

Uruguay's 4th Open Government National Action Plan 2018-2020

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Democracy Index The Economist 2017	18	1
Transparency Index Transparency International 2017	23	1
Press Freedom Index Reporters Without Borders 2018	20	2
Open Data Index World Wide Web Foundation	11	2
E-Participation Index United Nations 2016	26	5

Towards an Open Government.

Uruguay is the only Latin American country to be considered a full democracy and ranks first among Spanish-speaking countries according to the Democracy Index (The Economist 2017).

Strengthening democracy is a continuous effort that requires promoting changes, being open to taking on new challenges and recognizing the value of collective knowledge. Efforts to promote actions by the

government on transparency, participation, justice, promotion and protection of human rights are never enough.

In September 2011, Uruguay joined the OGP. In October, a Working Group was created by Executive Decree of 22 November 2011 and AGESIC was entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating, managing and monitoring the Working Group. This Group was initially composed of AGESIC, OPP, MEF, MRREE, INE and UAIP. The Open Government Partnership (OGP) has contributed a working methodology that seeks concrete and consensual commitments with multiple stakeholders.

In the 2012-2014 period, Uruguay implemented its 1st National Action Plan (NAP), which contained 18 commitments and was approved by Executive Decree in August 2012.

In the 2014-2016 period, Uruguay implemented its 2nd NAP. For the creation of this second plan, round-table discussions were carried out with the participation of 27 public agencies, 13 civil society organizations, representatives of the academia and the business sector. This NAP contained 40 commitments and was approved by Executive Decree in November 2014.

In the 2016-2018 period, Uruguay implemented its 3rd Open Government NAP 2016-2018, which set forth 75 commitments with 212 goals grouped under 12 thematic focal areas; 26 commitments were, totally or partially, generated through the round-table discussions mechanism with the participation of actors from the government, civil society and the academia.

The 4th Open Government NAP co-creation process was designed and led by the Open Government Working Group, formalized by Executive Decree No. 357/2016. The Working Group, in its present form, comprises representatives of the Office of Budget and Planning, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Institute of Statistics, the Access to Public Information Unit, the Ministry of Economy and Finance, the Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mining, the Judicial Branch, the Legislative Branch, the Congress of Mayors, representatives of the Institute of Political Science of the School of Social Sciences of the University of the Republic, and members of DATA, Uruguay Transparente, Cotidiano Mujer and CAinfo on behalf of the organized civil society, who participate through the Open Government Network. AGESIC, in its role as coordinator, implemented all stages of the co-creation process for the 4th NAP.

During this process, 65 public agencies (4 Departmental Governments: Montevideo, Rivera, Canelones, Paysandú), 17 Civil Society organizations, 1 Business Chamber, 5 academic institutions, and 4 multilateral organizations participated.

In its 4th NAP, Uruguay sets forth 39 commitments that are grouped under 11 thematic areas, 21 of the commitments integrate, totally or partially, demands of the civil society actors that participated in the co-creation process activities, or integrate demands presented through the proposal management platform.

Recognizing that the universal protection and promotion of human rights are fundamental for the functioning of democratic societies, Uruguay's 4th Open Government NAP includes a set of initiatives that are aimed to strengthen respect for the Rule of Law, in equitable and effective access to fundamental rights and the participation of all sectors of society.

Commitments

The 11 thematic areas and the various commitments contained therein are detailed below:

Thematic areas	Commitments
1. Protection of the environment and sustainable use of natural resources	1.1. Implementation of the National Water Plan. 1.2. National System for Environmental Complaints' Management. 1.3. Mitigation and adaptation to climate change: monitoring, reporting and verification of commitments.
2. Gender and generation equality	2.1. Observatory on gender-based violence against Women. 2.2. Security and gender-based violence: access to open data. 2.3. Create a training plan for the prevention, detection and investigation of human trafficking and exploitation.
3. Transparent election processes and prevention of State corruption	3.1. Complaint reception and processing system. 3.2. Data of the electoral processes.
4. Access to Public Information	4.1. National Transparency Index. 4.2. Draft a proposal to reform Law No. 18 381 on Access to Public Information. 4.3. Gender perspective in Uruguay's policies on transparency and access to public information. 4.4. gub.uy: the State close to its citizens
5. Open Justice	5.1. Access to judicial processes. 5.2. Public hearings on video. 5.3. Transparency of statistical information of the Judicial Branch.
6. Open municipalities of the Department of Canelones	6.1. Open Municipalities. 6.2. Towards the creation and consolidation of Canelones' participation system at the municipal level.
7. Promotion of participatory societies	7.1. Middle school students: protagonists of citizen participation. 7.2. Open Government Culture. 7.3. Design, implementation and monitoring of the National Dance Plan. 7.4. Transparency and participation in the National Plan on Human Rights Education. 7.5. Human Rights Reports: New participatory mechanisms.
8. Equity, development and citizenship	8.1. To create a national sustainable development strategy by 2050. 8.2. Gender and youth perspective in rural areas. 8.3. Observatory for equality and non-discrimination. 8.4. Uruguay Concurso: calls for applications on government positions available for disabled and African-descendent citizens. 8.5. Indicators of welfare and economic, social and cultural rights.

	<p>8.6. Departmental Government Social Programs.</p> <p>8.7. Monitoring and ongoing evaluation of the National Plan for Access to Justice and Legal Protection of Persons with Disabilities (2015/2020).</p> <p>8.8. Open Cadastre</p>
9. Transparency and accountability	<p>9.1. To strengthen/enhance the Budget Transparency Portal.</p> <p>9.2. Tools for monitoring the National Energy Efficiency Plan.</p> <p>9.3. Publication of data on the outcome of the MIEM's policies.</p> <p>9.4. Information on seized goods and foreign trade operations.</p> <p>9.5. Accountability for the commitments of the Departmental Government of Rivera.</p>
10. Health and well-being	<p>10.1. Quality Indicators of the Institutes of Highly Specialized Medicine.</p> <p>10.2. Hospital discharge records of the Ministry of Public Health in open formats.</p>
11. Internet of Things	<p>11.1. Open data and services from Internet of Things (IoT) sensors</p> <p>11.2. Cybersecurity strategy for the Internet of Things</p>