Resume: Lynn Woolfrey

SUMMARY

Lynn Woolfrey is a data specialist with 20 years experience in working with survey data and data users in South Africa. She currently manages DataFirst, based at the University of Cape Town, which provides research access to microdata from survey research in South Africa and other African countries. Her research interests are data advocacy and data curation best practice in under-resourced countries, and particularly in an African context.

EDUCATION

Lynn Woolfrey has an MPhil in Information Studies from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Her thesis examined best practice for data curation in Africa to support fact-based policymaking.

EMPLOYMENT

Lynn Woolfrey is a data specialist with 20 years of experience in working with survey data and data users in South Africa. She currently manages DataFirst, based at the University of Cape Town, which provides research access to microdata from survey research in South Africa and other African countries. DataFirst undertakes training in data curation and data analysis and Ms Woolfrey is also involved in projects to support better data production and data curation in African countries. This includes working on an OECD funded project with the Accelerated Data Program (ADP) to advance survey data curation at African National Statistics Offices for better government planning.

AFFILIATIONS

Ms Woolfrey is a member of the International Association of Social Science Information Service and Technology (IASSIST), a founding member of the African Association of Statistical Data Archivists (AASDA) and a member of a UN Economic Commission for Africa Expert Group creating guidelines for data curation in an African context.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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9. Woolfrey, L. 2009. The policy as a basis for customer service. Presentation at the Accelerated Data Program (ADP) sponsored Zambia national microdata dissemination policy workshop, 13-14 April, 2010, at the Protea Hotel, Lusaka, Zambia.

10. Member of a team of international experts on microdata and metadata management participating in the INDEPTH Network Meeting on Scientific Strategy, Data Systems and Training, University of the Witwatersrand, School of Public Health, Johannesburg, South Africa, 3-5 May, 2010 and National Opinion Research Center offices, Washington, DC, USA, 7 June, 2010.

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