

Roadmap for the development of the 2019-21 OGP action plan

This Roadmap was prepared for the recommendation of OGP Steering Committee, stipulated in OGP's 5th December 2018 dated Resolution on the participation of Azerbaijan in the Open Government Partnership. This Roadmap was developed by OGP Azerbaijan Platform and experts specialized in the field of open government. Requirements outlined in the OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards and international practice were taken into consideration in the drafting process of the Roadmap.

This document was discussed in the OGP Azerbaijan Platform's 27th February 2019 meeting.¹ The call for meeting was made public and draft roadmap was published in social media, news websites and official website of OGP Azerbaijan Platform.² Members of OGP Azerbaijan Platform, non-members, ordinary citizens, media, representatives of EU Delegation to Azerbaijan and all interested parties participated in the meeting and gave their feedback. Roadmap was further improved by taken into account review and comments of all interested parties.

Requirements outlined in the OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards taken into account as the guidelines for the preparation of new National Action Plan:

- Compliance with the mission and goals of the Open Government Partnership
- Commitments in National Action Plan should be more concrete and executable
- Purpose should be clear and measurable
- Giving more importance to the quality of commitments
- Clear definition of time frames for commitments
- Taking into account the opinions of all stakeholders
- Organization of a continuous dialogue between the government and civil society at all stages of the OGP process

Directions which planned to be included in the National Action Plan

- Improving the enabling environment for civil society institutions
- Increasing access to information
- Increasing fiscal transparency
- Improvement of measures and legislation in the field of corruption prevention
- Increasing Transparency of the Extractive Transparency Initiative (ETI) in the industries engaged in Mineral Extraction
- Expansion of public participation
- Further simplifying public services and expansion of e-services
- Increasing the efficiency of justice

¹ https://www.amerikaninsesi.org/a/açiq-hökumətin-yol-xəritəsi-təqdim-edilib-4805776.html?fbclid=IwAR2FHNXHbAJ2rJu_aEa6noTGbLzARfGyTOYu-V93rA2x_Sc5AQoY-EeiuGE

² <http://ogp.org.az/az/index.php/2019/02/25/yeni-aciq-hokumet-milli-fealiyyet-planinin-hazirlanmasi-uzre-yol-xeritesinin-muzakiresi-kecirilir/>



Stages of preparation, adoption and implementation of the National Action Program

The preparation, adoption and implementation of the National Action Program will consist mainly of three stages:

Stage I

- Identifying a high-level government representative (ministerial level) to lead the OGP process in Azerbaijan until June 1, 2019;
- Initiating the drafting process of the National Action Plan with the participation of all stakeholders up to 1 June 2019

Stage II

- Completion, adoption and submission of the National Action Plan to the Support Unit until 31 December 2019

Stage III

- Completion of implementation of the National Action Plan by August 31, 2021

Activities of the I Stage

(01 March - 31 May, 2019)

Name of activity		Period of execution	Responsible entity / person
1.1	Identifying a high-level government representative who will lead the OGP process in Azerbaijan	March-april, 2019	Commission on Combating Corruption of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter -CCC)
1.2	Publishing press release and public announcements in the social networks and media for the preparation of the drafting process of the National Action Plan	April-may, 2019	OGP Azerbaijan Platform and CCC
1.3	Identifying target groups and organizing information sessions for them	April-may, 2019	OGP Azerbaijan Platform and interested NGOs with the support of state bodies
1.4	Organizing livestreams in the social media	April-may, 2019	OGP Azerbaijan Platform and interested NGOs
1.5	Organizing trainings for the promotion of OGP principles for press representatives	April-may, 2019	Anti-Corruption Academy of the Republic of Azerbaijan (AZACA)

Activities of the II Stage

(01 June - 31 December, 2019)

Name of activity	Period of execution	Responsible entity / person
2.1. Making announcements on the initiation of the drafting process of the National Action Plan	June, 2019	CCC, OGP Azerbaijan Platform
2.2. Arranging online discussions and receiving feedback for the preparation of the National Action Plan	June-july, 2019	OGP Azerbaijan Platform
2.3. Carrying out public debates on the directions reflected in the Road Map (roundtables, informational sessions, forums)	July-november, 2019	OGP Azerbaijan Platform and interested NGO
2.4. Researching international experience and practice for the preparation of the National Action Plan	June-august, 2019	OGP Support Unit, CCC and Transparency Azerbaijan
2.5. Organizing online TV and Internet broadcasts	September-december, 2019	OGP Azerbaijan Platform
2.6. Organization of media events for promotion of the OGP process	September-november, 2019	OGP Azerbaijan Platform
2.7. Publishing initial draft of the National Action Plan on the relevant internet portal and on the Azerbaijan Open Government Platform website for the discussion.	September-december, 2019	CCC, OGP Azerbaijan Platform
2.8. Submission of the final document for the adoption of the National Action Plan to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan	December, 2019	CCC
2.9. Sending the approved version of National Action Plan to the OGP Support Unit	December, 2019	CCC

Activities of the III Stage

(01 January, 2020 - 31 December, 2021)

Name of activity	Period of execution	Responsible entity / person
3.1. Implementation of National Action Plan	01 January 2020 - 31 august 2021	State bodies, state-owned companies, companies with government-owned stocks, public-legal entities and other entities designated as executing agencies
3.2. Improvement of the Electronic Monitoring Mechanism for the Monitoring of the National Action Plan	01 january- 31 march 2020	CCC
3.3. Carrying out an alternative monitoring by NGOs on the implementation of the National Action Plan	On 6th month, 1st year and at the end of the implementation of OGP	Interested NGOs
3.4. Monitoring of the National Action Plan and publication of the report	01 January- 28 february 2021; September - november 2021	CCC
3.5. Organization of the Forum on the results of monitoring with the participation of stakeholders	December 2021	CCC, OGP Azerbaijan Platform