



# OPEN GOVERNMENT SUBNATIONAL DECLARATION

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We, devolved, local, regional, and other subnational governments from across the globe, representing the populations of municipalities, cities, metropolitan areas, counties, states, provinces, regions, and countries, are gathered at the Open Government Partnership Global Summit, convened by the Government of France, the Open Government Partnership, and the City of Paris, to:

Recognize:

1. That government is closest to the people at the subnational level, offering greater opportunity for truly transformative change to more transparent, responsive, accountable, and effective government to benefit all citizens.
2. The fifteen devolved, local, regional and subnational governments which make up the OGP Pioneer Subnational Pilot Program, working to advance local open government.
3. The prominent role of civil society in co-creating subnational action plans, and implementing these commitments towards transformative change for citizens at the local level.
4. The importance of the support of State level government and the global open government agenda.

Commit to:

1. OGP's mission to "foster a global culture of open government that empowers and delivers for citizens, and advances the ideals of open and participatory 21st century government".
2. The Open Government Declaration, which encourages us to: increase the availability of information about governmental activities, support civic participation, implement the highest standards of professional integrity throughout our administrations, and increase access to new technologies for openness and accountability.
3. Create and implement open government commitments alongside civil society partners which advance the needs of the local community.

Calls on:

1. Additional devolved, local, regional and subnational governments and civil society partners to sign onto this declaration and pursue local open government.
2. The OGP Community to recognize the important role of devolved, local, regional and subnational governments in the Partnership.
3. OGP countries to engage with and support the role of subnational governments through local action plans as well as incorporation of subnational perspective and commitments in National Action Plans.