

Alumni Circle of the OGP Youth Collective

Terms of Reference (ToR)

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The **Alumni Circle** was established in 2025 to sustain and deepen the impact of the OGP Youth Collective, originally launched at the 2019 OGP Global Summit in Ottawa in partnership with [Accountability Lab](#). The Alumni Circle connects former Youth Collective members and like-minded champions who have aged out of the 18–30 bracket yet remain committed to advancing open government values and mentoring the next generation of leaders.

1. Membership Activities

The Alumni Circle brings together members (aged 31+) who aim to leverage their experience, networks, and expertise to foster intergenerational dialogue and strengthen OGP’s youth ecosystem.

Members are responsible for:

- Provide small-group or one-to-one mentorship to Youth Collective members at least twice per year and offer ad-hoc advice upon request.
- Serve as guest trainers, panellists, or moderators at selected Youth Collective or OGP events (virtual or in-person)
- Act as expert reviewers for Youth Collective research, tools, policy briefs, and other knowledge products.
- Facilitate introductions between the Youth Collective and external stakeholders (e.g. government reformers, CSOs, multilaterals) and champion fundraising or partnership opportunities where appropriate.
- Represent alumni perspectives at national, regional and global OGP or partner events, promoting youth engagement and open government reforms.
- Document lessons learned, case studies, and success stories to guide successive Youth Collective cohorts and the broader OGP community.

2. Eligibility & Requirements

Memberships are individual. To join the Alumni Circle of the OGP Youth Collective, all applicants must:

1. Be 31 years or older at the time of application.
2. Reside in, or hold citizenship of, an [OGP member country/locality](#) or [OGP eligible country](#).
3. Demonstrate familiarity with, or prior participation in, at least one OGP process (e.g. co-creation processes, multi-stakeholder forum, implementation, monitoring, etc.).



4. Show evidence of leadership in youth and/or open government initiatives. Prior involvement in youth networks, advisory councils, or mentorship programmes is an asset.
5. Commit to OGP values of transparency, accountability, inclusion, and participation.
6. Endorse the [OGP Youth Collective Declaration](#).
7. Be able to dedicate 5 hrs/month to the Alumni Circle duties.
8. Have reliable access to the Alumni Circle's communication platforms (Slack and Google Drive).

Automatic Eligibility: Former OGP Youth Collective members who meet the age threshold automatically qualify for the Alumni Circle, pending confirmation of continued engagement and adherence to these ToR.

2.1 How to apply?

Prospective members must complete an online survey form (~ 10 min) capturing background, motivation, and experience. The survey remains open on a rolling basis. The OGP Support Unit will be in charge of reviewing and accepting applications.

Equity & Inclusion Principle: The Alumni Circle of the OGP Youth Collective is committed to balanced and meaningful representation from all OGP regions (Africa & MENA, Asia-Pacific, Europe, and the Americas) and to gender parity and broader inclusion (youth of diverse gender identities, ethnicities, abilities, and socio-economic backgrounds). Recruitment and decision-making processes may incorporate affirmative measures to reach historically under-represented groups.

3. Review & Amendments

These ToR are subject to annual review by the OGP Support Unit in consultation with the OGP Youth Collective and the Alumni Circle of the OGP Youth Collective.

