

Leveraging OGP for UNCAC Implementation

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KEY POINTS

- **Turning commitments to action:** The Open Government Partnership (OGP) provides an action platform for governments to commit to open government reforms, including reforms related to anti-corruption. Governments often embed commitments from other international initiatives – like the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) or the Summit for Democracy – into their OGP action plans for greater accountability.
- **Accountability within OGP:** OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) monitors commitments in a transparent and participatory manner. Unlike the UNCAC Implementation Review Mechanism, OGP's IRM assessments are fully published and participatory in nature, as civil society is consulted in preparation of each report.
- **UNCAC and OGP synergy:** Since 2011, OGP members have implemented over 1,000 anti-corruption reforms using the OGP process. Ten countries have referenced UNCAC or national UNCAC bodies within an OGP commitment. Five countries – Côte d'Ivoire, Guatemala, the Republic of Moldova, Sri Lanka, and the United Kingdom – have made OGP commitments that specifically aim to implement UNCAC-related reforms.

COMMITMENT EXAMPLES



Monitoring Anti-Corruption Conventions in Guatemala (2021-2023)

In its fifth OGP action plan, Guatemala committed to establishing participatory evaluations of compliance with international anti-corruption conventions and recommendations, including UNCAC and the Inter-American CAC.



Transparency of UNCAC Implementation (2023-2025)

The Republic of Moldova is implementing a commitment in its newest OGP action plan to ensure transparency and civil society involvement in the reporting and evaluation of UNCAC implementation.

OGP'S RELATED RESOURCES

- [National Actions to Help Professional Services Ensure Financial System Integrity](#) (2023) discusses recommended reforms to prevent “enablers” — providers or professional services — from facilitating money laundering through financial secrecy.
- **Committing to Combat Kleptocracy: A Guide for OGP Members** (forthcoming) outlines how kleptocratic wealth undermines democratic governance and offers model OGP commitments to mitigate harms related to kleptocracy.
- [Aligning Open Government Commitments](#) (2023) provides an analysis of how countries are embedding commitments from another international initiative – the Summit for Democracy – into OGP action plans for greater accountability.
- The [Open Gov Guide](#) (2023) – OGP's go-to resource for detailed reform recommendations and examples of good practice from OGP members – features several chapters on anti-corruption reforms.
- [Broken Links: Open Data to Advance Accountability and Combat Corruption](#) (2022) offers an overview of the state of open data against political corruption in OGP countries, based on data from the Global Data Barometer.

