

Creating Open States

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Strategic priority:** OGP's 2023-2028 Strategy aims to expand the open government agenda and OGP activities to include local governments, parliaments, judiciaries, and oversight institutions.
- **Rapid local expansion:** Since the inception of OGP Local in 2016, over 100 local governments have joined OGP and made over 450 commitments across a range of policy areas and sectors.
- **Other branches taking initiative:** In many OGP countries, parliaments, judiciaries, and supreme audit institutions are already leading implementation of commitments.

OGP LOCAL

Recognizing that much of what impacts people's daily lives occurs at the local level, OGP launched the OGP Local program in 2016. The program helps to build partnerships between local governments and CSOs to make their governments more open, accountable and responsive to citizens.

Quick Facts

- OGP Local has grown rapidly over the years and now consists of 104 members at the city, state, and provincial levels.
- Half of OGP countries now have at least one OGP Local member.
- Popular policy areas addressed in OGP Local action plans are inclusion, public services, climate, and fiscal openness.

Commitment Examples



Madrid, Spain [created](#) a mandatory lobbying registry. Since its launch, the number of registered lobbyists has risen to over 600, and its success inspired Spain to adopt its own national lobbying transparency [commitment](#).



Banggai, Indonesia [created](#) a mobile application that allows health workers to monitor the condition of pregnant women in real time and achieve minimum service standards for pregnant women.

To learn more about the OGP Local program, view the [OGP Local Brochure](#) and the [OGP Local Expressions of Interest page](#).



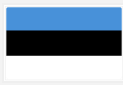
PARLIAMENTS

Key aspirations of the open government movement – pursuing rights-based approaches to open government, institutionalizing reforms, promoting and protecting civic space, and defending democratic processes – require the support and buy-in of parliaments. There is also a growing demand from citizens for parliaments to be more open, inclusive, and effective in representing the interests of all.

Quick Facts

- OGP countries have made over 350 commitments that involve drafting or passing legislation to institutionalize open government reforms, as well as over 150 commitments that aim to make parliaments more transparent and participatory.
- Parliaments are currently leading implementation of commitments in 12 OGP countries and participating in the OGP process in 18 countries.

Commitment Example



Estonia's Riigikogu (parliament) [committed](#) to publishing timely committee meeting minutes online. Now, citizens can keep track of policy proposals sent to the Riigikogu in real time and receive notifications when certain initiatives are voted on or discussed.

To learn more about parliamentary engagement in OGP, view [guidance for parliaments in OGP](#).

JUDICIARIES

While a majority of open government reforms occur within the executive branch, OGP countries are increasingly taking on commitments to increase the openness of the judicial branch.

Quick Facts

- OGP countries have made over 100 commitments on increasing access to justice and over 175 commitments on open justice.
- Judiciaries are currently implementing commitments in 8 OGP countries.

Commitment Example



Costa Rica's judiciary publicly launched its [Judicial Observatory](#) in 2021. The Observatory includes information and statistics on the time it takes for the different judicial offices in the country to resolve their cases.

To learn more about judicial reforms in OGP, view the [Justice Policy Series](#).

SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTIONS

Supreme audit institutions (SAIs) are critical to preventing corruption, ensuring government transparency, and strengthening accountability in public finances.

Quick Facts

- OGP countries have made over 80 audit-related commitments.
- Supreme audit institutions in 16 OGP countries have led implementation on at least one OGP commitment.

Commitment Example



Nigeria's Office of the Auditor General for the Federation is implementing a commitment to guarantee its independence through a new audit law and improve citizen participation in the audit process.

To learn more about SAIs in OGP, view ["Supreme Audit Institutions: Natural Allies to Open Government"](#).

