

About the Open Gov Challenge

The Open Gov Challenge is a call to action for all members of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) to raise ambition in ten areas of open government to help strengthen our democracies. The Challenge opens up new pathways for participation, a request made by OGP members.

Over the next five years, all members of the Partnership should aim to raise the ambition of reforms in 10 policy areas and demonstrate relevant progress in as many of the areas of the Challenge through their OGP action plans or beyond. Any public sector institution across all branches and levels of government of an OGP member can participate in as many Challenge areas as possible.

How to Tackle Corruption through the Challenge

Develop, strengthen, and/or implement a whole-of-government anti-corruption legislation, strategy or roadmap.

Actions and reforms that fit within the scope of the Anti-Corruption Challenge area should include at least one of the following:

- Beneficial ownership
- Open contracting
- Political finance and asset and interest disclosure
- Lobbying
- Integrity systems at local level
- Extractive industry transparency

Through this Challenge, governments can improve policy, implementation and interoperability (including through OGP) across the areas above.

Reforms that do not fit within the scope of this challenge area:

- Anti-corruption policies that do not explicitly address the policies listed above, such as general strengthening of anti-corruption institutions
- Election information integrity (covered by the Challenge on Digital Governance)
- Whistleblower protections (covered by the Challenge on Justice)

Anti-Corruption Challenge Commitments

As the Challenge begins, OGP has already received some promising commitment submissions from members on anti-corruption. Here are a few examples:

BRAZIL

Open Contracting for Federal Infrastructure Projects

<u>Committed</u> to improving open contracting policies for infrastructure projects and increasing public engagement on project planning, implementation, and evaluation, such as by creating a permanent space for dialogue. The commitment will focus on increasing data interoperability and integration in the public procurement portal and disclosing information on all federal infrastructure projects.

UKRAINE

Implement a Whole-of-Government Anti-Corruption Strategy

Committed to implementing the new strategy in 15 priority areas, such as addressing the lack of effective verification for beneficial ownership information. A key element will be monitoring the progress of implementation through a public platform.

Open Gov Challenge Areas

Access to Information

Improve effectiveness of access to information legal frameworks.

Anti-Corruption

Develop, strengthen, and/or implement a whole-of-government anti-corruption legislation, strategy or roadmap.

Civic Space

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

Climate and Environment

Use open government to strengthen implementation of legislation, strategies or agreements on climate, environment and/or the energy transition.

Digital Governance

Strengthen transparency and public oversight of AI, automated-decision making, and data protection frameworks.

Fiscal Openness

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

Gender and Inclusion

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

Justice

Advance people-centered justice reforms.

Media Freedom

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

Public Participation

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

OGP Resources

The following resources provide reform recommendations, commitment examples, and other guidance to support members in fulfilling the Challenge.

Open Gov Guide

Explore the "how-to" resource on applying open government principles to real-world challenges, including a section on anti-corruption topics covered in the Challenge.

The Open Gov Challenge

Learn about the Open Gov Challenge, including how to participate, details on the Challenge areas, and frequently asked questions.

Resources Page

Search for all OGP publications, co-authored research, member stories, and more.

Data Dashboard

Access data on all OGP commitments, filterable by policy area, location, year, and level of government.

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