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AfricaR Initiative

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Who are we?

Mission:

- To achieve **improved representation** and **empower** the African population of all genders, who are **underrepresented** in the global R community.

- Support already existing R User Groups (RUGs) across Africa, and R enthusiasts to embrace **the full potential** of R programming.

- Through fostering a **collaborative continental network** of R gurus, mentors, learners, developers and leaders, to help facilitate individual and collective progress worldwide.

Why AfricaR?

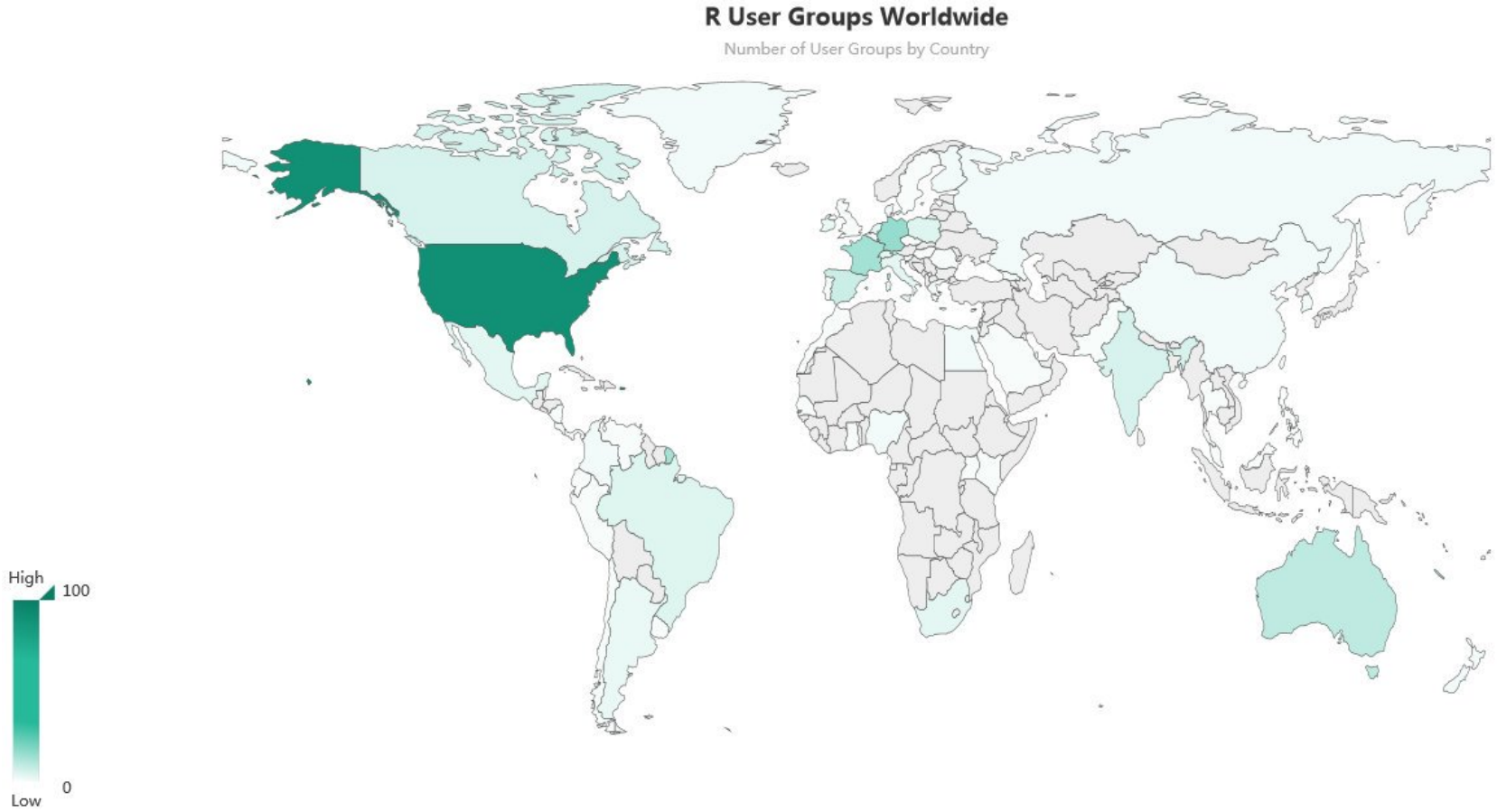
- Many R users in Africa, who did not know of the larger global #rstats community.
- Lack of awareness about R Conferences that we can apply for, and attend, through **diversity scholarships.**
- People learning R, but are not aware of where/how to apply the skills they learn.
- Education system is lacking. Some campuses teach R, but the curriculum is not exhaustive.
- ~~"Battle" between R and Python~~:
  - Employment JDs prioritize Python over R
  - Python communities stronger than R community.
    - Data Science Africa
    - Pycon
    - IndabaX

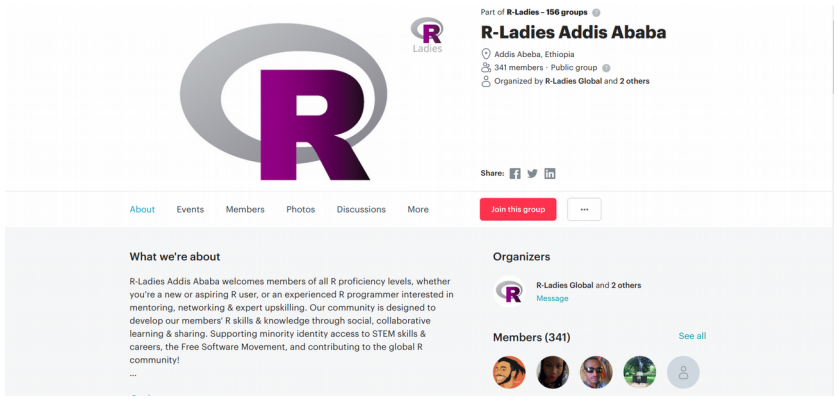
What ideas do we have for AfricaR?

01: *Adopt and nurture an African RUG*

02: *Seek remote internships / jobs for students fresh from school*

03: *Spring up as many African RUGs*

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R-Ladies Addis Ababa
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What we're about
R-Ladies Addis Ababa welcomes members of all R proficiency levels, whether you're a new or aspiring R user, or an experienced R programmer interested in mentoring, networking & expert upskilling. Our community is designed to develop our members' R skills & knowledge through social, collaborative learning & sharing. Supporting minority identity access to STEM skills & careers, the Free Software Movement, and contributing to the global R community!
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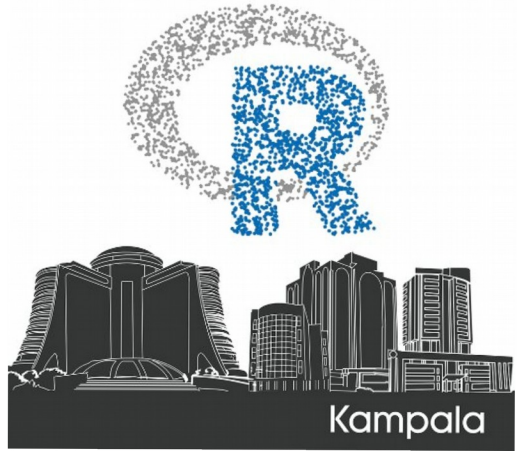
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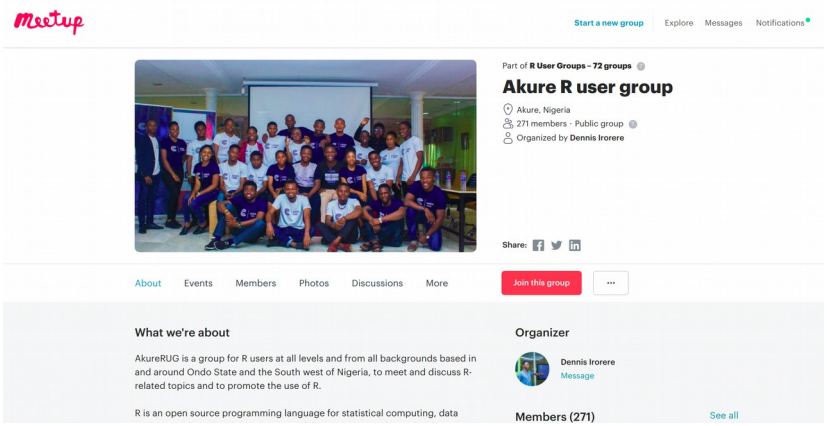
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Akure R user group
Akure, Nigeria
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What we're about
AkureRUG is a group for R users at all levels and from all backgrounds based in and around Ondo State and the South west of Nigeria, to meet and discuss R-related topics and to promote the use of R.
R is an open source programming language for statistical computing, data
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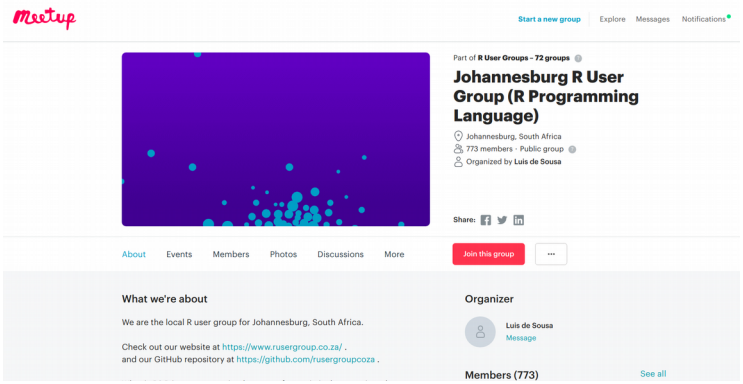
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Johannesburg R User Group (R Programming Language)
Johannesburg, South Africa
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What we're about
We are the local R user group for Johannesburg, South Africa.
Check out our website at https://www.rusergroup.co.za/ .
and our GitHub repository at https://github.com/rusergroupcoza .
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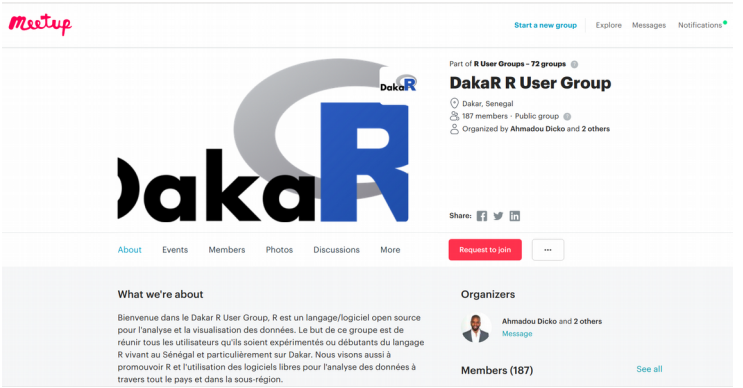
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What we're about
Bienvenue dans le Dakar R User Group, R est un langage/logiciel open source pour l'analyse et la visualisation des données. Le but de ce groupe est de réunir tous les utilisateurs qu'ils soient expérimentés ou débutants du langage R vivant au Sénégal et particulièrement sur Dakar. Nous visons aussi à promouvoir R et l'utilisation des logiciels libres pour l'analyse des données à travers tout le pays et dans la sous-région.
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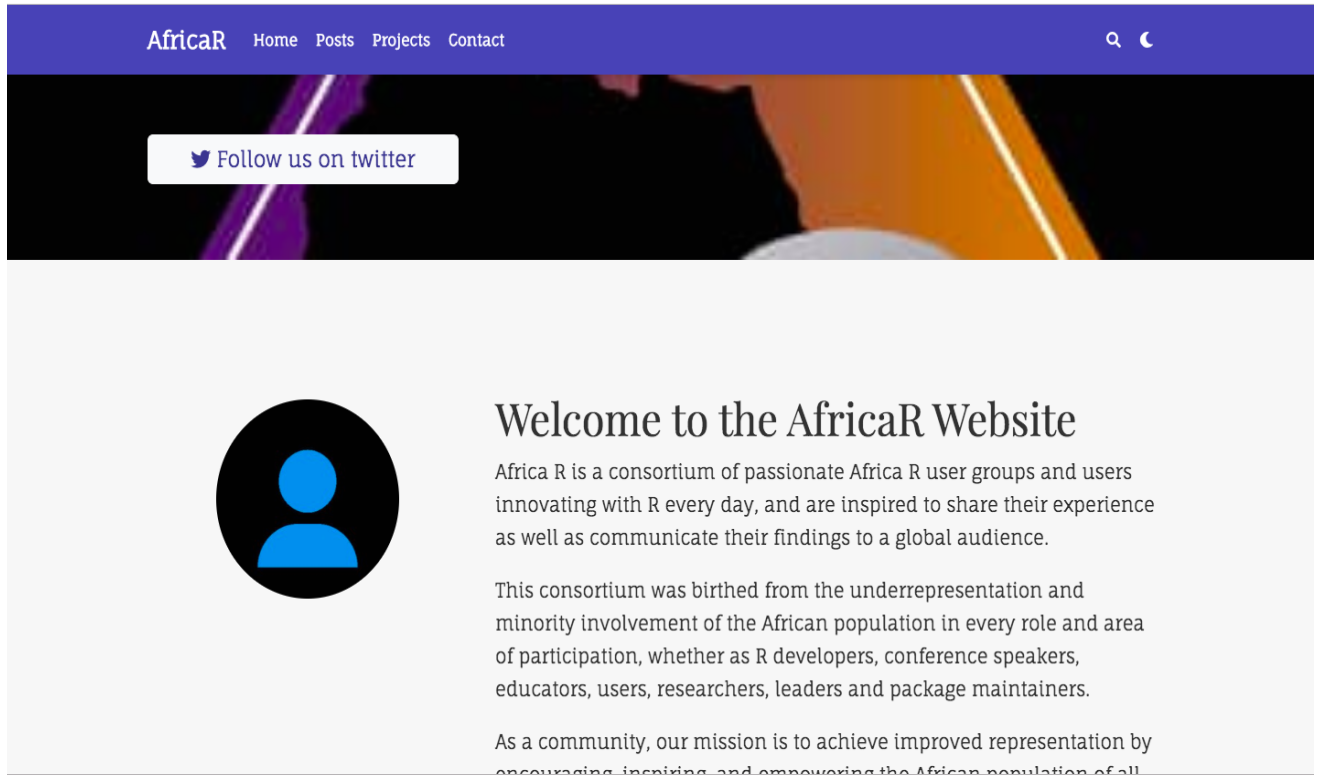
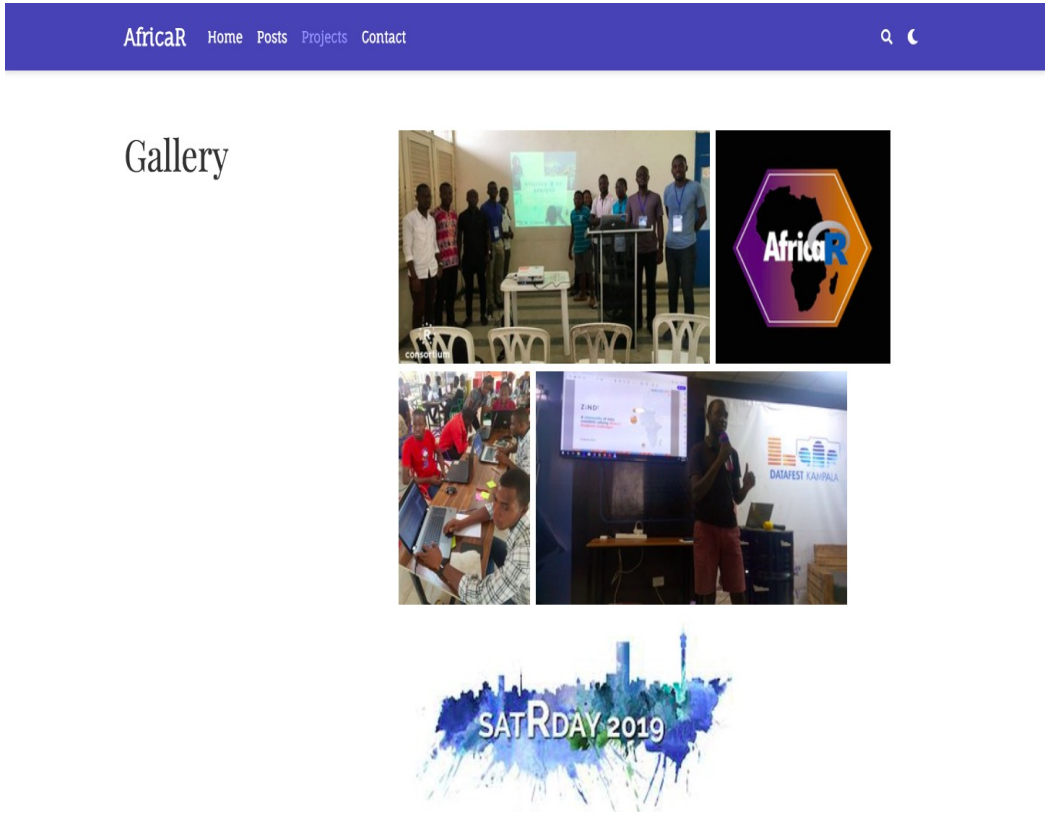
04: ***Develop a website***
https://africa-r.org/





05: ***Set up R Clubs in Campuses***

06: *AfricaR Monetary Fund*

07: *Have a grand AfricaR Conference*

What have we done so far?

- Inception call with R Consortium
- Gathered people who lead/planning to initiate ARUGs in their respective countries.
- Inception call with the ARUGs leads team

- Discussions about potential R Clubs in campuses
- Discussions with different ARUG leads who needed support e.g Cairo, Lagos

- SatRday Kampala
- First remote internship opportunity
- Discussions about 2020 AfricaR Conference

- Twitter (@AfricaRUsers)

- AfricaR Logo
- Kikckstarting the website
- Discussions with potential partners and sponsors

Quick Wins …

Forwards @R_Forwards · May 14
What a great response from the #rstats community! Current total stands at $2,941!

> **Africa R Users** @AfricaRUsers
> Please support the first ever #rstats conference in East Africa - SatRdays Kampala 2019. (SatRday 25th May @ @OutboxHub) indiegogo.com/projects/satrd... #rstatsnyc @PollicyOrg @ZindiAfrica #AfricaR
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Hey #satRdayKampala, we'd love to sponsor your conference! We're paying it forward from #satRdayLA, who helped us out when we were fundraising for ours.

your sister event, #satRdayChicago

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Des questions?