

OGP Local Slack Rules of Engagement

The OGP Local Slack workplace is an international online community of those working on open government at the local level. Within this space, stakeholders in the open government community are encouraged to share resources and stories, ask questions, and exchange best practices all in support of open government efforts at the local level. Click [here](#) to join the OGP Local Slack workplace.

To ensure this space remains safe and open to all open gov champions interested in the OGP Local Program, here are some Rules of Engagement:

1. **Start the conversation, ask questions, suggest ideas!** — Any and all members of the OGP Local Slack workplace can lead on an initiative or a discussion and get the ball rolling on a variety of open government issues. You never know who might have similar ideas or interests. Just remember to follow this Code of Conduct.
2. **Join in when you are able!** — We all lead very busy lives and may not be able to participate as actively as we'd like, but there are no schedules or hours of operation for this workspace so feel free to participate whenever you can.
3. **We are a global community with different cultural norms and languages** — This space brings together open government practitioners from all over the world. Please keep in mind that we all speak different languages and come from different backgrounds. Please do not get offended if someone seems rude, keeping in mind that we all have different cultural norms or might not be using their native language.
4. **Treat fellow participants with respect, dignity, and fairness.** — This is a safe space for all of us to share ideas and experiences. Make sure to ask participants if you can share their thoughts outside of this Slack workplace. We do not expect that we all share the same views and opinions, but we do expect any disagreement to be voiced in a respectful manner.
5. **Keep it inclusive** - Everyone is welcome here regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical ability, nationality, race, class, age or religion. While you should feel free to express your thoughts, opinions, and ideas it should be noted that any racist, sexist, ableist, homophobic, or transphobic behavior or remarks will not be tolerated. Engaging in this behavior, harassing, or encouraging others to engage in harassment will be grounds for removal from the OGP Local Slack workplace.
6. **If someone makes an inappropriate comment, please tell our moderators** — **@Rudi Borrmann, @Patrick Kazyak-Albaladejo, @Jose Perez Escotto.** We will take action we deem appropriate to ensure an inclusive environment, particularly if we notice or are made aware of behavior that contravenes the Rules of Engagement. We are committed to ensuring that all community members feel empowered and comfortable to raise issues and secure a space we can all participate in freely.