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Resources

This section brings together all guidance documents, links, publications, resources, templates, and tools referenced throughout the Handbook.

1. Foundations for Open Government

Open Government Declaration: Foundational principles endorsed by all OGP members upon joining, promoting transparency, citizen participation, and public accountability.

OGP Strategy: Five-year strategy (2023–2028) to build an interconnected community of open government reformers, make open government central to all levels of government, protect civic space, accelerate reforms, and showcase inspiring innovations and stories.

OGP Members: A searchable list of all national governments participating in OGP.

OGP Local: Information about local government participation through the OGP Local program.



2. OGP Membership, Governance, and Action Framework

Articles of Governance: Establish the mandate and policies of OGP, including the Steering Committee, the Support Unit, and the IRM.

Joining OGP: Requirements for governments to join OGP, including criteria, Values Check, and engagement with civil society.

Eligibility Criteria: Four core areas assessed before a country can join OGP.

OGP Values Check: Assessment for countries wishing to join OGP based on two indicators from the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) “Dataset on Democracy.”

Eligible Countries: Current non-participating countries eligible to join OGP.

Government Contributions: Explains OGP’s framework for country contributions, which support member services, political engagement, and thematic initiatives.

OGP Global Summit: OGP’s flagship global event to share open government experiences and showcase progress.

Open Gov Week: Annual campaign mobilizing reformers to co-create and advocate for open government reforms.

Steering Committee: The executive decision-making body responsible for guiding OGP’s strategic direction.

OGP Co-Chairs: Four co-chairs who guide the Steering Committee and support OGP’s strategic priorities.

Key Responsibilities of an OGP Point of Contact: Key responsibilities of OGP Points of Contact in managing the national process.

OGP Procedural Review: Assesses whether a participating country adheres to OGP process requirements, including the timely submission of action plans, adherence to co-creation standards, and the implementation of commitments.

OGP Eligibility Review: Initiated when a member country falls below the minimum eligibility criteria for two consecutive years, with the aim of providing support to regain compliance.

OGP Response Policy: Activated in exceptional circumstances where a member’s actions significantly undermine OGP values, posing a risk to the Partnership’s reputation.

OGP Rapid Response Protocol: Allows OGP to respond swiftly to urgent allegations of serious violations of OGP principles that cannot be addressed in the short term by existing accountability mechanisms.

3. Participation and Co-Creation Standards

OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards: Set of five standards and corresponding minimum requirements that guide collaborative engagement across all stages of the OGP process.

IRM Guidelines for Assessment of Minimum Requirements: Criteria used to assess compliance with OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards.

4. Creating Space(s) for National Dialogue: The MSF

OGP Health Check Questionnaire: Tool to assess the health of a country’s OGP ecosystem, forum, and process.

5. Ensuring Information Transparency

[Quick overview of transparency requirements](#): Summarizes minimum requirements for OGP websites and repositories.

6. Development of Action Plans and Commitments

[Co-Creation and the Development of Action Plans](#): Practical steps for implementing an inclusive and participatory co-creation process.

[Commitment Template](#): A template to draft high-quality, clear, and monitorable commitments.

[Four-Year Action Plan refresh process Memorandum](#): Rules and refresh procedures specific to four-year action plans.

[Open Gov Guide](#): Thematic guidance on policy areas to inspire strong commitments.

[OGP at Ten - Vital Signs](#): A decade of data on participation and ambition in OGP commitments.

[OGP Data Dashboard](#): Searchable platform for exploring global OGP commitments.

7. Implementing an Action Plan and Commitments

[Self-Assessment Template](#): A Template to report on the final results of reforms completed in the action plan, consultation during implementation, and lessons learned.

8. Ensuring Accountability and Learning through the IRM

[IRM overview page](#): Introduction to OGP's accountability arm and the main means of tracking progress in participating countries.

[IRM Guidelines for Assessment of Minimum Requirements](#): Criteria used to assess compliance with OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards.

[IRM process pathway](#): Explains how the IRM delivers timely, targeted, and modular learning and accountability tools throughout the action plan cycle.

[IRM Procedures Manual](#): Comprehensive methodology for IRM assessments.

[IEP summaries from quality assurance sessions](#): Oversight process summaries from the IRM's expert panel.

[IRM Co-Creation Brief](#): Provides early recommendations to strengthen inclusivity, effectiveness, and compliance in the co-creation process, based on prior IRM findings and global open government practices.

[IRM Action Plan Review](#): Offers an independent and evidence-based analysis of the strengths and challenges of the action plan, including co-creation quality and promising commitments selected for further analysis.

[IRM Results Report](#): Assesses overall implementation of commitments with a focus on policy-level results, compliance with OGP standards, and insights to support accountability and learning.

9. Raising Ambition through the Open Gov Challenge

[Challenge website](#): Main hub for information and participation in the Open Gov Challenge.

[Challenge Areas overview](#): Describes the ten policy areas of the Challenge.

[Submission Form](#): Template for submitting Challenge commitments.

[FAQ page](#): Background on Challenge themes and guidance for strong submissions.

10. Engagement of Other Levels and Branches of Government

[OGP Local](#): Information about local government participation through the OGP Local program.

[OGP Local Handbook](#): Comprehensive guide for local governments participating in OGP.

[Progress through Partnership: National-Local Collaboration to Advance Open Government](#): Practical lessons on national-local collaboration for open government.

[Parliamentary Engagement in OGP: Learning from the Evidence](#): Describes how parliaments participate in OGP processes and contribute to legislative openness and oversight reforms.

[Memorandum on Parliamentary Engagement](#): Outlines the framework and rationale for involving parliaments in OGP processes and commitments.

[Parliamentary Engagement in National OGP Processes: Menu of Options](#): Offers practical models and examples for how parliaments can engage in and support national OGP processes.

[Open Parliament Plan](#): Glossary entry defining stand-alone legislative OGP plans.

[Guidance for OGP Parliamentary Action Plans](#): Guidance for legislatures creating standalone OGP plans.

[Participation of Judiciary Branch Institutions in OGP](#): Guidance for judiciary institutions participating in the OGP process.

[Participation of National Autonomous Institutions in OGP](#): Instructions for autonomous institutions engaging with OGP (e.g. ombudsman, audit offices).