

OPEN BY DEFAULT
POLICY BY THE PEOPLE
ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RESULTS

Introduction to the Open Government Partnership

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Launched in 2011

International multi-stakeholder platform

Making governments more open, accountable, and responsive to citizens

Governed by the Steering Committee, comprised of government and civil society representatives

Government and civil society collaboratively develop and implement ambitious open government reforms



OGP: A unique model



A New Approach to Multilateralism

- Equal partnership between govt. & civil society
- Self-assessments | Independent Reporting
- Peer learning and exchange



Action Oriented

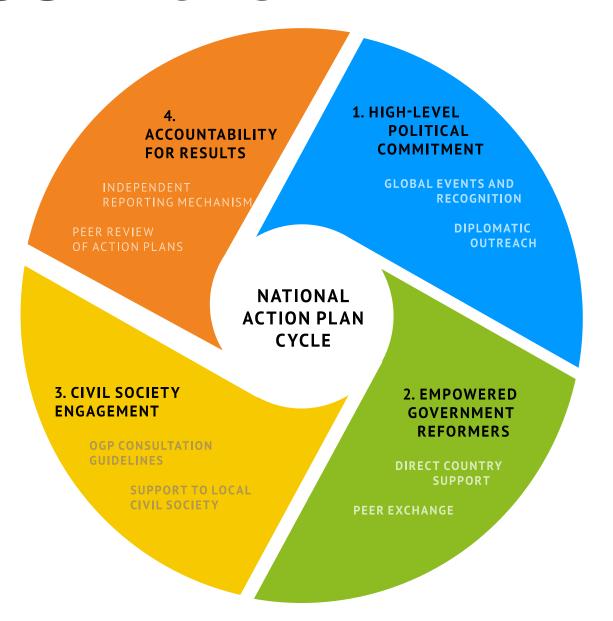
- Governments and civil society co-create action plans
- Secure concrete commitments
- Whole of government approach



Flexible but Ambitious

- Countries have different starting points
- Work with diverse group not just top performers
- Race to the top

How OGP works



Big picture results

110+

National Action Plans

2500+

Total commitments since 2011

25%

Of commitments recognized for their ambition, relevance and completion

36

Countries with a regular forum for dialogue between govt & civil society

69 countries

20

Average commitments per country

Open government commitments

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Implement and monitor lobbying act: Ensure effective implementation of the law.

UK

Introduce a publicly accessible central registry of company beneficial ownership

Ireland

Introduce a new ethics regime; improve FOI implementation, hold three referendums on recommendations of Const.

Convention

Georgia

Political party financial declarations - Publish party financing data in accessible formats. Proactive publishing of surveillance data

Canada

Mandatory reporting on extractives: Introduce legislation on payments made to governments related to the commercial development of oil, gas, and minerals.

Sweden

Make aid transparent by increasing reporting to the International Aid Transparency Initiative Standard and further development of their open aid platform

New Zealand in OGP



Member since 2013. SSC lead agency



Current action plan has **4 commitments**: Better Public Services; ICT Strategy & Action Plan; TI NIS; Kia Tutahi Accord



IRM findings: Some progress but room for more clearly focused goals and greater ambition.

http://www.opengovpartnership.org/country/new-zealand/irm



Need for more meaningful collaboration with civil society, including ensuring that the forum for regular dialogue is in line with good practices and OGP guidance.



Share successes. Participate in peer learning and exchange: OGP Working Groups, Regional Meetings, Global Summit.

Civil society and OGP







Amplify your message

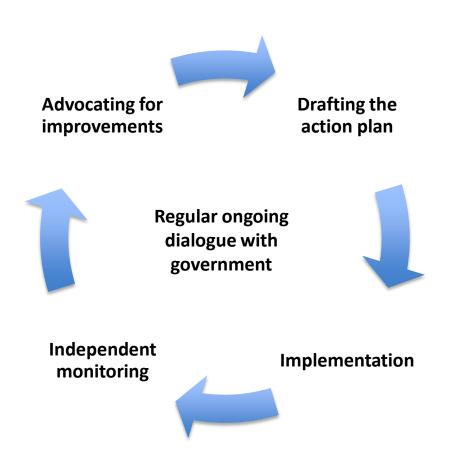


Time-bound delivery of campaign goals, with independent monitoring



Building coalitions across issues and countries

Basics of civil society engagement



Tips and tactics

- Co-ordinated civil society input
- Parallel consultations & outreach/shadow action plans
- Thematic working groups
- 'SMART' commitments
- Prioritisation
- Co-implementation
- Independent monitoring reports

Civil society coordination



UK OPENGOVERNMENT

CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK



For better, open government

Civil society groups around the world are using the Open Government Partnership process to achieve real gains in openness, accountability and participation. We are a diverse civil society coalition working together to create ambitious commitments for Australia's first OGP National Action Plan.

Open
Government
Partnership
Georgia

OG Forum

The national coordination mechanism of the Open Government Partnership in Georgia – Open Government Georgia's Forum (Forum) is created in the framework of the Anti-Corruption Council of Georgia. The present document defines the mandate of the Forum.

1. Objectives of the Forum

Following are the objectives of the Forum:

- Elaboration of proposals and recommendations on the issues related to Open Government Partnership, supporting the process of elaboration of National Action Plan for Open Government, planning and conducting the public consultations.
- Supporting and monitoring the National Action Plan implementation.
 Elaborating recommendations, proposals and presenting to the OGG
 Secretariat (Analytical Department, Ministry of Justice of Georgia).
- Raising public awareness about the OGP-related issues.

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A good action plan is...



Ambitious

Do commitments stretch government beyond current state of practice?



Responsive

Is the plan reflective of public demand?



Relevant

Does the plan address key open government principles? Transparency + Accountability + Public Participation E-government principles should enhance T + A + P

Relevant to OGP

- Transparency: Information on government activities and decisions is open, comprehensive, timely and freely available to the public, and meets basic open data standards.
- Accountability: Rules, regulations, and mechanisms are in place that call upon government actors to justify their actions, act upon criticisms or requirements made of them and accept responsibility for failure to perform.
- Citizen Participation: Governments seek to mobilize citizens to engage in public debate, provide input, and make contributions that lead to more responsive and effective governance.
- Technology and Innovation: Governments embrace the importance of new technologies in driving innovation, providing citizens with open access to technology, and increasing their capacity to use technology.

First think big

 What are the public policy problems the action plan should address?

What are the desired outcomes?

 How can open government principles help achieve the desired outcomes?

Then think small...

- What are the specific actions that need to be taken achieve the desired outcomes on transparency, accountability and public participation?
 - How can it be delivered? What is the first step?
 - What can be achieved in two years? The action has to be delivered within two years so the
 Government can report achievement or progress against it.
- Who needs to be involved in delivering the actions?
 - Who in the Government could make this happen?
 - Do they need to work with others to achieve it?
 - If so, who? Who else cares about this/has expertise? Who else has responsibility over these matters?
 - How? Does anything need to change to make this happen?
- To make sure commitments can be realistically implemented, ask what resources are needed for delivering commitments and who can help?
 - Financial resources
 - Technical expertise
 - Human resources

To open govt. NZ should...

Start with a verb e.g.

Release, engage, increase, reduce, deliver, refine, promote, create, establish, improve

Describe actions that promote transparency, accountability or public participation in:

- Improving public services: in health, education, criminal justice, water, electricity, telecommunications, and any other relevant service areas
- Increasing public integrity: measures that address corruption and public ethics, access to information, campaign finance reform, and media and civil society freedom
- Improving effective management of public resources: such as budgets, data, procurement, natural resources, and foreign assistance
- **Creating safer communities**: measures that address public safety, the security sector, disaster and crisis response, and environmental threats
- Increasing corporate accountability: measures that address corporate responsibility on issues such as the environment, anti-corruption, consumer protection, and community engagement

Action plan breakdown

A strong, comprehensive action plan should address multiple themes with each theme containing multiple commitments, some of which have milestones

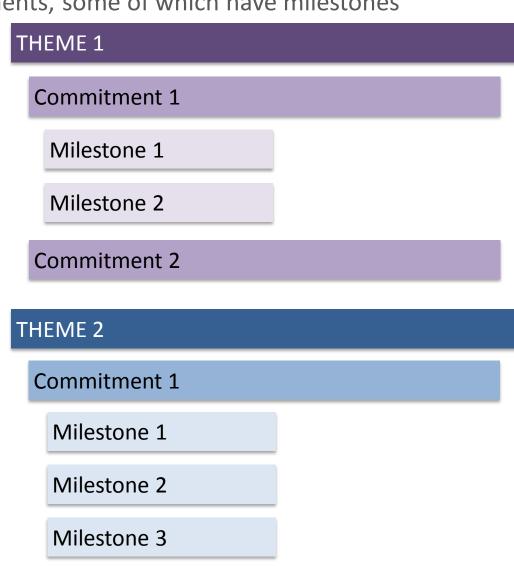
Commitments should be clustered under themes

A theme contains one or more commitments

Commitments should be broken into milestones

Milestones should be measurable

Not all commitments will need milestones



Commitments should be...



- Describes the status quo and problem being solved
- Describes specific activities undertaken
- Describes the outcomes expected

- Commitments broken into clear, measurable milestones
- Measurable, verifiable benchmarks that can demonstrate fulfillment and improvement



- Specifies ownership by listing the implementing agency
- Answerable Specifies coordinating or supporting agencies Specifies civil society, multilateral, or private sector partners



- Clear relevance to open government clear
- Addresses transparency, accountability, and/or public participation



- Clearly states deadline
- Milestone dates are made clear
- Does not have to coincide with 2-year action plan cycle

Resources and tools: http://bit.ly/1YuALVk







CSE Team/ SU Steering Committee

Referrals for Technical Assistance Track Progress

OGP Explorer

IRM Database







Co-Create Content: Blogs, Op-eds, Newsletter



Case Studies,
Open Gov Guide,
OGP Research Agenda

Closing reflections

2016-2018 NAP a big opportunity

Increase ambition, improve consultation process and broaden the base

Use OGP's network to connect with peers

Get in touch!



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Govt. POCs Manual: http://bit.ly/1VJnNzs



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