

OGP Youth Collective

Terms of Reference (ToR)

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The OGP Youth Collective was launched at the 2019 OGP Global Summit in Ottawa, in partnership with [Accountability Lab](#). Since then, more than 100 young people have joined. To continue growing, OGP has relaunched the Youth Collective as the premier global network through which young leaders (18-30) shape and monitor open government reforms.

1. Membership Activities

The OGP Youth Collective is a group formed by young leaders responsible of:

- Advocate for youth-responsive commitments and Open Gov Challenges rooted in transparency, accountability and participation.
- Whenever possible, participate in national and local co-creation processes for OGP Action Plans and encourage other young people (who are not members of the Collective) to take part.
- Liaise with the OGP Support Unit, Steering Committee and thematic committees, presenting youth recommendations and joining meetings by invitation.
- Represent OGP youth perspectives at national, regional and global events.
- Organize and attend capacity-building trainings, peer-learning events, and other initiatives that promote ambitious and long-lasting reforms.
- Help convene the Collective at least once per quarter through thematic events focused on open government values, including crossover sessions with other OGP networks (e.g. Justice and Algorithms).
- Create stories, blogs, and social media content for Open Gov Week, OGP Summits and other high-profile moments.

2. Eligibility & Requirements

Memberships are individual. To become a member of the OGP Youth Collective, all applicants must:

1. Be 18–30 years old 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 and uphold the [OGP Youth Collective Declaration](#).
7. Be able to dedicate 8 hrs/month to the OGP Youth Collective duties.
8. Have reliable access to the Collective's communication platforms (Slack and Google Drive).

Applicants from historically under-represented or marginalized communities (e.g. young women, LGBTQI+ youth, indigenous or ethnic-minority youth, youth with disabilities, and young people, and young people from rural or low-income backgrounds) are strongly encouraged.

Memberships will be reviewed annually. If members continue to meet the eligibility criteria and demonstrate active engagement, their term will be renewed for an additional 12-month period.

Members who meet the age threshold will automatically qualify for the Alumni Circle, pending confirmation of continued engagement and adherence to relevant ToR.

2.1 How to apply?

Prospective members must complete an [online survey form](#) 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 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. Partners & Synergies

To maximise impact and avoid duplication, the OGP Youth Collective will collaborate closely with existing global youth coalitions and partners, including:

- **[Accountability Lab](#):** joint youth-led accountability programs, support to youth-led civil society ecosystems, mentorship exchanges and learning opportunities/networks.
- **Youth Democracy Cohort** (led by the [European Partnership for Democracy](#)): coordinated advocacy during Summit for Democracy cycles and cross-promotion of training resources.

4. Review & Amendments

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

