



Outcome Statement of the OGP High-Level Event *Citizen Action, Government Responsiveness*

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New York

Today the Open Government Partnership celebrated its three-year anniversary. Since its launch in 2011, OGP has grown from eight to 65 participating countries, and from a handful of founding civil society leaders to hundreds of organizations engaged in OGP around the world. OGP countries have made over 2,000 open government reform commitments as part of 87 national action plans. OGP's rapid growth demonstrates that there is strong demand for more open and accountable government around the world, and that the opportunity to change the culture of government has never been greater.

Showcasing High-Level Support for OGP: On September 24th, at the United Nations Headquarters, support for OGP was reaffirmed by the presence of 10 Heads of State and Government, over 30 Ministers, and more than 300 civil society leaders from around the world. At the event, OGP formally welcomed Bosnia and Herzegovina as the 65th country to join OGP.

Celebrating Results in Promoting Citizen Engagement: OGP announced the winners of the first annual Open Government Awards, celebrating successful programs to increase citizen engagement in policy-making. Thirty-three countries entered the 2014 awards competition, and the top three finishers were as follows: in third place, the Philippines for the Grassroots Participatory Budgeting program, in second place Montenegro for a public engagement campaign called "Be Responsible," and in first place Denmark for a Statutory Elected Senior Citizens' Council.

Building on Existing Momentum: To build on this progress and encourage concrete results in all participating countries, OGP has now launched a forward-looking strategy for 2015-2018. The strategy aims to build on the first three years of OGP by sustaining high-level political support for open government reforms, supporting the civil servants responsible for implementing these reforms, broadening civil society engagement in OGP, and promoting accountability for results. The Hivos Foundation announced a commitment of \$3.4 million to support the implementation of this strategy and is challenging other OGP donors to make similar commitments.

Renewal of OGP Leadership: At the event, OGP's current co-chairs recognized the handover to OGP's new leadership group. On October 1st, 2014, the Government of Mexico will become the Lead Government Co-Chair and Suneeta Kaimal will become the Lead Civil Society Co-Chair. The Government of South Africa will become the Support Government Co-Chair and Alejandro Gonzalez will become the Support Civil Society Co-Chair. In addition five new civil society representatives and three new governments will join the Steering Committee.

Securing New Pledges of Support for OGP Implementation: The High-Level Event ended with the announcement of new pledges from OGP countries to support each other in implementing their OGP commitments. These peer exchange activities are designed to build a more active and supportive network of open government reformers around the world. A total of 32 countries have made new pledges on issues such as access to information, open data, budget transparency, citizen engagement and corruption.

In addition, 13 civil society organizations have made new pledges to mobilize their networks to get involved in the OGP process in one or more participating countries. OGP's five Working Groups and five Multilateral Partners each made pledges of support to help countries make more ambitious commitments and implement them. The pledges are summarized below.

ANNEX 1 – SUMMARY OF PLEDGES

New Participating Countries:

Bosnia and Herzegovina has submitted its letter of intent to participate in OGP.

France will complete its first national action plan in the coming months.

Malawi will complete its first national action plan in the coming months.

Tunisia published its first national action plan on September 23rd, 2014, and pledges to implement it fully over the next two years.

Participating countries pledge support to their peers:

Brazil offers support on implementing an access to information law, from drafting the bill to making the law work.

Canada will support the creation of open government commitments both at home and abroad with a focus on enhanced international collaboration on peer review, national action plans, and open data.

Chile offers assistance on implementing and monitoring access to information law at a national level.

Colombia will leverage experience from "Urna de Cristal" - a channel for citizens to ask questions and the government responds - to help with implementation of citizen participation in ICT.

Costa Rica will support the development a social dialogue with citizens and civil society organizations to promote the joint creation of public policy and initiatives.

Croatia will share experiences in the area of improving government responsiveness as key to meaningful citizens engagement.

El Salvador offers to support countries in the region to organize hackathons to develop c software.

Finland pledges to support the implementation of the OGP national action plan through a network of civil servants that also promotes exchanges of best practices between different public institutions.

Georgia pledges to support innovative solutions for building efficient public services, such as through the Public Service Hall (PSH) and Community Centers (CC).

Greece commits to assisting countries implement access to information law and enhance transparency and public deliberation by sharing knowledge accumulated from the country's flagship Transparency Program.

Guatemala pledges to support raising awareness of access to public information through the Citizen Participation through the program "Dialogues of Citizen Participation."

Hungary offers its experience in teaching integrity for public officials including train the trainer workshop and curriculum development.

Indonesia offers its experience in natural resources governance particularly through its role as a Co-Anchor of the Openness in Natural Resources Working Group.

Ireland will share best practice, knowledge and expertise with its Northern Ireland counterparts and assist each other in relation to Open Data.

Italy is committed to promoting transparency on public spending and to empower citizens in playing a stronger role in shaping local development.

Mexico pledges to work with countries in bringing open government principles to practice, consolidating a true partnership between governments and civil society, making this initiative a platform for global cooperation and exchange.

Republic of Moldova commits to enforce the Open Data Policy to increase transparency, improve service delivery, and fight corruption.

The Netherlands will share experience on open data, informal approach of public service and innovative ways of involving civil society.

Norway will contribute to sharing how to establish and regulate an independent Post-Employment Committee for politicians.

Panama will share expertise in the area of access to public information to increase transparency, accountability and participation.

The Philippines commits to providing assistance in the areas of Civil Society Engagement, particularly participatory budgeting, and Open Data.

Sierra Leone will assist other countries in developing strong civil society and civic engagement activities in an innovative and sustainable manner.

The Slovak Republic pledges to promote Open Data in order to improve government transparency as well as non-government and business re-use of data.

South Africa will deepen community participation in public affairs through citizen-based monitoring of government performance in order to strengthen public accountability and drive service delivery improvements.

Sweden supports countries in monitoring aid transparency as well as developing International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) commitments and a transparency guarantee.

The United Kingdom commits to keep all of its national open data tools free for anyone to reuse, and to provide advice and documentation on how to use them.

The United States will work with countries to globalize the open data movement and make government-held data more accessible to the public.

Uruguay will support implementation of activities related to open data, access to information law and e-participation, including strategy formalization and implementation of public consultation process.

Civil Society Organizations pledge to promote OGP:

Article 19 will promote the inclusion of access to information and public participation by governments in design of Sustainable Development Goals and the accompanying indicators. Along with that, Article 19 will provide assistance to local communities and policy makers on use of RTI to achieve development rights including right to water, health, land and education.

CAFOD will support the UK commitments to transparency, accountability and participation by offering experience on what works in international development.

Global Integrity is keen to help civil society organisations and governments in OGP countries to assess whether citizens are able to use information to track and influence the use of public resources to deliver public services.

Hivos contributes \$3.4 million to the Open Government Partnership 4 year strategy and will actively support civil society engagement in 8 countries.

Integrity Action offers advice and support on innovative ways of engaging civil society, business and government, and enabling citizen feedback and collective problem solving to close the feedback loop and improve services in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

International Budget Partnership supports civil society organizations in 30 countries in making use of the IBP real time data tool to push for more ambitious commitments on fiscal transparency.

IREX-Ukraine is working to ensure all Ukrainians have free access to government information and tools through the country's network of public libraries.

Making All Voices Count will support national and local OGP processes and commitments in Ghana, Philippines and South Africa over the next 3 years.

ONE will work with partners to provide an assessment on the degree to which the information citizens need to follow the money is available, is being used, and is leading to improved service delivery particularly in a small number of African countries.

Oxfam will work with its country offices in ten aspiring OGP countries and 36 member countries to engage with local and national OGP processes, especially in Africa.

Restless Development will support youth-led accountability initiatives in Ghana, Nepal and Tanzania.

Transparency International pledges to involve more people in open governance activism through its network of anti-corruption activists in 90% of OGP countries.

Web Foundation will support the Open Data Working Group's efforts to meet its goals in developing countries to the amount of \$200,000 by 2016.

OGP Working Groups pledge to provide expertise to OGP countries:

The Access to Information Working Group will work towards making the right of access to information a key component of the OGP Agenda and national action plans, and to support ATI commitments.

The Fiscal Openness Working Group will support OGP country members to make significant improvements in fiscal transparency, participation and accountability through the adoption and implementation of ambitious commitments, peer-learning, and technical assistance.

The Legislative Openness Working Group will support the engagement of legislatures in the creation, implementation, and oversight of action plan commitments, and to create opportunities for peer exchange related to legislative openness.

The Open Data Working Group will support OGP nations in the adoption and implementation of strong and consistent Open Data principles and practices.

The Openness in Natural Resources Working Group is committed to increased understanding of the importance of natural resource governance, with the aim having more and better quality commitments.

OGP Multilateral Partners pledge to support OGP countries:

The Asian Development Bank pledges to convene governments, civil society and other actors to foster learning and innovation across countries.

The Inter-American Development Bank is assisting Latin America attain more effective, efficient and open governments for better public services and more accountability.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development will engage with governments around the world to drive open government reforms in partnership with citizens and business.

United Nations Development Programme will continue its support to program countries that are also members of the OGP in the development and implementation of national action plan, through existing or future projects and programs.

The World Bank supports OGP at the country level with preparation and implementation of action plans as well as global level with facilitation of peer exchanges for reformers.

In addition, the United States commits to new commitments in their Action Plan:

The United States Open Government National Action Plan is an evolving, living document and today President Obama announced that in addition to the commitments outlined in the current National Action Plan, the United States will take additional steps to be more open, transparent, and accessible for all Americans. The United States will:

- Improve transparency in government spending, making it easier to understand how and where the federal government spends and invests;
- Expand the country's efforts to build better government digital services, including building them in the open;
- Ensure that the US protects personal privacy while harnessing the power of big data to improve health care, fight discrimination, and protect the public from crime; and
- Promote open educational resources, to help teachers and students everywhere.

ANNEX 2 – DETAILS OF COUNTRY PLEDGES

In advance of the OGP High-Level Event at the United Nations on September 24th 2014 all OGP participating countries were asked to make a commitment to engage in peer exchange and support activities with other OGP countries. This included the one sentence summary included in the Outcome Statement, and the details behind each commitment which are below.

Participating countries pledge support to their peers on a range of issue areas:

1. **Public Participation** – Governmental leaders in Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Sierra Leone, and South Africa offer to deepen citizen engagement in policy making.
2. **Access to Information** – Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, Panama, and Uruguay will work with governments to promote access to public information.
3. **Fiscal Transparency** – Governments in Italy, the Philippines, and Sweden pledge to share their experience in putting more and better quality information online, allowing citizens to hold them accountable for how they spend taxpayer dollars.
4. **Open Data** – The nations of Canada, Ireland, Moldova, the Netherlands, Slovak Republic, the United Kingdom and the United States commit to supporting initiatives to make government-held data more accessible to the public.
5. **Government Integrity** – Hungary and Norway offers experience in increasing public integrity in public administration and in post-employment regulations respectively.
6. **Public Service Delivery** – Georgia pledges assistance in creating innovative solutions for to improve public service delivery.
7. **Natural Resource Transparency** – Indonesia will share its experience in enhancing good governance in natural resource management.
8. **Open Government Principles** – Governments in Finland and Mexico will support the implementation of open government principles and the development of the OGP national action plan.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Colombia

Summary of Pledge	The Government of Colombia has experience and can help with citizen participation in ICT use, "Urna de Cristal" (a website for citizens to ask questions and the government responds).
Issue Area	Citizen participation.
Expertise	Colombia can support on implementing citizen participation with ICT: "Urna de Cristal."

Relevant OGP Commitment	Improving public services.
Lead Ministry	Secretary of Transparency.
Type of Assistance	Colombia will participate in videoconference, provide technical assistance, and connect countries to experts.

Costa Rica

Summary of Pledge	Costa Rica will offer assistance in developing a social dialogue with citizens and civil society organizations to promote the joint creation of public policy and initiatives.
Issue Area	Civil society engagement.
Expertise	Since May 2014, the Deputy Ministry of Political Affairs and Social Dialogue has developed the basics for a social dialogue with different minorities such as women, aboriginals, LGBT community, and civil society organizations in order to make decisions and establish methodologies and chronograms to find proactive solutions to address problems. Therefore, the team of the Deputy Ministry can advise other countries to perform new and innovative ways of civil society participation and collaboration.
Relevant OGP Commitment	As Costa Rica is in process of developing the second Action Plan of OGP, a commitment about a social dialogue methodology will be assumed to orientate the public agencies to promote civil society engagement.
Lead Ministry	Deputy Ministry of Political Affairs and Social Dialogue, Presidents Office.
Type of Assistance	The Government of Costa Rica will help other countries for example by supporting study visits and providing technical assistance, also participating in videoconference calls or webinars, as well as advise the ministries and civil society organizations in the efforts to start and develop dialogues and plans to find solutions to public problems with mutual collaboration.

Croatia

Summary of Pledge	Croatia pledges to share experiences in the area of improving government responsiveness as key to meaningful citizens engagement.
Issue Area	Civil society engagement, access to information, citizen participation.
Expertise	Croatia can support the development of standards of consultations with interested public, provide training for government officials/civil servants on how to conduct meaningful public consultations, and develop tools for effective reporting on results of public consultations.
Relevant OGP Commitment	Measure 11, Improving the process of consultation with the interested public in procedures of adopting laws, other regulations and acts, in particular activity. 11.2. Conduct education of state officials and civil servants in state administration bodies and civil servants in local and regional self-government units on the efficient reporting on consultation results.
Lead Ministry	Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs.
Type of Assistance	Croatia will participate in videoconference calls, support study visits, provide technical assistance, participate in webinars, connect countries to professional or

expert networks, review draft commitments, and provide advice on setting up the institutional structure with ministries and civil society to manage OGP participation.

Sierra Leone

Summary of Pledge	Sierra Leone pledges to help others develop strong civil society and civic engagement activities in a sustainable manner.
Issue Area	Civic Engagement
Expertise	Sierra Leone can provide advice on innovative ways to engage civil society across the country.
Relevant OGP Commitment	This pertains to all commitments as civic engagement is overarching
Lead Ministry	Open Government Initiative
Type of Assistance	Sierra Leone will participate in videoconference calls, support study visits, provide technical assistance, participate in webinars, connect countries to professional or expert networks, review draft commitments, and advise on setting up the institutional structure with ministries and civil society to manage OGP participation. Sierra Leone has been involved in Webinars and videoconference calls and would do more including travel to interested countries as necessary.

South Africa

Summary of Pledge	South Africa will deepen community participation in public affairs through citizen-based monitoring of government performance in order to strengthen public accountability and drive service delivery improvements.
Issue Area	TBC
Expertise	TBC
Relevant OGP Commitment	TBC
Lead Ministry	TBC
Type of Assistance	TBC

2. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Brazil

Summary of Pledge	Brazil will assist the implementation of access to information law.
Issue Area	Access to information.
Expertise	Brazil can support on implementing an access to information law, from drafting the bill to making the law work.
Relevant OGP Commitment	Several commitments in the first action plan.
Lead Ministry	Office of the Comptroller General.

Type of Assistance	Brazil will participate in videoconference calls, send or receive study visits, provide technical assistance, participate in webinars, connect countries to professional or expert networks, review draft commitments, share its access to information system either as code or as a concept, advise on setting up the institutional structure for the implementation, discuss the development of reports and indicator, present its process of monitoring, and present its experiences with civil society organizations to develop related policies and practices.
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Chile

Summary of Pledge	Chile will support access to information law that strengthens democracy and citizen participation in the context of open government.
Issue Area	Access to information.
Expertise	Chile can support implementing and monitoring access to information law at a national level.
Relevant OGP Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency web • Lobbying Act implementation at a national level • Improving the transparency management at a municipal level • A new policy for public files
Lead Ministry	Ministry General Secretariat of the Presidency; Mrs. Ximena Rincon (Minister).
Type of Assistance	Chile will participate in videoconference calls, support study visits, provide technical assistance, participate in webinars, and connect countries to professional or expert networks.

El Salvador

Summary of Pledge	El Salvador offers to support countries in the region to organize hackathons to develop free software that can be shared with other countries.
Issue Area	Access to information.
Expertise	Information should be presented in a friendly way to the public. El Salvador has designed applications and web pages for this. People will also have the opportunity to interact with the government official through a two-way communication.
Relevant OGP Commitment	Installed and running an electronic space within the Single Portal Transparency called "Transparencia Focalizada" through which the Government seeks to provide information to help citizens to improve their decision-making in relation to products, procedures, price, quality and services.
Lead Ministry	Secretary of Public participation, Transparency and Anticorruption of El Salvador.
Type of Assistance	El Salvador offers to conduct videoconference calls, host study visits, technical assistance, and participate in webinars.

Greece

Summary of Pledge	Greece will help other countries enhance transparency and public deliberation
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	by sharing knowledge accumulated from its flagship Transparency Program.
Issue Area	Access to Information
Expertise	Greece can support on planning and implementing policy changes promoting transparency of government actions, observing legality and good administration as well as reinforcing citizens' constitutional rights for participation and open government. The support can include help implementing an access to information law, redesigning the necessary procedures and operationalizing an electronic platform which provides access to all government documents, decisions and public spending information as well as facilitates public deliberation of proposed bills.
Relevant OGP Commitment	Boosting Public Participation-Institutional and technological upgrading of Transparency Program. Boosting Public Participation-Public participation in decision making.
Lead Ministry	Ministry of Administrative Reform and e-Governance.
Type of Assistance	The types of assistance the Greek Government can offer include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in videoconference calls; • Supporting study visits and participating in workshops; and • Sharing hands on experience of the country's initiative by visiting and consulting with the team responsible for planning and implementing its flagship Transparency Program. Examples of previous bilateral exchanges include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge transfer between the Greek and Serbian Governments during the EU "Twinning" program regarding the Transparency Program as a transparency and anti-corruption tool as well as public participation and consultation actions like opengov.gr. • Knowledge transfer between the Greek and Slovenian Governments regarding development and implementation of the legislation on transparency and access to public information. • Participation in the 6th Quality Conference of the European Union Public Administration Network at Warsaw.

Guatemala

Summary of Pledge	Guatemala pledges to support raising awareness of access to public information through the Citizen Participation through the program "Dialogues of Citizen Participation."
Issue Area	Fiscal Transparency, E-Government and Information Access.
Expertise	Guatemala can support the use and interpretation of the Law on Access to Public Information and mechanisms of awareness and involvement in different areas of population.
Relevant OGP Commitment	Sensitize the population to gain knowledge about transparency, combatting corruption, E-Government, open data and create space for citizen participation.
Lead Ministry	Presidential Commission for Transparency and E-Government.
Type of Assistance	The Government of Guatemala offers to exchange information on the progress made in the areas of E-Government and Citizen Participation, and to give examples of mechanisms and actions that can support countries to implement it

requiring support, these exchanges can be made by videoconference with the country that needs it.

Panama

Summary of Pledge	Panama will share expertise in the area of access to public information to increase transparency, accountability and participation.
Issue Area	To fulfill the commitment to the implementation of the Transparency Law, Law 33 of April 25, 2013 was created by which increased public integrity could be attained through compliance with the Transparency Law 6 (the right of petition and access to public information, promoting transparency, disclosure of information, transparent governance, citizen participation and open government among others).
Expertise	Panama has expertise in the area of access to public information which the country has outlined in its Transparency Act of 2002 that regulates the right to petition and how to request public information under the state. The country has also Law 33 of 2013 establishing the National Authority Transparency and Access to Information.
Relevant OGP Commitment	This is related to the commitment of the Implementation of the Transparency Law 6.
Lead Ministry	National Authority for Transparency and Access to Information.
Type of Assistance	Panama will advise on issues of access to information.

Uruguay

Pledge 1

Summary of Pledge	In Uruguay, law on Access to Public Information was adopted unanimously by the legislature since 2008 (Law 18381). Uruguay can support implementing an access to information law.
Issue Area	Access to information.
Expertise	Uruguay can support implementing actions related to strengthening the transparency culture, promotion and dissemination of the Public Information Access Right.
Relevant OGP Commitment	3. Promotion of Public Information Access Right: To strengthen the citizens' ability to exercise their Public Information Access right, as the basis for transparency and collective construction. Commitment: 3.1 Promotion and dissemination of the Public Information Access Right. To develop and execute a dissemination and promotion plan for making use of the Public Information Access Right promoting its exercise by different social groups and a larger number of people. Said plan was agreed on in the First Dialogue Meeting "Gobierno Abierto y Acceso a la Información Pública" (Open Government and Public Information Access) incorporating the Civil Society's and the State's view. Commitment: 3.2 e-access: National System for Requesting Access to Public Information. To implement a computer application which allows managing and

following up the requests for accessing public information presented before any public organization, enabling the citizen to put forward the online form and enabling the supervisory body to obtain information regarding the state of compliance of every one of the compelled subjects.

Lead Ministry	Public Information Access Unit (UAIP), Presidency of the Republic of Uruguay.
Type of Assistance	Uruguay can offer assistance by participating in videoconference calls, supporting study visits, providing technical assistance, participating in webinars, reviewing draft commitments, etc. The Unit of Public Information Access of Uruguay, which belongs to RTA (Transparency Access Network), offers support on implementing an access to information law to any country in the region.
Pledge 2:	
Summary of Pledge	Uruguay came in third place in the world, on e-participation United Nations 2014 Index. Uruguay will support implementing initiatives, platforms and channels used by citizens.
Issue Area	e-participation.
Expertise	Uruguay can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support implementing legal and institutional frameworks to enable freedom of information, privacy and data protection. • Support on implementing actions related to e-participation strategy, formalization, and implementation public consultation process, promote the use of ICTs, digital and social media tools to enhance the spread of information and citizen engagement. • The Agency for the Development of E-Government and Information and Knowledge Society (AGESIC) defined, during 2012, a series of good practices for public institutions, in order to standardize the opening and treatment of these spaces. Also, public servants were trained to prepare e-Participation opportunities (where more public servants were later trained), and research was carried out among citizen participation leaders to learn their opinion. In addition, a site was generated where the citizenship can view citizen participation news: www.participacionciudadan.gub.uy.
Relevant OGP Commitment	1. Open Government promotion and development in Uruguay Boosting and facilitating citizen participation and collaboration by creating new spaces and promoting the existing ones. Strengthening organizations' skills to carry out new models to interact with the citizenship. 1.1 Strengthening of citizen participation culture in Uruguay (Presidency of the Republic and AGESIC) Disseminating, promoting and making all information on citizen participation spaces already existing in Uruguay available for the citizenship, informing about its characteristics and the best practices thereon, promoting its replication.
Lead Ministry	Agency for the Development of E-Government and Information and Knowledge Society (AGESIC), Presidency of the Republic of Uruguay
Type of Assistance	Uruguay will offer assistance by participating in videoconference calls, supporting study visits, providing technical assistance, participating in webinars, reviewing draft commitments, etc.
Pledge 3:	
Summary of Pledge	The National Open Data Catalogue was created in December 2012 and 19

entities are releasing 97 sets of open data. Uruguay will support implementing initiatives, platforms and how to operationalize an open data portal.

Issue Area	Open Data.
Expertise	<p>Uruguay can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support actions related to standardization and transformation strategy of public data into Open Data, tools to enhance the spread of information and citizen engagement, promote the publication, utilization and re-utilization of Government Open Data. • Examples of programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dateidea.uy. The first open data contest was carried out - dateidea.uy – which is now in its third edition. It provides three categories: “existing applications”, for pioneers, “prototypes”, for those who use catalogue data with new applications, and finally a category for original “ideas” sought to be developed. ○ Confdatos.uy. Uruguay was venue of the First Open Data Regional Conference, for Latin America and the Caribbean. International Open Data leaders, political actors, members of the Civil Society, technicians and researchers gathered in Montevideo on June 26th- 27th, 2013 at the Radisson Hotel. The objective of this meeting was to strengthen and expand the Government Open Data strategies in the region, as well as increase the number of countries and governments involved in the data opening initiatives. ○ Data Journalism. Some workshops addressed to journalists took place as an initiative to promote data journalism in Uruguay. Also, the 2nd Databootcamp of Latin America was carried out, attended by journalists, developers and experts from England, France, Germany, Spain and Argentina.
Relevant OGP Commitment	<p>4. From Public Data to Open Data: To develop a standardization and transformation strategy of public data into Open Data, prioritizing the subject matters that allow for making an analysis of public policies, as well as satisfying the Civil Society specific needs.</p> <p>4.1 Government Open Data – To promote the publication, utilization and re-utilization of Government Open Data. Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To formalize the Open Data work group, considering the representation of the civil society, the academia and companies. • To generate a participation space for identifying and prioritizing work areas and creating a collective Open Government Action Plan for the period 2015-2016. • To create specific work groups in fields such as health, education, social policies and consumption. • To elaborate good practices for the opening and publication of Government Open Data, in subjects such as personal data dissociation and publication in rdf format. • To develop an assistant for publishing metadata in rdf format for State entities. • To create the regulations on Open Data, including the review of license standards to be adopted.

- Implementation of visual displays in the Open Data national Catalogue.
- Recommendation of solutions for the visualization of Open Data in public entities.
- Publication of open data sets common to different organizations aiming at improving systems' interoperability.

Lead Ministry	Agency for the Development of E-Government and Information and Knowledge Society (AGESIC), Presidency of the Republic of Uruguay
Type of Assistance	

3. FISCAL TRANSPARENCY

Italy

Summary of Pledge	Italy is committed to promoting transparency on public spending and to empowering citizens in playing a stronger role in shaping local development.
Issue Area	Transparency on the use of public funds for civic engagement.
Expertise	Italy can provide advice on innovative ways to reach local communities and to raise interest in young people for civic engagement. Also, it can share standards to track public money, in particular as concerns public investment projects.
Relevant OGP Commitment	This relates to the National Action Plan commitment to the construction of a public information system on the implementation of all projects funded by cohesion policy and extends it to establish a permanent and dynamic synergy between a public mandate for transparency and the collective energy of citizens and civil society.
Lead Ministry	Department for Development and Economic Cohesion.
Type of Assistance	Italy will provide technical assistance, participate in videoconference calls, webinars and events, support study visits and connect to local experts. Italy also has a longstanding experience of twinning projects and bilateral cooperation with EU candidate countries on the use of public funds.

The Philippines

Summary of Pledge	The Philippines commits to provide assistance in the areas of civil society engagement, particularly participatory budgeting, and open data.
Issue Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participatory Budgeting; • Civil Society Engagement; and • Open Data.
Expertise	<p>The Philippines can share expertise on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Society Engagement – How to strengthen civil society engagement across government and in particular, for implementation of OGP; • Participatory Budgeting – How to implement participatory budgeting at the national level; and • Open Data – How to coordinate with different government agencies, how to roll it out.
Relevant OGP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grassroots Participatory Budgeting;

Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Data Philippines; and • Localized OGP Steering Committee (not a commitment per se, but relates to process of implementing OGP in the Philippines).
Lead Ministry	Department of Budget and Management.
Type of Assistance	<p>The Philippines can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in videoconference calls and webinars; • Provide technical assistance; • Review draft commitments; and • Advice on setting up the institutional structure with ministries and civil society to manage OGP participation.

Sweden

Summary of Pledge	Sweden will support countries in developing and monitoring aid transparency/ International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) commitments.
Issue Area	Aid transparency.
Expertise	<p>Sweden can provide advice on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing policies on openness and aid transparency, including support on developing a transparency guarantee; and • How to operationalize an open data portal.
Relevant OGP Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment 3: Increased access to Swedish aid information; • Commitment 4: Improved opportunities for dialogue and transparency in aid management and implementation; and • Commitment 5: Increased aid transparency at global level.
Lead Ministry	Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
Type of Assistance	<p>Sweden will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide policy assistance on how to develop an open aid policy agenda; • Provide technical assistance on how to operationalize an open data portal, in particular producing and using data from the IATI; • Share Open Source code to visualize aid data from the IATI data store; • Connect countries to professional or expert networks, especially through Sweden's membership in the IATI Secretariat; and • Participate in videoconference calls and in webinars.

4. OPEN DATA

Canada

Summary of Pledge	Canada will support the creation of open government commitments both at home and abroad with a focus on enhanced international collaboration.
Issue Area	International collaboration (peer review, national action plans, open data).
Expertise	<p>Canada can provide support to OGP nations requesting assistance with the development and implementation of open government commitments. The Government of Canada can provide information and guidance on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying potential challenges to the creation of open government

	<p>commitments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing of policy instruments that drive the expansion of open government, including polices which emphasize: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maximizing the release of open data and information; ○ Encouraging the reuse of open data and information in order to promote innovative policies and decision-making; ○ Implementing online platforms and solutions to facilitate access to open government data and information; • Implementing strategies for increasing data quality; • Developing solutions for the proactive release of government spending and contracting information; and • Integrating federated search capabilities across multiple data and information repositories.
Relevant OGP Commitment	This pledge relates to the three core commitments of Canada’s Action Plan – Open Data, Open Information, and Open Dialogue.
Lead Ministry	Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat.
Type of Assistance	<p>The Government of Canada will provide assistance to OGP participating nations through bilateral and multilateral exchanges, leveraging existing domestic and international open government networks. These exchanges may include, but are not limited to, participating in videoconference calls, supporting study visits, providing technical assistance, participating in webinars, connecting countries to professional or expert networks, reviewing draft commitments.</p> <p>The Government of Canada has already engaged in bilateral discussion with other countries regarding the implementation of open government initiatives. Canada will also leverage its role as co-chair of the OGP Open Data Working Group to provide specific feedback on open data commitments in OGP participants’ National Action Plans.</p>

Ireland	
Summary of Pledge	Ireland offers to share best practice, knowledge and expertise with its Northern Ireland counterparts and assist each other in relation to Open Data.
Issue Area	Open Data
Expertise	Ireland can share research on Open Data in relation to best practice in preparing and publishing data in open format, how to carry out data audits and identify high value datasets, knowledge on standards and licensing, practical information in relation to the development of an Open Data portal and issues arising.
Relevant OGP Commitment	Actions 1.1 to 1.7 of Ireland's National Action Plan relate to the development of Open Data in Ireland.
Lead Ministry	Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.
Type of Assistance	Ireland’s counterparts in Northern Ireland are at the early stages of establishing Open Data and building an Open Data portal. In the context of the UK's membership of OGP, Ireland can exchange information and advice, hold bilateral meetings, support study visits and exchange ideas and contacts to support each other.

Republic Of Moldova

Summary of Pledge	The Government of Moldova commits to enforce the Open Data Policy to increase transparency, improve service delivery, and fight corruption.
Issue Area	Open Contracting Data.
Expertise	Moldova can provide assistance on policy development and institutional enforcement of open data all across the government.
Relevant OGP Commitment	Principle 1 Promote the Principles of Open Data By Default.
Lead Ministry	State Chancellery, e-Government Center/Government CIO.
Type of Assistance	Moldova can participate in videoconference calls, provide technical assistance, participate in webinars, connect countries to professional or expert networks, review draft commitments, and provide advice on setting up the institutional structure with ministries and civil society to manage OGP participation.

The Netherlands

Summary of Pledge	The Netherlands will share experience on open data, informal approach of public service and innovative ways of involving civil society.
Issue Area	Government and civil society engagement.
Expertise	The Netherlands can advise and share experience on innovative ways of engaging with civil society, open data and the informal pro-active approach in public services.
Relevant OGP Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open data;• Facilitating government actions; and• Informal proactive approach model.
Lead Ministry	Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations.
Type of Assistance	The Netherlands will provide advice and share of knowledge on request.

Slovak Republic

Summary of Pledge	Slovakia pledges to promote Open Data in order to improve government transparency as well as non-government and business re-use of data.
Issue Area	Open Data.
Expertise	Slovakia offers knowledge exchange on open data policy (especially in the European context), software tools to help organizations, as well as best practices.
Relevant OGP Commitment	Develop and launch the Open Data Portal.
Lead Ministry	The Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic.
Type of Assistance	The Ministry of Interior has been engaged in the COMSODE Open Data project that is creating software tools, documenting best practices and publishing datasets. The Government Office operates data.gov.sk data portal, which is currently being re-designed to include new functionality and broaden its scope. The Ministry of Justice is currently implementing legislative measures (such as

the transposition of the PSI Directive) to support Open Data and the Ministry of Finance has addressed Open Data issues in the IT standardization process (as part of Act 55/2014). The Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Development of the Civil Society (which is responsible for OGP Action Plan; operating within the Ministry of Interior) is happy to provide contacts and offer knowledge exchange to countries that could find the current experience useful.

The United Kingdom

Summary of Pledge	The United Kingdom commits to keep all its national open data tools free for anyone to reuse, and to provide advice and documentation on how to use them.
Issue Area	Open Data.
Expertise	People will be free to reuse all open data tools created and used by the UK, for example data.gov.uk to go, maturity models etc., and the UK will provide guidance, advice and expertise on implementing them.
Relevant OGP Commitment	Commitment 1.
Lead Ministry	Cabinet Office.
Type of Assistance	The UK can participate in calls, conferences, webinars etc. to provide advice to countries wanting to use the tools.

The United States

Summary of Pledge	The United States will work with countries to globalize the open data movement and make government-held data more accessible to the public.
Issue Area	Open Data.
Expertise	The United States can offer assistance to countries seeking to make open and machine-readable data the default for their government information and to launch open data initiatives to scale up open data efforts across particular governmental sectors including health, energy, and global development. The Data.gov and Project Open Data sites can serve as helpful models for other countries – and some have already utilized these resources.
Relevant OGP Commitment	The United States included a commitment to "Open Data to the Public" in the second National Action Plan.
Lead Ministry	White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.
Type of Assistance	The United States has previously participated in bilateral exchanges and will continue to seek out opportunities for future engagement through video or traditional conference calls, webinars, or in-person meetings. U.S. open data experts are available to provide technical or policy assistance to create and implement commitments on open data.

5. GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY

Hungary	
Summary of Pledge	Hungary offers its experiences in teaching integrity for public officials including train the trainer workshop and curriculum development.
Issue Area	Enhancing integrity in the public administration.
Expertise	Hungary can share how to develop curriculum of integrity management trainings for staff members and senior level public officials and how to train trainers to create an atmosphere of trust.
Relevant OGP Commitment	National Action Plan commitment Nr. 5/a: Hungary undertakes to provide training for public officials in the topics of integrity, anti-corruption and ethics. http://www.opengovpartnership.org/country/commitment/anti-corruption-training-public-officials
Lead Ministry	Ministry of Interior National University of Public Service – Centre of Excellence in Integrity.
Type of Assistance	The National University of Public Service – Centre of Excellence in Integrity has developed curricula for teaching public ethics, anti-corruption and integrity that have already reached almost 12 000 Hungarian public officials, over 14% of the whole public administration staff. Hungary’s approach is complex and it is built on a highly interactive methodology. It involves participants in a structured learning and reflection process on how to implement democratic values in the daily practice of public administration organizations, how to develop organizational integrity and how to change people’s attitude towards corruption. The effectiveness of Hungary’s approach has been measured by an extensive survey and an international peer review of the English version, presented for government representatives of Western Balkan countries, also found it highly effective. Hungary is ready to share its rich practical experiences with interested countries in the field of curriculum development, training of trainers and development of training strategy on public ethics and integrity. Additionally, Hungary is ready to provide advice and guidance both through videoconference, study visits and technical assistance.
Norway	
Summary of Pledge	Norway will share how to establish an independent Post-Employment Committee for politicians.
Issue Area	Increasing Public integrity.
Expertise	Norway can contribute how to organize and how to regulate a Post-Employment Regime for politicians with an independent committee.
Relevant OGP Commitment	Commitment 4.19 "Reducing conflict of interests – Post-Employment Regulations" (in Norway's second national action plan).
Lead Ministry	Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Modernization.
Type of Assistance	Norway will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice; • Conduct study visits; and • Give lectures on the system.

6. PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY

Georgia	
Summary of Pledge	Georgia pledges to support innovative solutions for building efficient public services, such as through the Public Service Hall (PSH) and Community Centers (CC).
Issue Area	Improving Public Services.
Expertise	<p>Government of Georgia stands ready to be actively involved in bilateral experience exchange between partner governments to share its unique experience of building efficient public services by innovative solutions – the concept “everything in one space.” Georgia’s innovation in this regard – Public Service Hall (PSH) has attracted huge international interest and has been praised by the UN award in Improving the Delivery of Public Services category. Additionally, to ensure regional development, access to various services for citizens in regions and civic engagement, the Government of Georgia launched Community Centers (CC).</p> <p>The PSH is a unique approach and creative solution in the area of public service delivery. Georgian “know how” uses various business approaches that are essential to ensure fast, efficient and comfortable service delivery. The concept focuses on the easiness, speed and quality of services. PSH is a big “service shopping mall” that allows individuals to receive more than 300 public and private sector services under the single roof. Tbilisi Public Service Hall represents the biggest public service provider in the South Caucasus region serving up to 8,000 consumers per day.</p> <p>Along with the PSHs, Government of Georgia implemented the concept of “everything in once space” in various villages of the country by developing CCs to ensure provision of demanded public and private sector services to the local population at the village level taking into consideration specifics of rural areas. With 12 CCs opened to date, the rural population has access to public and private services. Through modern technologies and new infrastructure citizens can easily interact with Government and receive up to 200 public services locally.</p> <p>Government of Georgia expresses its readiness to support partner countries in developing similar solutions for speedy, efficient and customer-friendly service delivery and promote civic engagement at the national level.</p>
Relevant OGP Commitment	Commitment N 1 Commitment N 2 Commitment N 3 Commitment N 5
Lead Ministry	Ministry of Justice of Georgia.
Type of Assistance	Since its launch PSHs has received up to 700 different delegations from 50 countries of the world to learn from Georgia’s experience. The total number of delegates exceeded 7,000 persons. Delegations were impressed by unique

specifics of Georgian innovation that brings the service delivery to the entirely different level. Ministry of Justice of Georgia is willing to support partner countries in creating and implementing innovative tools in the field of public service delivery through arranging study visits, and conducting videoconferences and other channels of exchanging expertise.

7. NATURAL RESOURCE TRANSPARENCY

Indonesia	
Summary of Pledge	Indonesia offers its experiences in natural resources governance particularly through its role as Co-Anchor of Openness in Natural Resources Working Group.
Issue Area	Natural resources governance.
Expertise	Indonesia can share best practices in improving the level of transparency commitment in natural resources management.
Relevant OGP Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerate open and good governance practices in natural resources management; • Accelerate open and good governance practices in land affairs; • Improve public participation in environmental preservation; • Community empowerment to support environmental sustainability; and • Community empowerment to strengthen agriculture sector.
Lead Ministry	Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs.
Type of Assistance	Indonesia will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in a videoconference calls; • Participate in webinars; • Connect countries to professional or expert networks; and • Review draft commitments.

8. OPEN GOVERNMENT PRINCIPLES

Finland	
Summary of Pledge	Finland pledges to support the implementation of the OGP national action plan through principles and a network of civil servants.
Issue Area	OGP processes.
Expertise	Finland can organize the implementation of the OGP national action plan through committed leaders and a network of civil servants that also supports in exchanges of best practices between different public institutions.
Relevant OGP Commitment	Applicable to all commitments in a national action plan.
Lead Ministry	Ministry of Finance.
Type of Assistance	Finland will participate in videoconferences, conduct study visits, participate in webinars, review drafts, advise on setting up an efficient implementation, and exchange of best practices.

Mexico

Summary of Pledge	Mexico pledges to work with countries in bringing open government principles to practice, consolidating a true partnership between governments and civil society, making this initiative a platform for global cooperation and exchange.
Issue Area	Civil society engagement.
Expertise	Mexico can offer assistance in the creation of a Tripartite Technical Secretariat. This Secretariat is composed of civil society organizations and the constitutionally autonomous institution in charge of Access to Information. This Secretariat is the top decision-making body regarding the creation, implementation and follow up of the commitments of the Action Plan.
Relevant OGP Commitment	Mexico's Action Plan 2013-2015, and our country vision were developed in coordination with the Secretariat, as well as the follow up mechanism for the implementation of said Plan.
Lead Ministry	Office of the President of Mexico.
Type of Assistance	Mexico can participate in bilateral exchanges with countries that seek to implement this type of effort through: conference calls, webinars, or in-person meetings. Any member of the Secretariat should be available to provide information on this experience and on its developments.

ANNEX 3 – DETAILS OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION PLEDGES

Civil Society Organizations pledge to promote OGP through these issue areas:

1. **Public Participation** – Civil society leaders in Hivos and Integrity Action offer to deepen citizen engagement in collective decision-making.
2. **Access to Information** – ARTICLE 19 and IREX Ukraine will work with governments to promote access to public information.
3. **Fiscal Transparency** – Global Integrity, International Budget Partnership, and ONE pledge to support citizens in following the money to hold the governments more accountable for public spending.
4. **Open Data** – Web Foundation commits to supporting efforts to make government-held data more accessible to the public.
5. **Open Government Principles** – Partners from CAFOD, Making All Voices Count, Oxfam, Restless Development, and Transparency International will continue their initiatives to foster accountability, transparency and citizen empowerment.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hivos	
Summary of Pledge	Hivos pledges a contribution of USD 3.4 million to the OGP 4-year strategy and will actively support the engagement of civil society in the OGP process in 8 countries.
Detail of Pledge	Hivos offers support to the engagement of civil society organizations in developing countries in OGP. Particular emphasis will be on inclusion and active involvement of civic actors on the grassroots level, and on supporting active peer learning in these regards. Through existing programs and its various regional offices, Hivos emphasizes the important role of culture, independent media and technology in effectuating policy and institutional changes, and in stimulating citizens to demand more transparency and accountability from their governments.
Countries	Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Indonesia, Philippines, Ghana, Liberia and Costa Rica.
Integrity Action	
Summary of Pledge	Integrity Action supports citizen engagement and feedback and collective problem solving in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.
Detail of Pledge	Integrity Action offers advice and support on innovative ways of engaging civil society, business and government, and enabling citizen feedback and collective

	problem solving to close the feedback loop and improve services. Integrity Action offers ICT-enhanced accountability tools such as GrantCheck and DevelopmentCheck to strengthen governance and delivery of public goods.
Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa – Cote d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and South Sudan. • Asia – Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal and Timor Leste. • Middle East – Jordan and Palestine. • Europe – UK.

2. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

ARTICLE 19

Pledge 1:

Summary of Pledge	ARTICLE 19 will support the adoption and implementation of Right to Information laws.
Detail of Pledge	ARTICLE 19 can provide advice and assistance on drafting RTI laws, engagement with government officials, trainings, assistance with development of legal regulations and technical systems.
Countries	Cambodia, Morocco, Tunisia, Kenya, Senegal and Myanmar.

Pledge 2:

Summary of Pledge	ARTICLE 19 will promote the inclusion of access to information and public participation by governments in design of Sustainable Development Goals and the accompanying indicators.
Detail of Pledge	ARTICLE 19 can provide information on access to information policies and standards, as well as case studies on the role that access to information plays in the attainment of sustainable development, to UN delegations, officials and CSOs.
Countries	

Countries

Pledge 3:

Summary of Pledge	ARTICLE 19 will provide assistance to local communities and policy makers on use of RTI to achieve development rights including right to water, health, land and education.
Detail of Pledge	ARTICLE 19 can provide training to communities and officials, review national laws and policies, develop policy documents.
Countries	Kenya, Senegal, Cambodia, and Brazil.

IREX Ukraine

Summary of Pledge	IREX Ukraine is working to ensure all Ukrainians have free access to government information and tools through the country's network of public libraries.
Detail of Pledge	IREX Ukraine, the Bibliomist program and Ukraine's public libraries are continuing their work to ensure that citizens have access to free internet and the assistance of librarians to help them find and use government information and tools to improve their lives. The organization pledges to continue to assist the Government of Ukraine to fully implement the section of its OGP action plan on

“Public Libraries as Bridges to E-government,” train librarians on current information resources, promote access through libraries to the Ukrainian public, and train public officials to offer quality services and facilitate community-government dialog on using ICT for better governance and higher citizen participation.

Countries	Ukraine.
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3. FISCAL TRANSPARENCY

Global Integrity

Summary of Pledge Global Integrity is keen to help civil society organizations and governments in OGP countries to assess whether citizens are able to use information to track and influence the use of public resources to deliver public services.

Detail of Pledge If people are not able to follow the money, then governance is not open. Global Integrity has been working with partner organizations in the Follow the Money Network to develop ways of assessing whether citizens are able to use information to track and influence the use of public resources. Global Integrity will be happy to work with partner organizations – civil society and government – in OGP countries to conduct these assessments.

Such assessments will be designed and implemented in close collaboration with partner organizations. The organization’s current thinking is that they might involve three stages.

First, mapping the political and regulatory context which shapes the ability of citizens to access and use information to follow the money, along with existing initiatives.

Second, identifying examples where citizens have used information to track and influence the use of public resources, and problems that might be addressed by using information to follow the money.

And third, setting out the implications for policy and practice; what might be done to enable citizens to more effectively follow and shape the use of public resources?

Countries	Global Integrity is keen that this be a demand-driven exercise. As such the organization will be open to working in partners in a wide variety of OGP countries.
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International Budget Partnership

Summary of Pledge International Budget Partnership pledges to produce a real time database (OBS Tracker) that shows regular monthly updates on whether governments publish, in a timely fashion, each of the key budget documents that are supposed to be published during the budget cycle, as per international standards. IBP also

pledges to support civil society to use the database in order to advise governments on how to improve their country's fiscal transparency.

Detail of Pledge	<p>IBP will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with IBP's civil society partners in 30 countries to collect and ensure the accuracy of the monthly updates on public availability of the key budget documents. 2. Publish monthly OBS Tracker updates here: http://www.obstracker.org/. 3. Regularly update IBP's online budget library, with newly published budget documents (here: www.openbudgetlibrary.org). 4. Provide financial support to IBP's civil society partners to undertake advocacy activities, in order to encourage government's timely and regular publication of budget documents. 5. Provide technical assistance to civil society partners engaged in the OBS Tracker advocacy activities. This will include country visits to a third of the countries included in the OBS Tracker. <p>Disseminate the OBS Tracker results through social media, presentations, press releases, and IBP's civil society partners' in-country activities.</p>
Countries	<p>Armenia, Bolivia, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iraq, Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Macedonia, Mali, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Palestine, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Tunisia, Vietnam.</p>

ONE

Summary of Pledge	<p>ONE will work with partners provide an assessment on the degree to which the information citizens need to follow the money is available, is being used, and is leading to improved service delivery.</p>
Detail of Pledge	<p>ONE will work with partners provide an assessment on the degree to which the information citizens need to follow the money is available, is being used, and is leading to improved service delivery. The focus on a small number of African countries will deepen, with a view to identifying obstacles to the effective use of information and how they can be overcome, particularly in Tanzania.</p>
Countries	<p>TBC</p>

4. OPEN DATA

Web Foundation

Summary of Pledge	<p>Web Foundation will support the Open Data Working Group's efforts to meet its goals in developing countries to the amount of \$200,000 by 2016.</p>
Detail of Pledge	<p>The Open Data for Development Research Fund will award grants to organizations interested in exploring the opportunities created for governments and societies through the use of open data, and their technical, policy and practical implications. These grants, seed funded by the International</p>

	<p>Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, will support activities within the four WG's work streams: principles, impact measurement, standards, and capacity building, and will serve to deepen or inform work outlined in the WG's Work Plan.</p> <p>In particular, awardees should address potential mechanisms for ensuring that deliverables in each of the work streams can be inclusive to stakeholders and globally focused, facilitate peer learning and/or knowledge exchange with developing countries, and conduct a research-oriented approach.</p>
Countries	Developing countries.

5. OPEN GOVERNMENT PRINCIPLES

CAFOD

Summary of Pledge	CAFOD will support the United Kingdom commitments to transparency, accountability and participation by offering its experience of what works in international development.
Detail of Pledge	<p>CAFOD is the development and humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The organization works around the world and in partnership with people and organizations of all faiths and none. CAFOD sees partnership as an equitable relationship, for the purpose of co-operating to achieve greater and longer-lasting positive changes in the lives of the poorest and most disadvantaged.</p> <p>CAFOD played a proactive role in the Open Government Partnership process to develop the UK's 2nd National Action Plan. The organization applauds the ambition for open government, since it requires a cultural shift within governments and government departments to be transparent about what works and also what does not work. CAFOD pledges to support the UK government's transition into a more open government and to support the UK commitments to transparency, accountability and participation by offering its experience of partnership and what works in international development.</p>
Countries	CAFOD work with local partner organizations in the following countries: Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Brazil, Myanmar, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Sudan, South Sudan, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria, Niger, and DRC.

Making All Voices Count

Summary of Pledge	Making All Voices Count will support national and local OGP processes and commitments in Ghana, the Philippines and South Africa over the next 3 years.
Detail of Pledge	
Countries	Ghana, the Philippines and South Africa.

Oxfam

Summary of Pledge Oxfam will stimulate its country offices in 10 aspiring OGP countries and 36 participating countries to engage with local and national OGP processes, especially in Africa.

Detail of Pledge Oxfam is dedicated to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance. The OGP mission and goals align strongly with Oxfam's strategic plan 2013-2016 - change goal 1: Right To Be Heard, which highlights three specific objectives:

1. Voice: young people, women and other marginalized groups will exercise their right to organize, to access information freely, to participate in public decision making and to use the law to overcome injustice;
2. Responsiveness: governments and private sector organizations will develop policies that meet the needs of young people, women and other marginalized groups so that they benefit from improved services and an enhanced standard of living;
3. Accountability: governments and private sector organizations will become increasingly accountable for the fulfillment of pro-poor promises and respect for the legal rights of their citizens.

Oxfam will support civil society to enable people to voice their concerns and priorities with those in power and demand their rights as full citizens. It will support advocacy capacity of civil society to urge governments to lift the laws that deny civil and political rights. Oxfam will also strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations so that they are better able to address the priorities of poor, marginalized and indigenous groups.

Oxfam's Governance & Citizen Knowledge Hub will develop an action plan on behalf of Oxfam International, in which it will align Oxfam's governance & Citizenship country programming with any relevant national and local OGP processes. A key priority for Oxfam will be to support civil society actors in advocating for sufficient space for civil society actors: citizens' right to organize.

Some concrete areas to be detailed in the action plan are:

- Active support role of Oxfam in especially African countries, related to its ongoing programs.
- Bringing Oxfam expertise onto the OGP platform (e.g. webinars).
- Participating in each other's events and activities.
- Collaborating to push for common agendas in international fora, such as the Post-2015 agenda.

Countries Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, and Vietnam.

Restless Development

Summary of Pledge	Restless Development will support youth-led accountability initiatives in Ghana, Nepal and Tanzania.
Detail of Pledge	Restless Development believes that young people can lead an accountability and data revolution. At a national level Restless Development will support young people in Ghana, Tanzania and Nepal to generate and interrogate data on the issues that matter to them, and use it to push for greater participation, and increased accountability for decision-makers. At a global level the organization is working to ensure young people can play a leading role in monitoring the SDGs through the use of data. Restless Development wants to demonstrate that young people can participate in the design, implementation & monitoring of the development framework that will directly affect their lives.
Countries	Ghana, Tanzania, and Nepal.

Transparency International

Summary of Pledge	Transparency International pledges to involve more people in open governance activism through TI network of anti-corruption activists in 90% of OGP countries.
Detail of Pledge	<p>Transparency International will continue to do this as a global movement, supporting TI Chapters in their efforts to foster strong civil society participation, and strong national commitments that truly address the key dimensions of open governance that will help tackle the governance, human rights, and quality of life issues challenges of the country.</p> <p>Transparency International does this by working at three levels, national, regional and global, which are complimentary to the work the organization is doing on open governance:</p> <p>At national level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pushing for strong, genuinely open civil society participation in the shaping and monitoring of national action plans and at all other levels of the OGP.• Fostering a vision of open governance where people most affected by imbalances of power become agents of change.• Tapping into TI's built-in peer- and knowledge-exchange networks to foster lessons learned and best practices for generating and monitoring strong national action plans responsive to the needs and challenges of participating countries <p>At regional level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing strong regional platforms for TI's chapters and regional partners to articulate and coordinate the organization's collective voice regarding the critical areas of common concern.• Continuing to partner with key networks such as Alianza Regional para la Libre Expresion and others, to ensure that the OGP initiative effectively taps into the deep and vast experience of civil society organizations whose mission advances the open governance approach. <p>At global level:</p>

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- Developing and promoting international standards to implement and monitor open governance. These standards are currently being piloted in Ghana, Indonesia, Peru, the United Kingdom, and the Ukraine.
 - Linking the OG community to the G20, OECD, UN post-2015 process and other advocacy targets where TI plays a lead role.
 - Exploring further linkages with TI global and regional campaigns, especially TI's Unmask the Corrupt campaign, which aims to combat cross border flows of corruption, by promoting beneficial ownership registries, transparency in the luxury goods sector and the strengthening of visa denial programs to prevent the corrupt from traveling abroad to enjoy the spoils of their wealth.

At all levels:

- Raising greater awareness among the public regarding the promise and opportunities of OGP.
- Fostering strong political will among governments to deliver on "star" OGP commitments.

Countries	Transparency International has chapters in 59 of the 64 OGP signatory countries.
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ANNEX 4 – DETAILS OF WORKING GROUP PLEDGES

OGP Working Groups pledge to provide expertise to OGP countries:

The Access To Information Working Group	
Summary of Pledge	The Access to Information Working Group will work towards making the right of access to information a key component of the OGP Agenda and national action plans, and to support ATI commitments.
Detail of Pledge	The Access to Information Working Group will provide technical assistance and guidance on issues related developing legal frameworks on access to information, measuring implementation of ATI laws, establishing effective oversight bodies, and use electronic tools for submitting information requests and appeals. Additionally, the working group will promote an inclusive dialogue and produce relevant research. Activities may include exchange visits, review of draft commitments, technical assistance and advice, materials and webinars.
Countries	The Access to Information Working Group has received expression of interest from Georgia, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Tunisia, and are prepared to assist other countries as requested.
The Fiscal Openness Working Group	
Summary of Pledge	The Fiscal Openness Working Group will support OGP country participants to make significant improvements in fiscal transparency, participation and accountability through the adoption and implementation of ambitious commitments, peer-learning, and technical assistance.
Detail of Pledge	The Fiscal Openness Working Group will: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Organize panels and workshops at major OGP and global events to support countries in advancing fiscal openness;Publish assessments of the formulation and implementation of OGP commitments on fiscal openness;Provide access to good practice examples, case studies, tools, peer-learning opportunities and technical support to advance fiscal openness in OGP participating countries; andPartner with other OGP Working Groups to support countries in advancing fiscal openness, such as with the Legislative Openness group on improving the oversight role of parliaments in government fiscal policy and budget processes.
Countries	The Fiscal Openness Working Group has already been engaging with several countries (Brazil, Philippines, Mexico, Indonesia, South Africa, Liberia, etc.) and will support all OGP participants in every way possible.

The Legislative Openness Working Group

Summary of Pledge The Legislative Openness Working Group will support the engagement of legislatures in the creation, implementation, and oversight of action plan commitments, and to create opportunities for peer exchange related to legislative openness.

Detail of Pledge In its first year, the Legislative Openness Working Group (LOWG) has focused on three areas: (1) raising awareness and opportunities for legislative participation in the OGP process, (2) sharing knowledge and information about best practices in legislative openness, and (3) targeting specific interventions of support to countries seeking assistance in building a legislative openness agenda. Specific activities include the creation of an international survey of legislative transparency practice, the coordination of bilateral exchanges, the facilitation of events and conferences with key stakeholders, and the provision of input on draft action plans.

In the coming year, the LOWG will seek to create further opportunities for bilateral and multilateral exchanges, to leverage data collected about the current state of legislative openness into concrete recommendations for action plan commitments, and to solidify the participation of legislatures and legislative stakeholders in the OGP process.

For countries seeking specific assistance, the LOWG offers expertise and seeks to facilitate exchanges on a number of specific topics, including but not limited to:

- Parliamentary engagement in the drafting, implementation and oversight of country action plan commitments;
- Facilitating collaboration among civil society, government, and parliament;
- Enhancing citizen engagement in the legislative process through new technologies, including mobile and online platforms, and social media;
- Engaging citizens through traditional methods like public hearings, written comment submission, petitioning, and basic constituency relation practice;
- Improving institutional efficiency and citizen engagement through legislative open data;
- Open data principles for legislative information;
- Rules and laws around parliamentary integrity and ethics, including asset disclosure;
- The publication of information about the role of legislatures, the legislative process, and legislative activity;
- Outreach to youth and historically marginalized communities;
- Conducting reviews, audits or assessments of country-level adherence to international standards on legislative openness; and
- Civil society practice to effectively monitor legislative activity and advocate for reform.

Countries The Legislative Openness Working Group is open to engagement with all participating countries, and has already engaged governments, legislatures and/or civil society organizations in events and activities from the following countries: Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, New

Zealand, Paraguay, Serbia, Slovak Republic, South Africa, South Korea, UK, US, and Uruguay.

The Open Data Working Group

Summary of Pledge The Open Data WG will support OGP nations in the adoption and implementation of strong and consistent Open Data principles and practices.

Detail of Pledge The Open Data Working Group (OD WG) is currently focusing its efforts on four work streams: Principles, Measurement of Impact, Standards, and Capacity Building.

The OD WG is shaping the capacities, technologies and tools that have to be built and used to maximize the beneficial impacts of Open Data. The OD WG is developing guidelines that will provide a set of common open data principles, and will be supplemented by good practice for implementation of Open Data to ease adoption by all OGP participating nations.

The OD WG will continue to work with OGP participants to develop, finalize, and promote the adoption of these good practices into their action plans, and will also provide bilateral support to OGP participating nations seeking to undertake commitments related to their implementation.

Key Initiative

The OD WG will also provide funding for research related to open data in developing countries. The working group will provide a total of \$200,000 of research funding through its Open Data for Development (OD4D) Fund. This money will be used to fund research projects that encourage the adoption and support the implementation of open data commitments, particularly by developing nations.

OD4D funding will be disbursed in two rounds – one beginning in November 2014 and one beginning in May 2015. For the first round of funding, a call for proposals will be sent out by the WG in advance of the OGP regional meeting for the Americas, taking place in Costa Rica in November 2014. WG members will then review funding proposals, and selected projects will be announced at the OGP regional meeting, each receiving up to a maximum of \$20,000. Results of the first round of funded projects will be presented during the International Open Data Conference taking place in Canada in May 2015. At that time, the second round of selected projects will also be announced.

Countries This pledge will be of interest to all OGP participating countries.

The Openness In Natural Resources Working Group

Summary of Pledge The Openness in Natural Resources Working Group aims to increase understanding of the importance of natural resource governance, with the aim having more and better quality commitments.

Detail of Pledge	Activities as part of the pledge for this working group include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Deliver blogs, presentations and capacity building events using online platforms to explain the importance of the sector and provide examples of good practice commitments.b. Organize panels during key events, including the Latin America Regional OGP meeting to promote natural resource transparency.c. Leverage other working groups, including through the convening of a joint session with Open Data Working Group on promotion of open data and extractives.d. Provide technical support to governments to design and deliver commitments as requested.
Countries	Subject to demand, the Working Group will support countries with existing extractives commitments (Albania, Azerbaijan, Colombia, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Liberia, Mexico, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Ukraine, UK, and US) and those for whom the sector is key such as Armenia, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Honduras, Jordan, Mongolia, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, and Tunisia.

ANNEX 5 – DETAILS OF MULTILATERAL PARTNER PLEDGES

OGP Multilateral Partners pledge to support OGP countries:

The Asian Development Bank

Summary of Pledge	The Asian Development Bank pledges to convene governments, civil society and other actors to foster learning and innovation across countries.
Detail of Pledge	ADB will host one event involving representatives from ADB developing member countries to share progress with meeting OGP eligibility criteria and OGP action plan commitments and to discuss way forward.
Countries	OGP participating countries in the Asia and Pacific region.

The Inter-American Development Bank

Summary of Pledge	The Inter-American Development Bank is assisting Latin America attain more effective, efficient and open governments for better public services and more accountability.
Detail of Pledge	<p>The IDB believes that improving people’s lives in Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries requires more efficient, effective, and open governments in order to deliver quality public services to citizens. IDB support for OGP related activities therefore follows a three-tier approach that combines technical advisory, financial resources, and knowledge sharing among countries for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Designing and monitoring OG policies, strategies and action plans; ii. Strengthening countries’ capacities to effectively implement OG solutions in the areas of public services, integrity and civil society participation; and iii. Promoting south-south and extra-regional cooperation and regional policy dialogue. The approximate value of this support for 2014-2015, is around \$1.5 million.

Some examples of country level support are the following activities:

- Technical assistance to draft Trinidad and Tobago’s OGP Action Plan;
- Hackathon for the implementation of innovative solutions for the improvement of public services in Uruguay;
- 10 new databases in the “INFOUTIL” targeted transparency portal in El Salvador;
- Technical assistance for the design of an Open Government communication plan for Paraguay;
- Technical assistance for the drafting of a Transparency, Integrity and Ethics Policy for Honduras; and
- Capacity-building actions to increase civil society oversight capabilities at the sub-national level in Brazil.

At the regional level, the IDB is supporting all 15 LAC countries’ in OGP and the OGP Support Unit through the following activities:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Policy Dialogue platform for all 26 IDB borrowing member countries which participate in IDB’s Open Government Network, • Training through two courses on open government for LAC public officials being offered in collaboration with Organization of the American State (OAS), OGP and other organizations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Virtual Course on "Strategies for Open Government", at the OAS Virtual Campus with 222 students currently participating. 2) Blended learning course on “Strategies for Open Government in the Americas”, at the Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (ECLAC), in Santiago, Chile, with more than 40 applications received (course is starting in Nov. 2014). • Open Government virtual manual, Gob247, to be launched by end-Sept. 2014. • Technical assistance and sponsoring of OGP regional (2014) and annual (2015) meetings, to be hosted by Costa Rica and Mexico respectively.
Countries	IDB is currently supporting efforts within OGP commitments of the following countries: Brazil, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay.

The Organization For Economic Co-Operation And Development

Summary of Pledge	The OECD will engage with governments around the world to drive open government reforms in partnership with citizens and business.
Detail of Pledge	<p>The OECD will continue to collect data and provide policy advice and assistance in implementation to countries engaged in public sector reforms inspired by the principles of transparency, accountability and citizens’ participation, in collaboration with their civil society organizations and business communities.</p> <p>The main areas of focus will include: steering and coordination of open government policies; civic engagement, with a focus on youth and gender issues; public sector integrity and the fight against corruption; transparent and inclusive public financial management and open budgeting; ICTs for open government and open data; open government at the local level.</p> <p>Geographically, the OECD will be active in its member countries and will continue to support countries from the MENA, Southeast Asia, and Latin America regions. In the next year, new projects will also be launched in Sub-Saharan Africa.</p>
Countries	

United Nations Development Programme

Summary of Pledge	UNDP will continue its support to program countries that are also participants in OGP in the development and implementation of national action plan, through existing or future projects and programs.
Detail of Pledge	OGP’s vision of governments becoming “sustainably more transparent, more accountable, and more responsive to their own citizens” is very close to UNDP’s

own. Its ultimate goals of advancing inclusive governance and enhancing public service delivery also echo in UNDP's democratic governance portfolio.

Around 35 developing countries that are participating in OGP in 2014 are also UNDP program countries. As an impartial and trusted national and global partner, and upon demand of program countries, UNDP will continue to help convene and engage a wide variety of stakeholders to work together towards the development of national action plans. Also, as UNDP already has close to 2,000 projects on the ground of which many match existing national OGP Action Plan priorities, it will help accelerate achievement of goals and targets established in those plans. Third, as UNDP has developed monitoring and evaluation methodologies and framework, it can help national actors assessing progress and impact of efforts.

When the post-2015 development agenda is established and the new set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are adopted, UNDP is also committed to work closely with OGP in ensuring that action plans are aligned with their development priorities, thus ensure lasting impact on the ground and at the global level.

Countries

The World Bank

Summary of Pledge

The World Bank supports at 2 levels. Country level: preparation and implementation of action plans. Global: facilitate peer exchanges for reformers.

Detail of Pledge

At the country level, and depending on the demand from client countries, the WB will support the implementation of OGP commitments in areas such as access to information, open budgets, open contracting, open data, citizen engagement, etc. This will be done through providing technical and financial assistance. In addition, for countries that will go through the process of preparing action plans the WB will support the consultation and elaboration process. For example, in Tanzania, through a trust fund, and in the Philippines, through its governance programmatic work the WB will support the implementation of their action plans.

Other instruments that the WB uses to support governance work will also help countries in the implementation of their OGP commitments, such as the Global Partnership for Social Accountability. Grants awarded by GPSA to civil society in selected countries aim to support collaboration between government and civil society to solve specific governance challenges, oftentimes linked to OGP commitments. Nine OGP countries have received GPSA grants.

In addition the WB will support various activities undertaken by the OGP Working Groups, specifically Access to Information, Fiscal Transparency, and Open Data.

At the global level the WB will collaborate with the upcoming chairs, Mexico and

South Africa to facilitate peer exchanges for reform-minded practitioners across OGP countries.

Furthermore, the WB will continue collaborating with the OGP support unit in the webinar series.

Countries

Dominican Republic, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Indonesia, Malawi, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Paraguay, Philippines, Romania, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania and Tunisia.
