

Commitment Completion Template				
Commitment 1. National strategy: Bringing the Citizen to the Heart of Government (Med medborgaren i centrum). Implementation programme: Digital First				
Commitment Start and End Date: 2016 – 2018 (with some agency reports coming in beginning of 2019)				
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Finance (since May 2016); previously, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation.			
Commitment Description				
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	Sweden is already a very open, transparent and low-corruption country. The challenge is to increase digital openness without limiting the long and deeply rooted paper-based tradition of openness.			
What is the commitment?	The current programme, Digital First, is designed to implement the goals of the government strategy Bringing the Citizen to the Heart of Government, and is structured around three focus areas: governance, smart solutions and infrastructure.			
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	Government objectives are expressed in the strategy: Bringing the Citizen to the Heart of Government (2012): An increasingly open government that supports innovation and participation. It should, for example, be easier to find and re-use open data and possible for others to provide government digital services as part of their service offering. Transparency and participation must increase.			
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	More effectively managing public resources.			
Additional information				
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
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Description of the results	The Digitalt First programme was first introduced in the budget bill of 2015 and centers on three specific areas;			

	<p>better public service for citizens (“Smart Sweden”), better governance and administration and digital infrastructure. However, two more core areas (“legislation for a digital era” and “digital maturity”) were added later on.</p> <p>Through the programme, several new initiatives were launched and completed, such as the established of a new agency; The Agency for Digital Government, final report from the Committee on reviewing efficient governance of public digital services (SOU 2017:114) and the Committee on reviewing legislation that supports a digital government (SOU 2018:25). Additionally, several governmental assignments were given to various agencies in order to further develop the agenda of Digital First.</p> <p>The council for digital transformation met regularly to update the government on strategic discussions about current digital development. While the council only met two times during 2018 (due to government elections starting in September) valuable input was provided which can be carried forward to the coming political leadership on public governance and digitalization.</p> <p>The last open council had four focus areas; improved governance, open data and datadriven innovation, public innovation labs and cooperative initiatives and digital infrastructure. The results of the open council were brought to the council of digital transformation for further discussion and elaboration.</p> <p>All in all, the programme introduced and completed several initiatives that contribute to the target of an increasingly open government that supports innovation and participation.</p> <p>E.g. The agency for employment arranged Hack for Sweden 2018 and will arrange it in 2019 (http://hackforsweden.se). The agency for economic growth and regional development has develop a digital challenge-driven platform which is to be launched on 11 December.</p>
Next Steps	<p>One very important delivery of the programme was the establishment of the new Agency for digital government. As Sweden has not had a public actor responsible for many of the initiatives included in the programme, such tasks will be given to the agency as permanent</p>

		responsibilities. The agency will thus, in cooperation with the rest of the public administration, work towards further developing a digital government which acts based on the needs of the citizens, as well as further supporting the government with policy advice on the subject.		
Milestone status		Start Date:	End Date:	Completion level
First reports from pilot agencies				X
Final reports from pilot agencies, assessing how the field has developed during the period.				X (the assignment and work of the pilot agencies finishes in 2018, however the final reports from the agencies will be delivered beginning of 2019).
The council for the digital transformation of the public sector meets four times a year to report to the Government on current developments and strategic advice.				X
The council holds an 'open council' once a year. The first will be held in conjunction with Digigov, a forum for change leaders, on 29–30 November (Digigov.se).				X
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency	Government Offices, the Swedish National Financial Management Authority, the Swedish mapping, cadastral and land registration authority, the National Board of		

		Housing, Building and Planning, the National Food Agency, the Swedish Board of Agriculture, the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, the Swedish Companies Registration Office, the National Archives, eGovlab, Stockholm University.
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	The Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions, individuals, businesses and civil society organisations.
Additional Information		

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Number and Name of Commitment	
Commitment 2. Re-use of public administration documents and open data	
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Finance
Commitment Description	
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	Essentially, government agencies and municipalities need to take measures regarding the re-use of public administration documents. The National Archives will support government agencies in their work.
What is the commitment?	Public information should be easy to access and re-use. Open data in particular can contribute to solutions to tomorrow's social challenges. Ultimately this can lead to entrepreneurs and businesses finding innovative solutions that create new jobs. Increased re-use of Government data means greater openness and transparency. It also enhances conditions for developing better or new services for the benefit of individuals, businesses and Government itself. This can also lead to new industries and businesses, resulting in increased employment. A uniform way of working may also mean future cost savings for authorities and for the state as a whole. The goal is to increase the supply of public information in order to drive innovation in the private and public sector and increase participation through crowd-sourcing activities.
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	It should be easy to access and re-use public information. Open data in particular can contribute to solutions to tomorrow's social challenges. Ultimately, this can lead to entrepreneurs and businesses finding innovative solutions that create new jobs. Increased re-use of government data means greater openness and transparency. It also enhances conditions for developing better or new services for the benefit of individuals, businesses and government itself. This can also lead to new industries and businesses, resulting in increased employment.
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More effectively managing public resources. - Increasing corporate accountability.

Additional information				
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Description of the results	<p>Open data is an important priority of the governments vision of a digitalized smart public administration, and is also an important part contributing to ‘Digital First’. For these reasons, the government launched several initiatives on promoting open data and data-driven innovation.</p> <p>The Agency for Public Management released two reports on the public sectors work with making available for re-use, and one report on an analysis of obstacles when it comes to re-using government open data. The National Archives released their partial and final report on facilitating public agencies work with open data. The work on DCAT.AP continues, both through participation in the Commissions PSI/open data expert group, and through the directive previously given to the National Archives.</p> <p>With the establishment of the new Agency for digital government, through the ‘Digital First’ programme, the assignment of facilitating and promoting re-use of open data has been given to the new agency as a permanent responsibility, which includes the assignment previously given to the National Archives. This means that, while ambitious, the somewhat fragmented initiatives regarding open data will further on be handled collectively through one public actor.</p>			
Next Steps	Open data is an integral part of an open government, transparency, innovation and co-creation with private sector and civil society. For that reason, open data will be an important part of Sweden’s next OGP action plan.			
Milestone status		Start Date:	End Date:	Completion level
Systematic reports of agencies work on publishing data and public documents.				ongoing
Participation in the European Commission’s work on DCAT-AP.				X (ongoing)

Evaluation of the re-use of data and public documents by the Agency for Public Management.				X
National Archives to facilitate agencies involved in publishing data and public documents.				X (carried over to new agency)
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency	National Archives, Vinnova and the Swedish mapping, cadastral and land registration authority.		
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	Individuals, businesses and companies.		
Additional Information				

Commitment Completion Template				
Commitment 3: Improved opportunities for dialogue and transparency in aid management and implementation				
Commitment Start and End Date: 2016 - 2018				
Lead implementing agency	Ministry for Foreign Affairs			
Commitment Description				
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	The challenge is to effectively increase engagement in development issues and strengthen the results of Swedish development cooperation and its contribution to sustainable global development.			
What is the commitment?	The commitment on improved opportunities for dialogue and transparency in aid management and implementation aims to increase knowledge and participation. Greater knowledge and involvement of more actors create better possibilities for accountability and promote fresh thinking. Increased transparency may also limit the scope for corruption and misuse of resources. The commitment will mainly be achieved through strengthening channels for dialogue and feedback on aid management and implementation with different parts of society.			
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	To create an inclusive dialogue between the Government and the civil society organisations and make use of the role and added value of civil society organisations to achieve the overall development objectives.			
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More effectively managing public resources. - Increasing corporate accountability 			
Additional information				
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
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Description of the results	In 2015, the Swedish government decided on The Government's and Swedish Civil society organizations' joint commitments to strengthen dialogue and collaboration in the area of development. Through the joint			

	<p>commitments, the Government and Swedish civil society organizations intended to create a framework for their dialogue and highlight the value of Swedish civil society in development issues.</p> <p>Guidelines for dialogue and collaboration between the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and missions abroad and civil society organizations in the area of development have been developed in order to guide the implementation of the joint commitments.</p> <p>Annually, a so called CSO-Forum is organized in Stockholm within the framework of the joint commitments. The forum is an important part of the continuous work of strengthening dialogue and cooperation between the government and Swedish Civil society organisations, The CSO-Forum 2018 aimed to continue strengthening the implementation of the joint commitments, based on experiences of dialogue in the field. The forum resulted in a number of recommendations for how cooperation and dialogue can be strengthened.</p> <p>An action plan for the follow-up of the recommendations of the 2018 CSO-Forum has been developed together with representatives from the Swedish civil society. In 2017, The Swedish government has also taken decision on a strategy for Human rights democracy and rule of law, which has synergies with and supports activities within the CSO-strategy.</p> <p>The Swedish government has also adopted guidelines for strategies within development cooperation and humanitarian aid, which clearly state that CSOs should be consulted during the process of producing each new strategy. The government continually provides CSOs with information and updates on on-going strategy processes, thereby enhancing the opportunity for CSOs to participate in the development of the strategies. Dialogue is also undertaken on regular basis with CSOs on priority themes, e.g. health and in view of EU FAC meetings. CSOs participate in Swedish delegations to international meetings.</p> <p>In 2016, the government adopted the Strategy for support through Swedish organizations in civil society. The purpose of the activities under the strategy is to work for a</p>
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	<p>viable and pluralistic civil society in developing countries that act through a rights perspective for improved living conditions for people living in poverty in all its dimensions, increased respect for human rights and global sustainable development. The strategy will further promote the participation of a diversity and breadth of organizations, e.g. thematic competence, identity and orientation, both in developing countries and in Sweden.</p> <p>In 2016, the Government also adopted the Strategy for Information and Communication, including civil society organizations. The strategy aims to inform about Swedish development cooperation, as well as to promote open debate, popular affiliation, strengthened engagement and broad participation for a fair and sustainable global development. A large part of the funds of the strategy is channeled through civil society.</p> <p>Since 2013, Sweden has continued to take extensive steps towards fulfilling the ambitious development cooperation transparency guarantee established in 2010. The level of quality and commitment are reflected in the high scores continuously awarded to Sweden by the International Aid Transparency Initiative. The main part of Sweden's work on transparency is the Openaid-site, which is a web-based information service about Swedish aid built on open government data. This means that the public, aid actors and other stakeholders can follow when, to whom and for what purposes aid funds have been disbursed, and with what results. Sweden has continued to report during 2016-2018 and has continued to develop Openaid to enable the Swedish embassies to share their contribution documents with Sida headquarters electronically for publication to IATI and Openaid.</p> <p>Swedish CSOs have also been supported to become IATI-publishers and possibilities to use IATI to improve reporting efficiency between Sida and partners are currently being explored.</p>
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Swedish Government will continue to have an open dialogue with civil society within the framework of the Joint Commitments.

Milestone status		Start Date:	End Date:	Completion level
3.1		2015		On-going
3.2		2015		On-going
3.3		2015		On-going
3.4		2015	2016	Completed
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency	The Government Offices, including missions abroad and relevant authorities that have an overarching responsibility for state-financed Swedish development cooperation (mainly Sida, the Swedish International Development Agency).		
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	National civil society organisations.		
Additional Information				

Commitment Completion Template				
Commitment 4. Developing a new format for dialogue with CSOs				
Commitment Start and End Date: starts and finished during 2016.				
Lead implementing agency	Ministry of Culture			
Commitment Description				
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	The challenge is to capture valuable knowledge from CSOs in both an effective and inclusive way.			
What is the commitment?	According to the six principles of the Government’s Policy for Civil Society and the Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the Decision-Making Process ¹ , a new format for dialogue and exchange of information has been developed by the Government in close cooperation with more than one hundred CSOs at national level. The CSOs are not only crucial for democracy in itself; they are often also experts in their own field. The Government wants to be able to deepen its own knowledge by meeting experts from civil society in a structured way, with clear prior information concerning the expected outcome for each counterpart.			
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	To deepen knowledge in the Government before and during a decision-making process.			
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	The need to include civic participation commitments. One important step is to enhance public participation by allowing early and deeper involvement of citizens and civil society.			
Additional information				
Completion Level	Not Started	Limited	Substantial	Completed
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Description of the results	A number of pilot dialogues were tried as a new method during 2016. These were arranged by various ministries and touched upon several different subjects. The results of the commitment produced strong outcomes, and confirmed that the new format for dialogues with civil society indeed garnered positive effects. The government made a formal decision (in February 2017) to implement			

	<p>these dialogues as a working method in the government offices. The method is called Thematic consultation forum.</p> <p>Since then over thirty thematic consultation forums have been conducted, in issues concerning, for example, the integration of immigrants, the national action plan against racism and issues on hostility and hate-crime. There have also been several thematic consultation forums concerning EU-initiatives, in order to discuss and establish issues that are decided on EU-level.</p> <p>The thematic consultation forums are continuously made publicly available on the government website.</p>		
Next Steps	A new initiative on this commitment is not planned, other than continuous monitoring, evaluation and improvement of the process established.		
Milestone status	Start Date:	End Date:	Completion level
In September 2016, an evaluation will be made of 5–10 pilot projects at the Government Offices. A hearing with CSOs is planned for early October 2016.			Completed
Follow-up on the new improved format of dialogue and exchange with CSOs.			Completed
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Other Actors Involved	Government Ministries, Department/Agency	The Government Offices, municipalities, relevant government agencies.
	CSOs, private sector, multilaterals, working groups	National civil society organisations.
Additional Information		