



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

For Cooperation Between the Open Government Partnership Secretariat and
the Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management

About the Open Government Partnership (OGP)

Open Government Partnership is an organization of reformers inside and outside of government, working to transform how government serves its citizens. In 2011, government leaders and civil society advocates came together to create a unique partnership—one that combines these powerful forces to promote accountable, responsive and inclusive governance. Seventy-eight countries and a growing number of local governments – representing more than two billion people – along with thousands of civil society organizations are members of OGP. The Partnership is made up of people from government, civil society, business, non-profits, and more. They are supported by OGP staff and IRM researchers and a Steering Committee and Board of Directors provide oversight.

The Republic of Korea has been a member of OGP since its founding in 2011. It was elected to the global Steering Committee of the partnership in 2017, and assumed the role of Lead Chair of the Partnership on 1st October 2020.

About the KDI School of Public Policy and Management (KDI School)

The KDI School of Public Policy and Management is a graduate school of policy studies founded in 1997 with the support of the Korean government. As the nation's most respected economic think tank, KDI School has consistently contributed to the Korean government's policy making and implementation. Based on the KDI's five-decade long research and development consulting, our school has been educating public officials and private sector managers by providing strategic tools to deal with the growing complexities in an ever-globalizing world.

1. Purpose of the MoU

The MoU between the Open Government Partnership Secretariat (OGP) and the Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management (KDI School) sets out the areas and terms of cooperation to promote evidence-based open government policies in the Republic of Korea and other members of OGP including, but not exclusively, by collaborating on research on open government impacts, co-organizing the Open Government Partnership Academy during the 10th Anniversary OGP Global Summit in Seoul in 2021, and building a knowledge base of good practices and examples of open government reforms and public



communication on open government initiatives. This MoU is not meant to be a binding agreement, but rather an understanding between the two organizations to maximize opportunities for collaboration and add value to the field of open government.

Any activities conducted under this MoU are subject to their inclusion in the work programme of the respective parties programmes of work and budgets.

2. Areas of Cooperation

The collaboration between OGP and KDI School will focus on the following areas:

Contributing to the Republic of Korea's Priorities as Chair of OGP

KDI School and OGP will support the Government of the Republic of Korea and their civil society Co-Chair Maria Baron's priorities on strengthening civic freedoms and participation, tackling corruption, and maximizing the democratic potential of digital technologies by:

- collaborating on research and dissemination on related topics
- providing the evidence base and recommendations for domestic reforms for the Republic of Korea to take forward through their OGP national action plans.
- contributing to the agenda development of the OGP Global Summit to be hosted by the Republic of Korea in 2021 to reflect these priorities
- promoting the Chair priorities through participation in each others' events and positioning in other relevant global fora or networks.

Research

KDI School will lead research on open government initiatives in South Korea, with support from OGP on methodological approaches and frameworks, identifying relevant data sources and dissemination. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- impact of open government initiatives, including when and how open government initiatives succeed
- public communication for open government (building ongoing joint initiatives with the OECD)
- open government approaches related to Covid-19 response and recovery efforts

OGP Academy

KDI School and OGP will jointly organize the third iteration of the OGP Academy during the OGP Global Summit in 2021 by:

- Issuing a call for research proposals related to the focus and emerging themes of open government identified in OGP's Three Year Implementation Plan
- Participating in the advisory and selection committee for reviewing proposals (with other committee members)



- Exploring funding availability from Korean and international partners to provide scholarships to select researchers to attend the event
- Hosting the event at an appropriate location during the Global Summit or in a virtual format (to be determined at a later date).
- Supporting the institutionalization of the Academy as a permanent initiative within KDI School after the event
- Carrying out other tasks as identified in a joint work plan to be developed for the event closer to the date

Open Government Curriculum Development

KDI School and OGP will collaborate on developing curriculum and pedagogical approaches for incorporating open government in schools of government and Masters' level and professional courses in relevant disciplines (including communications, political science, public administration, public policy, law, and data science) by:

- Convening a half day workshop with educators from relevant disciplines and schools of government, concurrent with the OGP Academy II to share syllabi, discuss student learning needs, skills for the future, techniques and scope of learning.
- Collaborating on the development of knowledge resources and training materials on open government on an ongoing basis, in partnership with other schools of government and policy labs

Cross-Cutting Areas

KDI School and OGP will establish a regular communication channel to:

- exchange good practices and develop joint communications and engagement actions
- identify opportunities to engage policymakers in the Republic of Korea and beyond on outputs of this collaboration

Intellectual Property

This MoU shall not be construed to grant to either organization any license to use the logo or printed materials of the other organization, except in such form and manner as may be approved with the prior written consent of the organization to whom such logo or printed materials belong. Any and all requests for use of the logo or printed materials of an organization shall be submitted to the organization to whom such logo or materials belong and will require such organization's written approval prior to any such use.

Duration and Termination

The term of this MOU will commence on 1 December 2020 and continue for an initial term of two years, provided, however, that either organization can terminate this MOU at any time upon written notice to the other.



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