



The Federal Government of Nigeria and the Open Government Partnership

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What is the Open Government Partnership (OGP)?

A **multi-stakeholder initiative** through which governments make **concrete commitments to open government.**



What is “open government?”

A government where people:

- Have **access to information** about the decisions that interest them.
- Can **participate** in decision-making at all levels.
- Can hold officials **accountable** for decisions and actions.
- Use **technology** to promote the above values.



How OGP works

Join

If eligible, country joins



Co-create commitments

Government & civil society co-create national action plan



Assess

Publish self-assessment & participate in Independent Reporting Mechanism

Implement

Government implements commitments



Learn

Contribute to peer learning

Brief History of OGP

- **2011:** OGP launched by 8 founding countries: Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, the Philippines, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States.
- **2012-2015:** OGP expands rapidly to include 69 participating countries and thousands of civil society organizations.
- **2015:** 50 OGP countries commit to using OGP national action plans as one means to implement the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



70

Participating
Governments

1000s

of Civil Society
Organizations

110

National
Action Plans

+2500

Reform
commitments



Why has OGP grown so rapidly?



Address national priorities

Access global platform

Benefit from independent evaluation

Engage with new actors






Examples of OGP Commitments



Ghana: Publish more budget information online.

An aerial photograph of a vast open-pit mine in Mongolia. The mine features deep, terraced rock walls and a winding road that snakes through the landscape. A large pile of dark material, likely coal or ore, is visible in the foreground. The surrounding area is arid and hilly, with a clear sky above.

**Mongolia: Release
environmental
information in open
formats.**

A photograph of a row of Soviet-era archival boxes. The boxes are made of cardboard and have labels with Cyrillic text and numbers. The text 'АРХИ' (Arkhiv) is visible on the top of each label, followed by 'УКГБ Л' (UKGB L). Below this, the word 'НОМ.' (Nom.) is printed. The numbers 43560, 43564, 43565, 43568, 43569, and 43575 are prominently displayed on the labels. The boxes are arranged in a row, and the lighting is dim, creating a somber atmosphere.

**Ukraine: Publish the
Soviet era files.**

Paraguay: Strengthen local dialogue councils.





**Kenya: Improve transparency
in electoral processes.**

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a woman's face and hair. She has dark hair and is wearing a bright green bow. The background is out of focus, showing other people in a crowd.

Nigeria Has Already Made a Lot of Progress

- Freedom of Information Act 2011
- Fiscal Responsibility Act 2007
- Public Procurement Act 2007
- Federal Budgets Online
- Increasingly Credible and Transparent Elections
- Commitment to EITI
- Vibrant Civil Society Demanding Openness

How can countries join?

Demonstrate eligibility

Fiscal Transparency, Access to Information, Asset disclosure, and
Citizen engagement



Submit letter of intent



Identify lead ministry to
co-create action plan

Nigeria's OGP Membership Journey

- ✓ Eligible to join OGP
- ✓ Meets minimum criteria on:
 - Fiscal Transparency
 - Access to Information
 - Asset disclosure
 - Citizen engagement
- ✓ Has Submitted Letter of Intent
- ✓ Has Identified Federal Ministry of Justice as Lead Ministry



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Dear Open Government Partnership Co-Chairs

Letter of Intention to Join the Open Government Partnership (OGP)

I am honoured to submit this letter of intent to the Open Government Partnership Steering Committee on behalf of the Government of Nigeria and to express Nigeria's commitment to join the Partnership.

As you are aware, Nigeria meets the eligibility criteria set out by the OGP and the government of Nigeria is strongly committed to the principles of Open Government. By joining OGP, the government of Nigeria commits to transparency and accountability in the management of public office. We believe that the OGP membership will enhance innovation, economic development and accelerate the transformation of our public service.

It is important to note that Nigeria is already participating actively in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) process and implementing the EITI Standards. Nigeria has also enacted the Public Procurement Act and the Fiscal Responsibility Act with a view to enhancing transparency in public contracting, public procurement as well as the management of public finance. Nigeria has also improved access to information through the enactment of the Freedom of Information Act and the Code of Conduct Bureau Act. The requirement for the disclosure of assets by public officials is embedded in the Constitution and all public officers are required to declare their assets every four years.

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Against this background, Nigeria is committed to working with you and other countries within the OGP framework to implement the OGP initiatives with major focus on accountability of government institutions, enhancing freedom of information and corporate ownership transparency, particularly in the extractive industry.

As we look forward to your response, please accept the assurances of my highest regards.

Abubakar Malami, SAN
Honourable Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice

“Co-Creation” / Consultation Process

- Public/ civil society must be involved in developing and implementing National Action Plan
- Flexibility allows each country to design their own process
- But must follow basic guidelines to ensure meaningful consultation



“Co-Creation” / Consultation Process

- **Keys to success:**
 - Adequate notice and awareness-raising among public
 - Breadth of consultation – wide array of stakeholders
 - Allowing civil society groups to self-select to participate (rather than hand-picking them)
 - Responding to inputs and feedback through iterative consultation process
- **Good practice:** Permanent multi-stakeholder dialogues (used in 36 OGP countries)

Nigerian experience with multi-stakeholder dialogue



- Member since 2004
- Governed by representatives of government, extractive companies and civil society

COMMON COMMITMENT THEME S

1

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Engaging Citizens in Policymaking.



2

GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY

Fighting Corruption and Strengthening Democratic Institutions.



3

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Guaranteeing Public Access to Government Information.



4

FISCAL TRANSPARENCY

Helping Citizens Follow the Money.



5

PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY

Making Services Work for the People.



6

EXTRACTIVE RESOURCES TRANSPARENCY

Ensuring Extractive Revenues Are Used for Public Benefit.



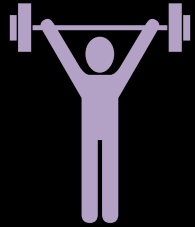
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OPEN DATA

Digitizing and Opening Up Government Data for Access to Information and Transparency.

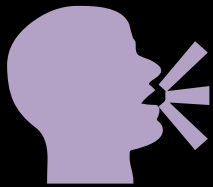


A good action plan is...



Ambitious

Do commitments stretch government beyond current state of practice?



Responsive

Is the plan reflective of public demand?

Relevant

Does the plan address key open government principles of Transparency, Accountability, and/or Public Participation?



Assessment

- ✓ Self-Assessment Reports
- ✓ Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) Reports

<<Country Name>>

Midterm (or End of Term) Self-Assessment Report
National Action Plan 201X-201X

Download Most Recent Reports

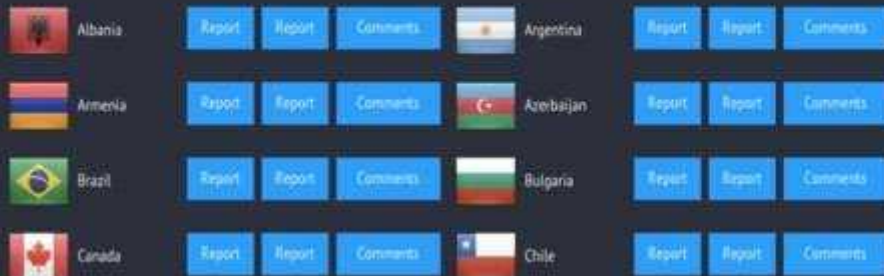


Table 1: At a Glance

	Mid-term	End-of-term
Number of commitments:	13	
Level of completion		
Completed:	0	0
Substantial:	5	5
Limited:	5	5
Not started:	3	3
Number of commitments with:		
Clear relevance to OGP values:	10	
Moderate or Transformative potential impact:	9	
Substantial or complete implementation:	5	5
All three (★)	3	3

RESOURCES
AVAILABLE TO
OGP
PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES



WORKING GROUPS

Anti-Corruption (new!)

Fiscal Openness

Access to
Information

Open Data

Openness in
Natural Resources

Legislative
Openness



PEER LEARNING

IRM Reports



OpenGov Guide



AVOIDING PITFALLS

- ✓ Ensure interagency coordination
- ✓ Provide high-level political support
- ✓ Develop implementation plan for commitments (i.e., budget allocations, agency leads, timeline, etc.)
- ✓ Establish permanent government-civil society dialogue mechanisms

Questions/ Discussion