

Learning Lessons from the OGP Asia-Pacific Summit



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The logo for the Open Government Partnership (OGP). It features a dark grey rectangular box with the text "Open Government Partnership" in white, sans-serif font. Below the box is a horizontal bar composed of 18 vertical stripes of various colors: red, blue, green, yellow, orange, black, green, red, blue, yellow, orange, black, red, blue, green, yellow, orange, and teal.

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Today's discussion

- Introduce the OGP summit, and New Zealand's involvement
- Explain a little about the OGP itself
- Outline New Zealand's current status
- Highlight the lessons learned and the key questions for New Zealand

OGP Asia-Pacific Summit

May 6-7

Bali



Mixture of events

- Plenary speeches

 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndhKWUwwgbE>

 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGsbrqcJR4>

- Breakout presentations and discussion sessions

- Lightning Talks

 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huem3QdCZWc>

- Extra event specifically for Civil Society Organisations (May 4-5)

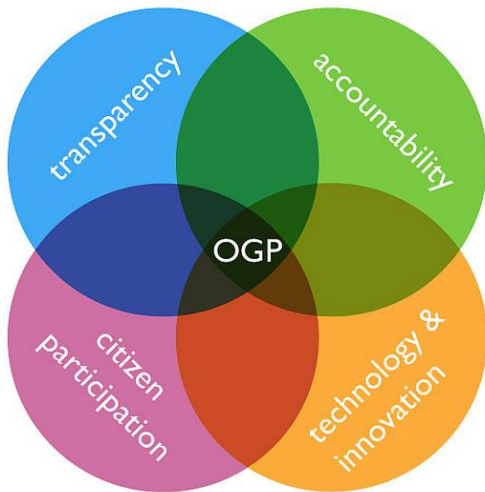
New Zealand's representation

- Hon. Peter Dunne gave an opening address and a presentation
 - <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/speech-day-two-legislative-openness-working-group-indonesia>
- Keitha Booth (Open Govt and Information Data Programme)
- Gordon Davis (SSC) and myself gave a joint presentation
- TINZ represented by Fuimaono Tuiasau

A recap on the OGP

- Launched in 2011 with 8 countries
- Now standing at 64 countries
 - France latest country to join (April 2014)
 - PNG announced its intention to join at the OGP summit
- Every country produces an Action Plan
 - With measurable commitments
 - New Zealand joined in December last year & is currently finalizing its national Action Plan
- Evaluation takes place via Independent Review

Grand Challenges and Core Values



1. Improve public services
2. Improve public integrity
3. More effectively manage public resources
4. Create safer communities
5. Increase corporate accountability

The role of Civil Society

- Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) crucial to the OGP project
- Some countries (e.g. UK, Mexico) faced heavy initial criticism for ignoring CSOs
- Have subsequently become much more involved
 - Both in Action Plans and Implementation Strategies
 - For individual country examples please follow the links from <http://www.opengovpartnership.org/countries>

Story so far?

- 45% all OGP commitments have been achieved
- Of 775 OGP commitments 318 (41%) were entirely new initiatives

OGP BY NUMBERS IN 2013

16 countries developed almost **300** new open government commitments as part of their OGP action plans

OGP's website had a total of **161,056** unique visitors, an increase of **39%** from 2012

Over **1500** participants from **108** different countries participated in the London Summit

OGP launched partnerships with **4** multilateral institutions (World Bank, UNDP, OECD and IDB)

OGP launched **5** new thematic working groups

The London Summit hashtag, #OGP13, trended on Twitter in the UK on October 31st, and a Thunderclap reached a potential audience of **5.5 million** people

OGP's blog views increased from **38,124** in 2012 to **104,824** in 2013, with **201** authors now having contributed to the blog

The Independent Reporting Mechanism posted its first **8** progress reports for the founding OGP countries, reviewing their progress on **175** OGP commitments

3 Heads of State, **1** Deputy Head of State, and over **30** Ministers attended the London Summit

OGP co-hosted **2** regional meetings (Latin America and Africa), which attracted over **500** participants from **36** countries

OGP received **142** session proposals from the open government community for the London Summit

OGP's social media following grew from **9,519** to **20,437** (Twitter, Facebook, YouTube)

5 new countries joined OGP

Notable successes

- Little meta-analysis as yet
- Some studies have been undertaken
- E.g. Commitments to Open Budgeting
<http://fiscaltransparency.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/OGP-GIFT-FOWG-Dublin-Petrie-Background.pdf>
- Data is available for further studies

NZ's Action Plan

➤ **Initial Foundations of 3 key pillars:**

1. Better Public Services (Result 10)

➤ NZrs can easily complete their transactions with government in a digital environment

➤ ICT Strategy and Action Plan

➤ Respond to TINZ National Integrity System

Where do these fit?



Key questions

- How will these translate into specific commitments?
- What will be the pathway for future OGP activity?
- What will the participatory infrastructure be?
- How do these fit into the lessons from the OGP summit?

Lesson number 1

- **New Zealand is highly respected**
 - Could not have been praised any more highly

- Opportunity for NZ to play the leadership role that other nations have already bestowed upon it
 - There was an expectation that NZ could show the way forward in terms of open government

Lesson number 2

➤ **Technology and innovation**

- Other OGP countries have really taken this to heart
- Clear shift already from e-government to m-government
 - Use of apps; crowd-sourcing consultation
- Result 10 of BPS in danger of looking old-fashioned before too long

Lesson 3

➤ Collaboration is king

- Consultation with CSOs and public lay at the heart of the majority of the cases presented
- Need for governments to listen
- Engagement needs to be early and as direct as possible
 - only 42% of OGP countries had proven to have had appropriate pre-AP consultation
 - 87% after self-assessment is published

The way forward?

- Numerous channels used for consultation so far
 - Online discussion groups
 - Public events
 - But there can never be enough
- What will the engagement infrastructure be for implementation and future action plans?
- OGP a long-term programme and needs to be treated as such
 - Shouldn't just think of the initial action plan

Today's challenge

- How would you like to be involved?
- What forms of engagement would you welcome?
- What would you like to be consulted about?
- Or in other words...

How do we move...



FROM
COMMITMENT
TO
ACTION