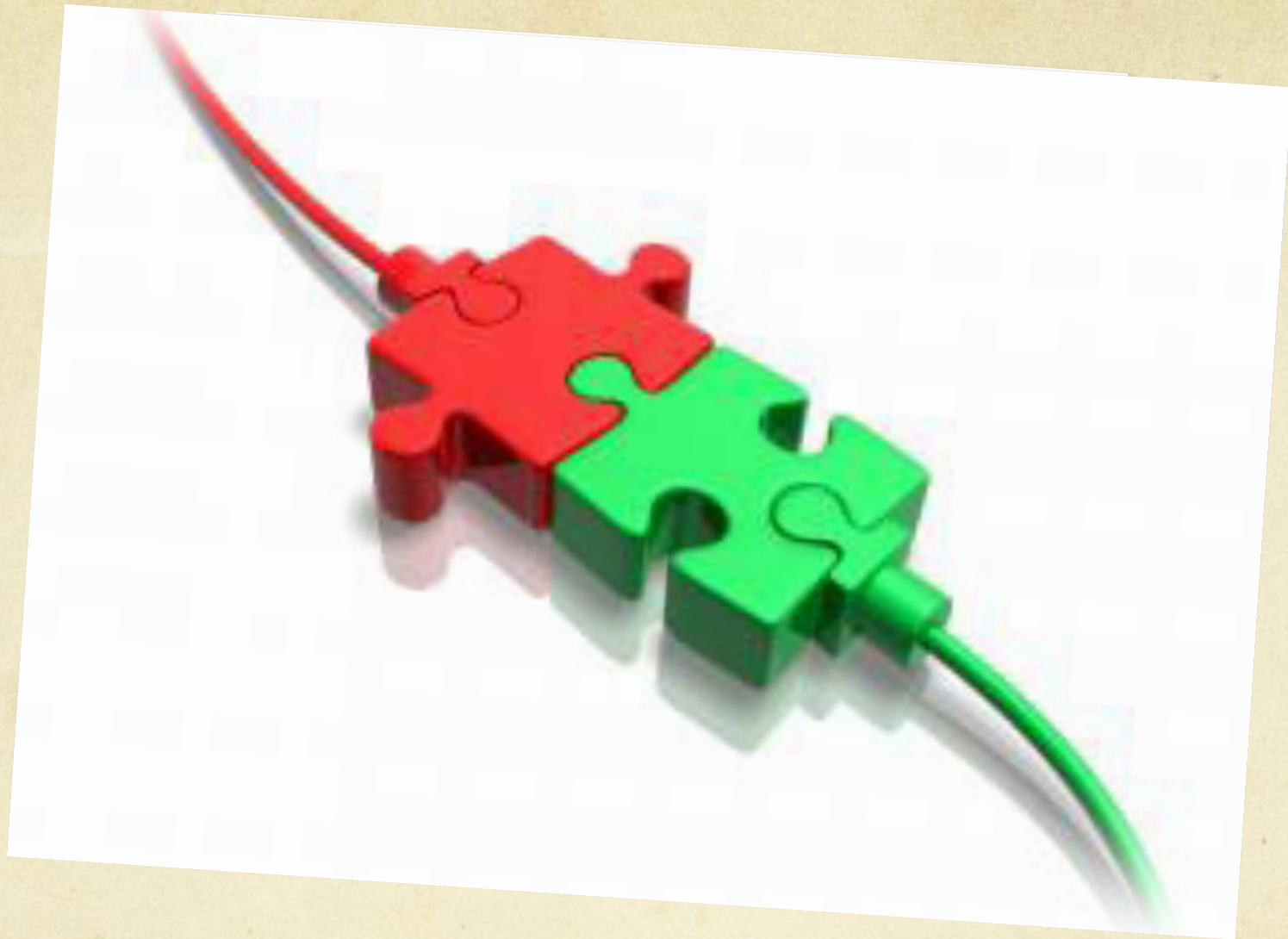
- open access
- right to republish
- open standards / bulk data
- regional and international cooperation



open legislation is like weather data for trade



republishation enables innovative value adds



open standards and open source connect



cooperation builds communities of practice



thanks!

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