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 Advance Climate and Environment Reform through the Open Gov Challenge

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

Actions and reforms that fit within the scope of this challenge area are:

- Implementing provisions in regional or global agreements or treaties on climate, the environment and/or the energy transition using open government principles.
- Developing or implementing a domestic (national and/or local) climate, environment and/or energy transition roadmap, legislation or strategy using open government principles.
- Ensuring public oversight and transparency for climate finance and greening existing fiscal and planning processes.

Climate and Environment Challenge Commitments

As the Challenge begins, OGP has already received some promising commitment submissions from members on climate and the environment. Here are a few examples:

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Participatory Plan to Implement the Escazú Agreement

The Ministry of the Environment committed to developing a participatory plan to implement the Escazú Agreement. After holding public consultations with groups such as older people, indigenous groups, women, youth, and the private sector, the government will finalize a plan to improve access to justice and protections for environmental and human rights defenders as well as increase access to environmental information.

QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO

Co-Create an Environmental Governance Plan

The State Comptroller's Office and Environment Secretariat committed to collaborating with civil society organizations to draft a chapter on "Environmental Governance" in Quintana Roo's 2025–2050 Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development. The chapter will apply the Escazú Agreement principles at the local level, focusing on public participation, access to information, and protections for environmental defenders.

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 the 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 climate 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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