Introduction to the Open Government Partnership

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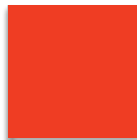
Open Government Partnership

+ 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

7.5%
of commitments recognised as exemplary / 'starred'

78
countries

49
countries with a multistakeholder forum

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 Fiscalia 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
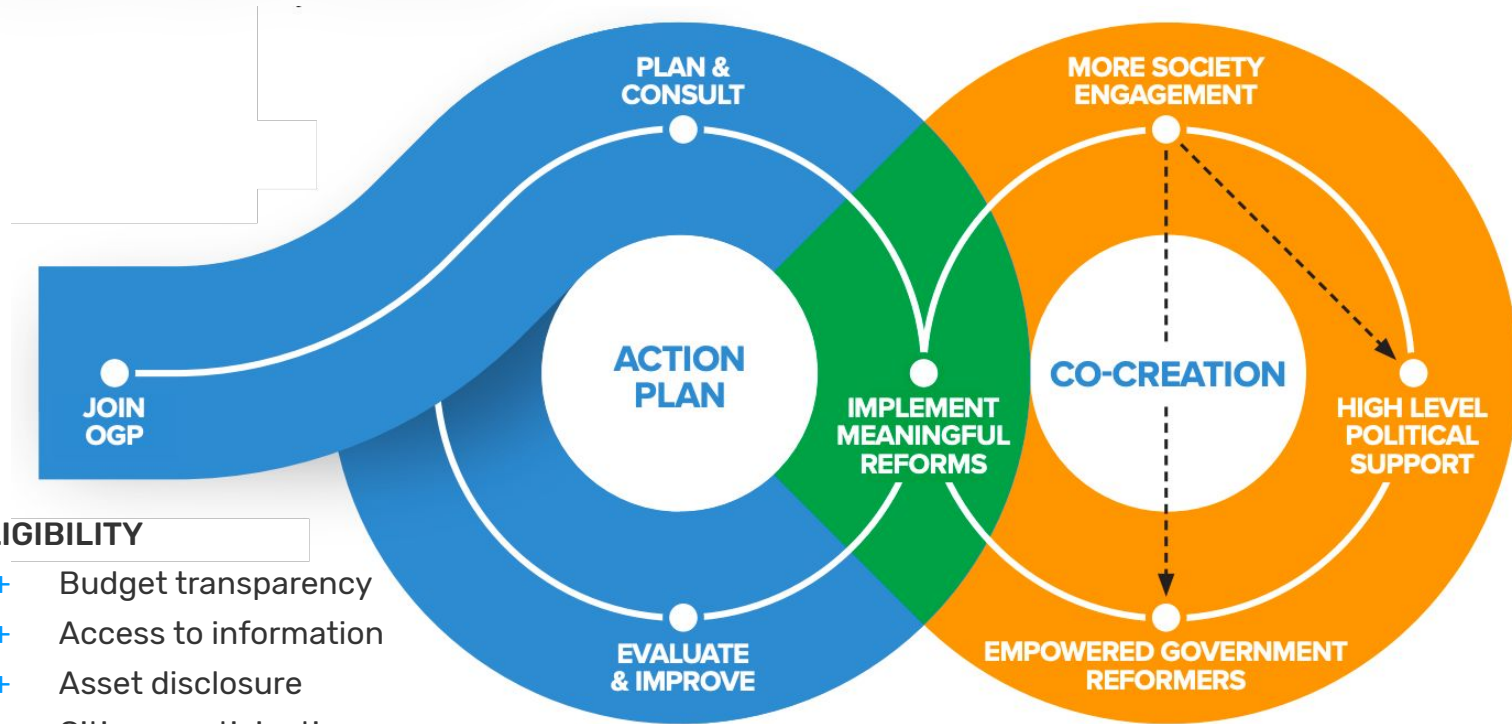+ Facilitates peer learning and exchange

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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