

OGP Americas Fact Sheet

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MEMBERS IN THE REGION

Argentina	Guatemala
Brazil	Honduras
Canada	Jamaica
Chile	Mexico
Colombia	Panama
Costa Rica	Paraguay
Dominican Republic	Peru
Ecuador	United States
El Salvador	Uruguay

+ **42** local members

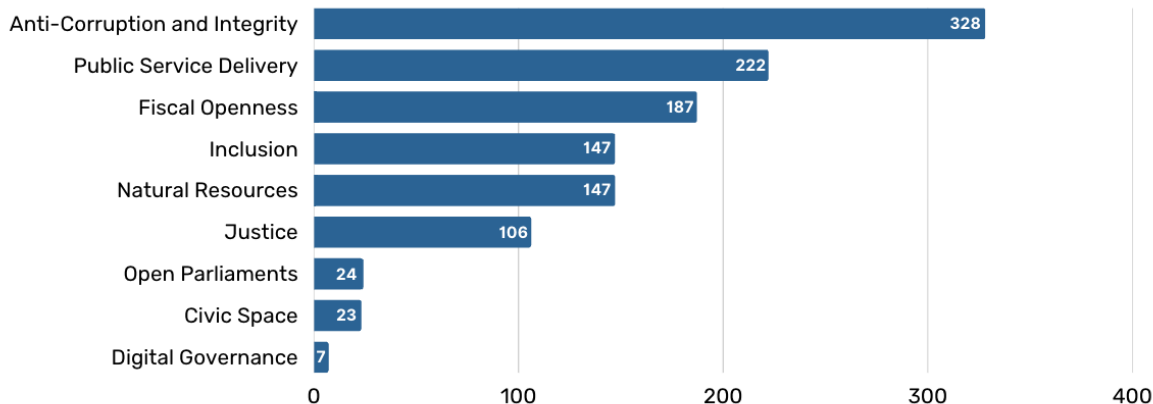
COMMITMENT PERFORMANCE

According to OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM), national commitments in the Americas:

- are more **ambitious** than those in other regions (51% in Americas vs. 40% in other regions),
- are more **complete** (63% in Americas vs. 57% in other regions),
- and achieve stronger **early results** (30% in Americas vs. 18% in other regions).

OVERVIEW OF THEMATIC AREAS

Countries in the Americas have made hundreds of commitments related to anti-corruption and public service delivery, but few commitments in areas like civic space and digital governance.



Total commitments made by countries in the Americas

TOP-PERFORMING THEMATIC AREAS

Listed below are the top-performing thematic areas in the Americas according to assessments from OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM).

Fastest Growing	Most Ambitious	Strongest Early Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Security• Open Parliaments• Youth• Open Contracting• Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water & Sanitation• Audits• Civic Space• Social Accountability• Land Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Rights• Open Justice• Open Data• Open Contracting• Extractives



THEMATIC HIGHLIGHTS

<p>Anti-Corruption and Integrity</p> <p>Topics include: asset disclosure, beneficial ownership transparency, open contracting, political finance, right to information laws</p> <p>Standout commitments: Colombia (2020): Open data against corruption Jamaica (2021): Access to Information Act</p>	<p>Civic Space</p> <p>Topics include: protection of activists and human rights defenders, privacy limits on government surveillance</p> <p>Standout commitments: Ecuador (2019): Escazú implementation Mexico (2019): Controls on state surveillance</p>
<p>Environment and Climate</p> <p>Topics include: open environmental data, citizen participation in creation of climate change and environmental policy</p> <p>Standout commitments: Peru (2017, 2019): Access to environmental data Panama (2021): Environmental information system</p>	<p>Gender</p> <p>Topics include: disaggregated data by gender, women's participation in decision-making, gender equality plans</p> <p>Standout commitments: Argentina (2017): Equal opportunity plan co-creation Mexico (2019): Gender inequality in public services</p>
<p>Justice</p> <p>Topics include: access to judicial services, open judicial data, legal enforcement of open government policies</p> <p>Standout commitments: Costa Rica (2017): Open justice policy Uruguay (2021): Access to court records</p>	<p>Public Service Delivery</p> <p>Topics include: open data and citizen participation/monitoring of education, health, and infrastructure sectors</p> <p>Standout commitments: Colombia (2017): Social accountability of roads Paraguay (2018): Citizen educational observatory</p>

OGP PROCESS

- According to the IRM, **15** of the 18 countries in the Americas (or 83%) used a multistakeholder forum to co-create their most recently evaluated action plan.
- Governments in **13** of the 18 countries (or 72%) provided a reasoned response to the public explaining why certain priorities, ideas or activities were or were not included in their action plan, as part of their most recently evaluated co-creation process.
- **Nine** countries have participation in OGP from parliament.

LOCAL MEMBERS

- So far, **20** local members in the Americas have submitted at least one action plan. Combined, they have made **124** commitments.
- Popular policy areas among participating locals in the Americas:
 - **Public services** (25 commitments)
 - **Fiscal openness** (23 commitments)
 - **Inclusion** (22 commitments)
 - **Justice** (20 commitments)
 - **Anti-corruption** (18 commitments)
 - **Natural resources** (16 commitments)

