

# Civic Space in the Americas

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Promoting civic space is essential to advancing open government because a free and active civil society is key to ensuring that institutions are open, accountable, and responsive. Though these freedoms are increasingly under threat globally, OGP members are working to protect the democratic freedoms of expression, assembly, and association.

## QUICK STATS

Several members in the region have addressed civic space in their OGP action plans.

National members with at least one commitment in this policy area

**11 of 17**

Total OGP commitments made to date in this policy area

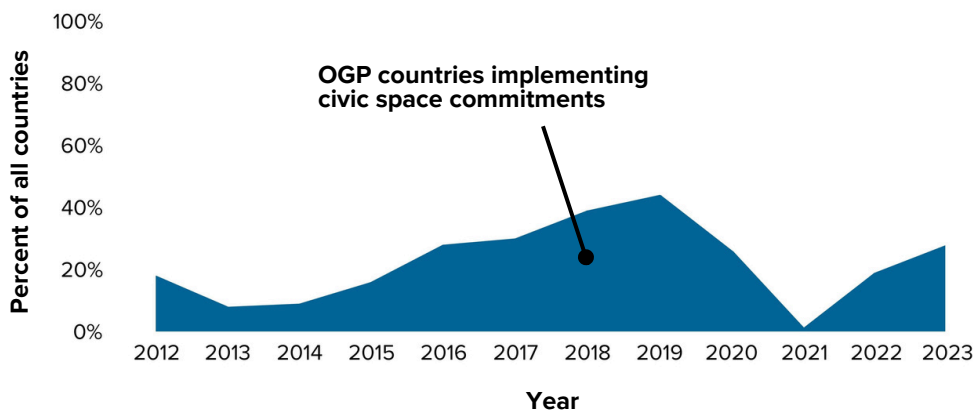
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Local members with at least one commitment in this policy area

**5**

## POLICY AREA ADOPTION

About one-third of national members in the Americas are currently implementing a commitment related to civic space.



### Learn more in the *Open Gov Guide*

The [Open Gov Guide](#) is OGP's go-to resource for detailed reform recommendations and examples from OGP members. The guide covers free assembly, association, expression, and media freedom.



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# CIVIC SPACE COMMITMENTS IN THE AMERICAS

The Dominican Republic was the first country from the region to successfully submit a civic space commitment to the Open Gov Challenge. Explore its commitment and others below.

## CHALLENGE

### **National Strategy for Civic Space**



The Dominican Republic [committed](#) to creating a national strategy for civic space to guarantee the rights to assembly, association, and expression.

## ACTION PLAN

### **App to Locate Services Provided by Civil Society**



Contagem (Brazil) [committed](#) to developing an app to help members of the public find CSOs providing public services in partnership with the government.

## ACTION PLAN

### **Democracy and Civic Space**



Canada [committed](#) to combating disinformation, safeguarding elections, fostering social inclusion and trust, and protecting civic space online and offline.

## ACTION PLAN

### **Participatory Implementation Plan for the Escazú Agreement**



Chile [committed](#) to co-creating a participatory roadmap for the Escazú Agreement via in-person dialogues and focus group discussions with civil society.

## ACTION PLAN

### **Neighborhood Plans**



Maipú (Chile) [committed](#) to strengthen local organizations and initiatives by establishing a model of community development at the neighborhood level.

## ACTION PLAN

### **Implementation of the Escazú Agreement**



Ecuador [co-created](#) recommendations to implement the agreement and designed a multi-stakeholder forum to discuss environmental democracy.

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Honduras [committed](#) to creating an environmental multi-stakeholder forum, publishing environmental data, and building capacity in government and civil society.

## ACTION PLAN

### **Strengthen Neighborhood Councils**



Salcedo (Dominican Republic) [committed](#) to creating a Municipal Registry of Non-Profit Organizations, and developing a training and communications plan.

Explore all  
Challenge commitments

