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PRESIDENT GIVES ASSENT TO LAW ON RIGHT TO INFORMATION



File photo: President Akufo-Addo

President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo on Tuesday gave assent to the Right to Information (RTI) Act that was passed by Parliament in March, this year.

The RTI Law seeks to give effect, to Article 21 (1) (f) of the 1992 constitution of the Republic of Ghana which states that "All persons shall have the right to information subject to such qualifications and laws as are necessary for a democratic society."

It, also, seek to operationalise the constitutional right to information by the public, and some private institutions, subject to exemptions that are necessary and consistent to safeguarding the public interest in a democratic state.

The Presidential assent makes the RTI law a statute under the constitution, which provisions would empower people, contain corruption, and bringing transparency and accountability in the working of the government.

At a short ceremony at the Jubilee House on Tuesday, President Akufo-Addo said: "I

did make a commitment that when it was brought to me, I'll give my assent to it right away."

"It was brought to me yesterday afternoon and I thought I should sign it in the full view of the Ghanaian people," adding "I am glad this long winding parliamentary process has finally come to an end...and I am happy that we now have a Right to Information Act."

The Prise said the law when applied properly, "would provide a critical tool against corruption and enhance the quality of governance in our country. He congratulated the seventh Parliament for its "courage, sense of responsibility and commitment to good governance in passing this piece of legislation."

> He said the purposes of the Act, set in its preamble is to provide for the implementation of the constitutional right to information held by any public institution and to foster the public of transparency and accountability in public affairs.

RECENT GENERAL NEWS

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NDPC INTRODUCES NATIONAL MONTHLY FORUM

The National Development Planning Commission (N initiated a monthly National Development Forums to e public on national development issues.

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GOVT COMMITTED TO PROV SECURITY

Challenges and opportunities

- + Criteria & Standards: Countries under review
- + Country Contributions
- + 49 action plans due in 2019
- + 110 IRMs due in 2019



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WHO INSPIRES YOU TO BREAK



THE PANAMA PAPERS

Politicians, Criminals and the Rogue Industry That Hides Their Cash

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Beneficial Ownership



Government Points of Contact Day - Thematic Session: Open Justice

Tuesday, May 28; 1.30 - 3.00pm // Shaw Centre

This workshop will help points of contact (POC's) define meaningful, ambitious and realistic commitments on justice for their country's next National Action Plan. The workshop aims to share key ,experiences and lessons on using justice-related commitments in OGP National Action Plans and how such commitments advance access to justice and promote transparency and public participation in justice institutions.

Justice PATHFINDERS



Invite only





Challenges and Opportunities

- + Link global discussions to themes through Action Plans
- Rollout 7 thematic grants from the OGP multi-donor Trust Fund
- + Continue building new coalitions e.g. digital



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Trust Publication

Global Report DEMOCRAC

A FUTURE AGENDA FOR EUI

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Members

Government

Since its founding in 2011, OGP has grown to 79 country and 20 local members that work alongside thousands of civil society organizations. Every two years, each member submits an action plan co-created with civil society that outlines concrete commitments to enhance transparency, accountability and public participation in government.









Challenges and Opportunities

- + New co-chairs recruitment
- + Use OGP Global Report
- + Actively engage Foreign Ministries





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Guiding Principles

OGP Values and Principles

- Co-creation
- Action-oriented
- Accountability

Local and national needs

- Differences in contexts
- Differences in needs

Diverse local participation

- Regional
- Type of local
- Development levels

Synergies

- National & local
- Integrated approach

Partnerships

- Delivered with partners
- Avoid duplication

Differentiated approach

 Fit for purpose co-creation and monitoring

Transparency & inclusion

- Decisions' transparent
- Something for everyone

OGP value add

- Humility in approach
- Focus on strengths

Proposed Strategy: 3 equal and complementary pillars

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Key Shifts in Proposed Strategy

Pillar	Current	Proposed direction
Nation-Local Integration	Ad hoc engagement	Recognition and support to national initiatives
	Limited Support	Sustained engagement
	No guidance	 Development of guidance/ resource materials
Enhanced Local program	• 20 (+10 proposed) cohort	Potential to reach at least couple of hundred
	Same rules as national	Differentiated approach to rules
	Customized Support	 Cohort-based support and onboarding
Knowledge sharing & peer exchange	Nascent efforts	Resource development for nationals & locals
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	 No offer for locals outside Local program 	 Access to resource materials + networks for all

Implications for.....



Current OGP Local Members

- + Can stay on, with opportunity for voluntary exit
- Can choose to also participate in national-local pillar
- + Can serve as mentors
- Invited to provide input into program design



Resourcing and SU capacity

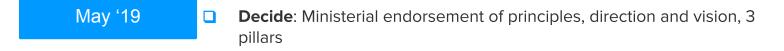
- + Elastic resource contingent
- + Cost of local: from 5 to ~ 7%
- Central SU Local team of 3, rest integrated in country support; freed up IRM capacity
- + Supported through partnerships



Partnership Overall

- + Citizen-centric governance and thematic ambition on public services
- + Recognizes contributions of national initiatives and actors
- + Potential tweaks on rules of the game; agreed through SC

Decision and Next Steps



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IRM Refresh 2.0

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A Look Back at the IRM Review

2017-2018

Key Findings

- + The IRM's strength is its credibility and brand.
- + Governments are primary users of IRM reports.
- Main drivers of IRM spending are size of membership, length of action plans and complexity of assessments.
- + Stronger global communications and outreach needed for stronger IRM uptake.
- + OGP needs better, strategic and actionable recommendations from IRM reports.

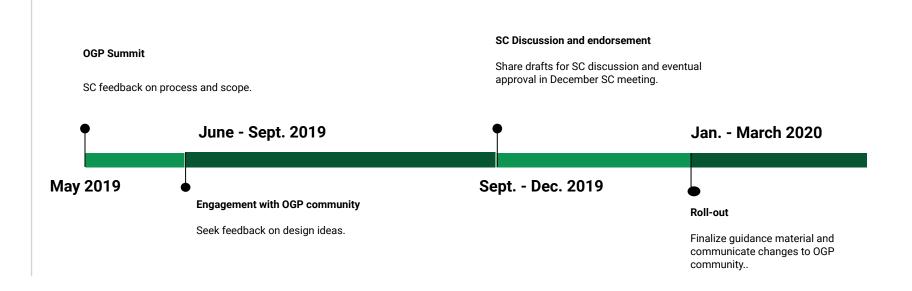
What have we done so far?

- + Move to "Design" and "Implementation" reports.
- + Improve IRM researcher engagement with OGP process in country/local.
- + Distribute reports on the OGP website in machine-readable html formats.
- Design guidance for repositories.

Objective of IRM Refresh 2.0

- + Strategic rethink to address:
 - Uptake and outreach
 - Redefine and clarify the IRM's value proposition
 - Redesign the IRM reporting framework.
- + More value for money

Key Moments of IRM Refresh Process 2019-20













2018-19 Co-Chair Call to Action

Champion Inclusion

- Make co-creation and consultation more inclusive
- Mainstream inclusion through National Action Plans

Protect Participation

- + Tackle challenges of disinformation and "fake news"
- Improve civil society-state relations and defend civic space

Impact for Digital Democracy

- + Protect citizen rights in the digital age
- + Explore open and ethical use of emerging technology

Canada's Contributions

+ INCLUSION

- Applied Gender Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) to 2018-20 NAP
- Implementing Feminist and open dialogue commitment
- Developing GBA+ toolkit for the OGP community

+ PARTICIPATION

- Supporting a healthy and reliable news ecosystem in Canada
- Coordinating G7 Rapid Response Mechanism

IMPACT

- Launched the Directive on Automated Decision-Making
- Developed Algorithmic Impact Assessment Tool









Advance gender and inclusion within OGP

+ How can members of the Steering Committee build on each other's actions to co-create a shared forward agenda on gender and inclusion in OGP?

Ensure more meaningful participation

+ What proactive actions can the Steering Committee take to lead on meaningful participation, and encourage other members, including through strengthening OGP multistakeholder forums or through OGP action plans?

Create impact for digital democracy

What is the Steering Committee role - both as a collective and that of individual members - in developing global norms and coalitions to help position OGP as a mechanism to deliver on these priorities?

Steering Committee Call to Action for Collective Leadership

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Call to Action for Collective Leadership

In the current global environment where democracy is being undermined by restricted space for civil society, erosion of citizens' trust, rising populism and polarization of communities, collective action is key to counter these threats. OGP needs to be at the cutting edge of policy solutions to deliver on its vision to promote open, inclusive, and responsive governments that deliver for all citizens.

In this era of **closing civic space**, we call on all OGP members to take the following actions:

- Strengthen the structure and deliberations of multi-stakeholder forums in line with the OGP Participation and Co-creation Standards;
- Consider commitments in OGP action plans that focus on defending democratic institutions and rights, especially the fundamental freedoms of association, assembly and expression; and
- Test out new co-creation models and enhance public involvement in the implementation phase of open government reforms.

In this era of **continued exclusion and gender disparity**, we call on all OGP members to take the following actions:

- Actively engage participants such as diverse women and non-binary groups and networks in multi-stakeholder forums and in co-creation processes;
- Consider commitments in OGP action plans that use open government to address a specific gap in women's, girl's and gender non-binary individual's services or policy needs; and,
- Work with experts to conduct gender-based analysis to assess how potential commitments will affect groups differently and adopt changes as necessary to improve inclusivity.

In this era of digital opportunities for deepening democratic engagement, we call on all OGP members to:

- Work with fellow OGP members to tackle transnational online harms;
- Consider new commitments in OGP action plans that promote democratic rights and protect dialogue in the digital realm, including data rights and privacy, internet access and control, and
- Develop and promote open, ethical algorithms and artificial intelligence.

We call on the OGP Support Unit to review all Partnership-wide recommendations and policy documents to ensure that they create an enabling framework to promote collective leadership on these issues.



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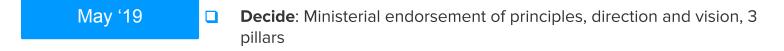
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