Introduction to the
Open Government Partnership

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Open Government Partnership

+ International multi-stakeholder platform to make governments more accountable, inclusive and responsive to citizens

+ Founded in 2011 by eight governments and nine civil society leaders

+ Now involves 78 national and 20 local governments, and thousands of civil society organizations - who have together developed over 3,200 commitments

+ Governed by a Steering Committee composed of 11 governments and 11 civil society leaders
OGP by the numbers

200+ National Action Plans

4095+ commitments

78 countries

49 countries with a multistakeholder forum

7.5% of commitments recognised as exemplary / ‘starred’
Ukraine

- Prozorro, an online platform to disclose all procurement contracts and make it publicly searchable
United Kingdom

Implementing public register for beneficial owners of British companies to disclose who ultimately owns, controls, and benefits from them
Kaduna, Nigeria

“Eyes and Ears” project enlists citizens to monitor government infrastructure
Georgia

Publishing searchable political party financing data to track whether donors and political parties are illicitly benefiting from government contracts
Chile

- Creation of Fiscalía Nacional (independent prosecutors office), access to information act, anti-money laundering reform, and multiple efforts to regulate peddling in Chilean politics
A unique model

**GENUINE PARTNERSHIP**
+ An equal partnership between government and civil society, who work together to co-create action plans

**AMBITIOUS ACTION**
+ Recognises that countries have different starting points, and encourages a race to the top
+ Facilitates peer learning and exchange

**VERIFIABLE**
+ Requires both Self-assessments and Independent Reporting
+ Features a variety of mechanisms to resolve complaints about activity that undermines the OGP’s values and principles
How OGP works

+ ELIGIBILITY
  + Budget transparency
  + Access to information
  + Asset disclosure
  + Citizen participation
What is the IRM?

+ OGP’s accountability arm
  - Independent body, overseen by the International Experts Panel (IEP)
  - Assesses the design of OGP action plans to determine:
    • How well the commitments reflect the OGP values of transparency, accountability, and civic participation
    • How ambitious they are in opening up government and changing business as usual
  - Monitors the implementation of OGP commitments throughout the two-year action plan cycle
Guiding materials

- **OGP Handbook 4.1: Rules and Guidance for participants (Updated January 2020).** In this document you will find information about the OGP calendar, rules about delays, advice on how to handle electoral/transitional processes, and guidance on how to develop an Action Plan and Self-Assessment Report.

- **OGP Participation and Co-creation Toolkit.** The Participation and Co-creation Toolkit provides guidance on developing successful co-creation and implementation processes in line with the requirements established in the OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards.

- **OGP Global Report.** The Global report is a comprehensive assessment of the state of open government. This report provides a thorough and honest review of progress made by OGP member countries in the first eight years of the partnership.
Questions?

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