

The focus of this talk is to describe barriers, challenges and successes in creation of data science capacity in developing countries. Context is provided by a research project which aims to boost the use of such methods for forecasting renewable energy output. The challenges in establishing collaborative links, getting access to relevant data and disseminating results to an audience of energy researchers are discussed. Some successful strategies for collaboration which might serve as a guide to young statisticians starting their careers in such settings are also presented.