# Why is Local Open Government re le vant today?





The world has experienced a prolonged period of democratic backsliding while dealing with systemic challenges like climate change, conflict and inequality.



Crisis of representative democracy



Social issues that require collaboration to be tackled





Rise of new technologies





### Local

With increased populations in urban areas come increasing demands for services and the need for more effective and responsive local-level governments.

Local governments are often more nimble than national-level governments and are in closer proximity to the people they exist to serve. This makes the impact they have through participating in OGP more meaningful.



#### Rebuilding Trust

Open Government is a paradigm based on values, that seeks to transform the relationship between citizens and government...



# Open Government is

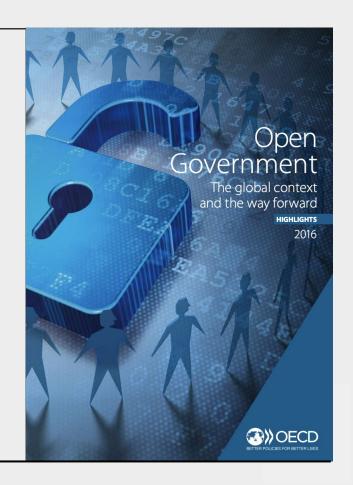
- collaborating to address difficult problems.
- co-creating impactful public policies
- recognizing the role of citizens, build on what has been achieved and seek alliances.
- working to promote human rights.
- fighting corruption and improving public services.

## The role of citizens and civil society in open government

(...) the involvement of citizens and civil society is critical to developing, securing and implementing open government reforms and that reformers inside and outside governments must build **broad coalitions** to achieve change.

(...) citizens are no longer passive receptors of government information, to the contrary, **governments** and citizens engage in a joint construction of value.

Through the **OGP action plan** we put this central idea into action.



## OGP's ways of achieving its goals

#### Joining OGP

Governments join OGP to implement open government reforms.

### Tracking, assessment and recommendations

The Independent Monitoring
Body monitors action plans to
measure progress on
commitments and presents
recommendations for
improvement.



## Co-creation of action plans

Governments and civil society organizations work together to co-create action plans.

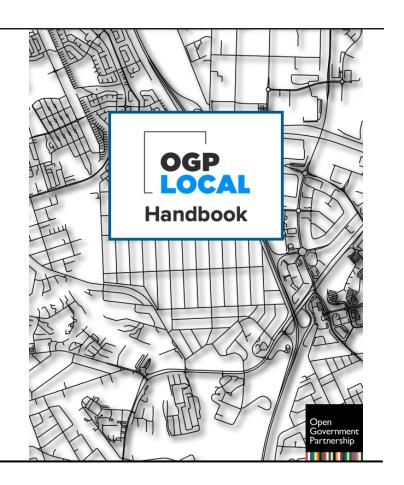
## Implementation of action plans

Governments work with civil society to implement the commitments of the action plans.

### Local

#### Adaptable, responsive, flexible

- 1 action plan period the length of an administration.
- Up to 5 commitments at any one point.
- Local members must select an independent monitoring body.
- Assessments to promote learning



# We focus on action

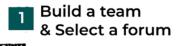
- Action plans are at the core of participation in OGP.
- Governments and civil society co-create
   OGP action plans.
- Action plans have concrete open gov commitments or reforms across a range of issues.







Learn





Develop a roadmap











Validate & Approve







Draft Commitments and Strategic Vision







Identify Solutions





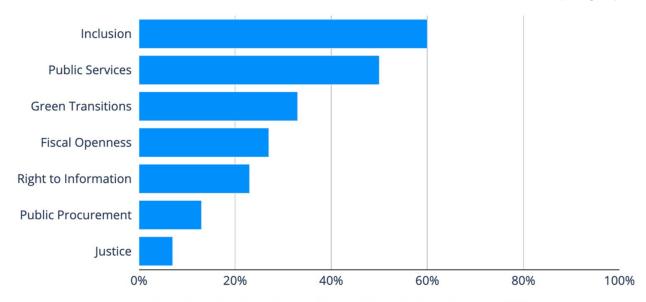
**Opportunity Areas** 

Identify & **Prioritize** 

OGP's mission is to inspire, connect, and enable an ever-growing community of reformers and champions from government and civil society to take action together and achieve the vision of open government.

## **Trending Policy Areas**

www.opengovpartnership.org/data -dashboard



% of Local Action Plans that Address Cross-Cutting Approach/Policy Area







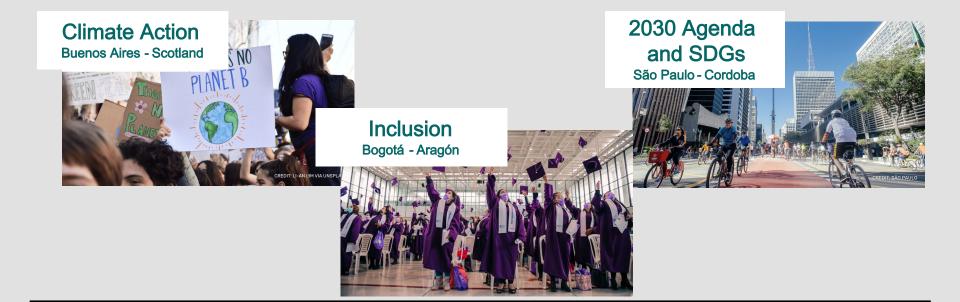


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# Community of Practice OGP Local Circles



## Community



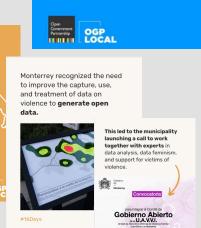
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#### 160 + news from local

- OGP Local Roundup
- Social Media Cards
- Videos
- Blog posts + Faces of Open Gov









# THE **OPEN GOV** CHALLENGE







### **OGP Challenge**

Demonstrate relevant progress in as many of the areas of the Challenge through their OGP action plans.

- accelerating ambitious reforms across the Partnership towards lasting policy change
- showcasing the power of collective action enabled by open government and OGP







#### Challenge:

#### **Access to Information**

Improve effectiveness of access to information legal frameworks.

#### Challenge:

#### **Civic Space**

Strengthen enabling environment and spaces for civil society and civic action.

#### Challenge:

#### **Media Freedom**

Develop or reinforce legal frameworks that protect the rights of journalists and independent media.

#### Challenge:

#### Fiscal Openness

Advance public oversight and inclusion reforms across the budget and spending cycle.

#### Challenge:

#### Gender and Inclusion

Adopt open government reforms to promote the full participation of women politically, socially and economically.

#### Challenge:

#### **Public Participation**

Mainstream or embed fit -for-purpose, high quality and inclusive public participation practices across key government sectors, processes, and institutions.

#### Challenge:

#### **Anti-Corruption**

Develop or strengthen a whole-of-government anti-corruption strategy or roadmap.

#### Challenge:

#### **Environment and Climate**

Use open government to strengthen implementation of strategies or agreements on climate and environment.

#### Challenge:

#### Digital Governance

Strengthen transparency and public oversight of Al and data protection frameworks.

#### Challenge:

#### **Justice**

Advance peoplecentered justice reforms.



# Ways to Participate

- Co-create relevant commitments in OGP action plans.
- Submit a standalone action/commitment, independent of the OGP action plan.
- Submit entries for the Open Gov awards.
- These are not mutually exclusive options.





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