

# OGP Africa and the Middle East Fact Sheet

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## MEMBERS IN THE REGION

Burkina Faso  
Cabo Verde  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Ghana  
Kenya  
Jordan  
Liberia  
Malawi

Morocco  
Nigeria  
Senegal  
Seychelles  
Sierra Leone  
South Africa  
Tunisia

+ **23** local governments

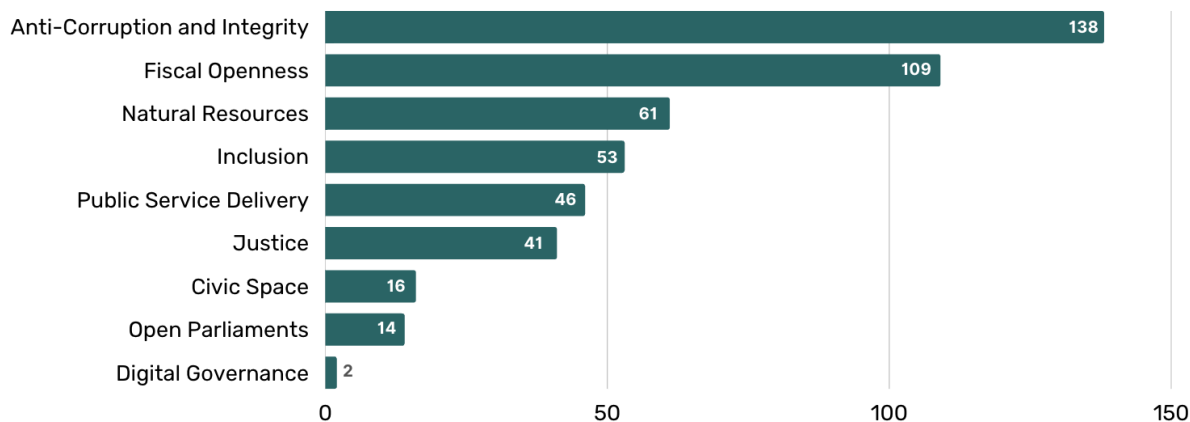
## COMMITMENT PERFORMANCE

According to OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM), national commitments in Africa and the Middle East:

- are similar in **ambition** than those in other regions (42% in Africa vs. 43% in other regions),
- are less **complete** (45% in Africa vs. 58% in other regions),
- and achieve similar strong **early results** (16% in Africa vs. 21% in other regions).

## OVERVIEW OF THEMATIC AREAS

Countries in Africa and the Middle East have made many anti-corruption and fiscal openness commitments, but few commitments in areas like civic space and digital governance.



Total OGP commitments made by countries in Africa and the Middle East

## TOP-PERFORMING THEMATIC AREAS

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

Fastest Growing	Most Ambitious	Strongest Early Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gender</li><li>• Youth</li><li>• Disabilities</li><li>• Access to justice</li><li>• Beneficial ownership</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open contracting</li><li>• Extractives</li><li>• Participatory budget</li><li>• Whistleblowing</li><li>• Land rights</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social accountability</li><li>• Fiscal openness</li><li>• Subnational</li><li>• Extractives</li><li>• Land rights</li></ul>

## THEMATIC HIGHLIGHTS

### Anti-Corruption and Integrity

**Topics include:** asset disclosure, beneficial ownership transparency, open contracting, political finance, right to information laws

**Standout commitments:**

Liberia (2020): Public beneficial ownership register  
Morocco (2021): Strengthening of RTI systems

### Civic Space

**Topics include:** protection of activists and human rights defenders, privacy limits on government surveillance

**Standout commitments:**

Nigeria (2019): Improve CSO operating environment

### Fiscal Openness

**Topics include:** publication of accessible budget and fiscal information, participatory budgeting, budgetary oversight

**Standout commitments:**

Côte d'Ivoire (2020): Participatory budget decree  
Senegal (2021): Local participatory budgeting

### Inclusion

**Topics include:** gender equality, inclusive participation in decision-making, plain language, youth involvement

**Standout commitments:**

Morocco (2021): Gender equality opportunities  
Tunisia (2021): Youth participation at local level

### Justice

**Topics include:** access to judicial services, open judicial data, legal enforcement of open government policies

**Standout commitments:**

Kenya (2020): Alternative justice and legal aid  
Sierra Leone (2021): Community-level access to justice

### Public Service Delivery

**Topics include:** open data and citizen participation/monitoring of education, health, and infrastructure sectors

**Standout commitments:**

Ghana (2021): Open data on public services  
Jordan (2021): Public participation in capital investment projects

## OGP PROCESS

- According to the IRM, **over 90%** of OGP countries in Africa and the Middle East used a multistakeholder forum to co-create their most recently evaluated action plan.
- Governments in **85%** of OGP countries in Africa and the Middle East 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.

## LOCAL MEMBERS

- So far, **12** local members in Africa and the Middle East have submitted at least one action plan. Combined, they have made **60** commitments.
- Popular policy areas among participating locals in Africa and the Middle East:
  - **Fiscal openness** (21 commitments)
  - **Inclusion** (20 commitments)
  - **Anti-corruption** (13 commitments)
  - **Public services** (12 commitments)
  - **Natural resources** (11 commitments)

