OGP in Asia and the Pacific

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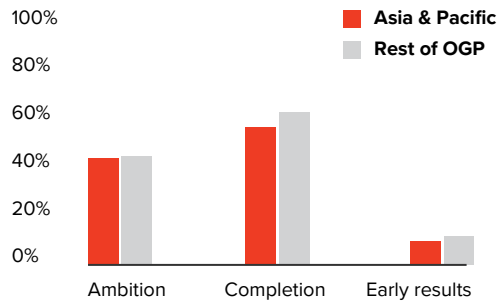
MEMBERS IN THE REGION

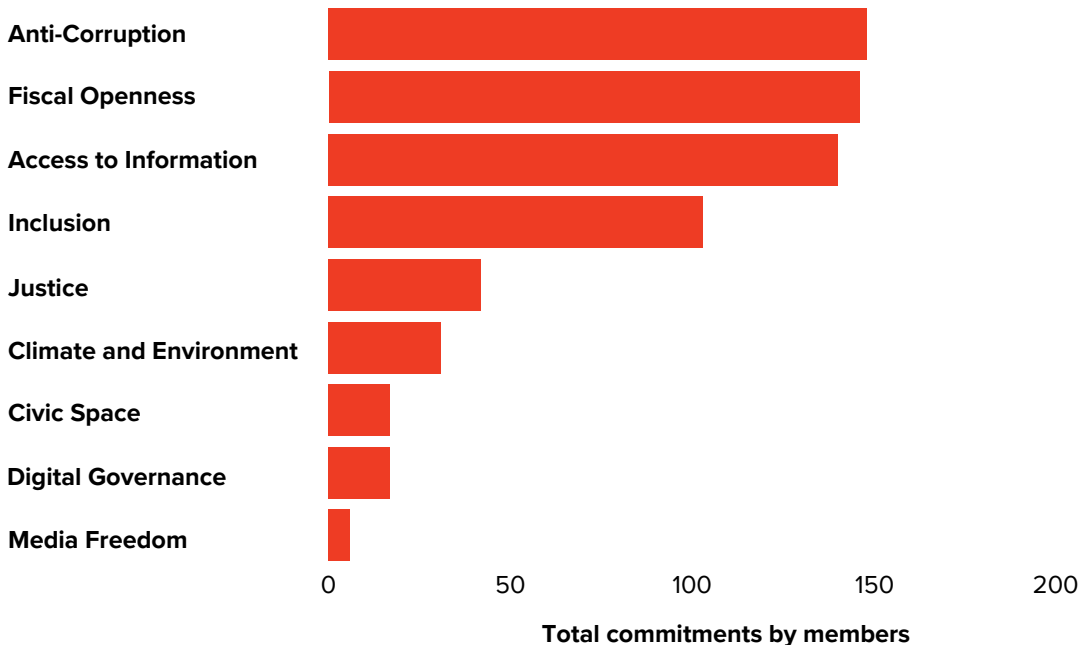|	
Armenia	New Zealand
Australia	Papua New Guinea
Georgia	Philippines
Indonesia	Republic of Korea
Kyrgyz Republic	Timor-Leste
Maldives	Sri Lanka
Mongolia	

+ 29 local members[1]

COMMITMENT PERFORMANCE

Commitments in Asia and the Pacific perform similarly to other regions, according to the IRM.[2]

Legend: Asia & Pacific (red), Rest of OGP (gray). Categories: Ambition, Completion, Early results.

OVERVIEW OF THEMATIC AREAS

OGP members in Asia and the Pacific have made hundreds of commitments related to topics covered in the Open Gov Challenge. Below are the most popular thematic areas.[3]

Thematic areas (Total commitments by members): Anti-Corruption, Fiscal Openness, Access to Information, Inclusion, Justice, Climate and Environment, Civic Space, Digital Governance, Media Freedom

OGP LOCAL

Twenty-three local members in the region have made over **80 commitments** covering a wide range of policy areas, such as inclusion, fiscal openness, and access to information.

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1   Some OGP local governments are in consortiums of multiple governments, which can result in a smaller number of OGP local members.

2   The Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) is OGP's accountability arm and the main means of tracking progress in participating countries.

3   Access to Information includes commitments related to Right to Information and Open Data. See the OGP Glossary for definitions.

Open Government Partnership

Open Gov Challenge Commitments

Digital Gift Declaration Register for Public Officials

Armenia plans to create a unified, public register for the automatic declaration of gifts given to public officials, which will be checked for compliance.

Improve the Public Procurement Process

Larena (Philippines) committed to creating an oversight team to improve the transparency and efficiency of its public procurement process, in line with a strategy co-created with civil society.

Online Platform to Publish Political Finance Data

Mongolia improved the publication and availability of public procurement data by transitioning to a digital bid submission and catalogue system on tender.gov.mn.

Institutionalize the Baguio City People's Council

Baguio (Philippines) committed to formalizing the role and resources of the council and conducting training to ensure that CSOs meaningfully participate in decision-making.

Amend Laws to Expand Whistleblower Protection and Support

The Republic of Korea committed to amending its current legal framework to ensure consistency in the financial support and protections for whistleblowers and to expand the list of public interest violations.

THE OPEN GOV CHALLENGE

OGP Action Plan Commitments

ANTI-CORRUPTION

Public Company Beneficial Ownership Register

Armenia published the company beneficial owners of all sectors in a public register that automatically verifies submissions and committed to making this data interoperable with public procurement data.

Participation and Accountability in Public Procurement

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CIVIC SPACE

Legal Protection on Environmental Cases

Indonesia committed to preparing recommendations that will serve as the foundation for the legal protection of environmental defenders.

Ensuring Media Freedom and Freedom of Expression

Mongolia committed to aligning key laws with international norms to ensure transparency, safeguard journalists' rights, and promote an independent media free from political interference.

OGP PROCESS

Multi-stakeholder forum: About half of countries in the region (6 of 11) have a regular multi-stakeholder forum, per the latest IRM evaluation.

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

Open, Centralized Data on Natural Resources

Indonesia aimed to publish standardized, centralized government-held data related to natural resources, the environment, and spatial planning, linking data from the national and regional governments.

Law to Increase Transparency in Extractive Industries

Mongolia committed to creating a centralized, public database for information on extractive industries, covering national, state, and local governments, as well as private and mixed legal status companies.

DIGITAL GOVERNANCE

Outreach Campaign to Improve Media Literacy

Australia committed to funding outreach programs to improve the media literacy of culturally and linguistically diverse communities, who are vulnerable to misinformation and disinformation.

Plans to Implement the Algorithm Charter

New Zealand committed to implementing its Algorithm Charter by consulting with signatory agencies on how to better understand and address the risk of using algorithms in their work.

INCLUSIVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Participatory Budgeting Implementation

Armavir (Armenia) committed to implementing participatory budgeting to collaborate with community members to identify projects for funding.

Community Engagement Tool for Policy-Making

New Zealand now encourages the use of this tool to open public participation in policy-making, such as involving communities in the response to crisis situations.

Increase in Local RTI Ordinances

The Philippines tripled the number of local government units that passed right to information ordinances or executive orders in two years, which led to a greater access to information at the local level.

Public Engagement Platform for Policy-Making

The Republic of Korea launched a platform to create opportunities for public engagement on policy-making. The country also committed to improving the platform to increase public engagement.

LOCALIZING OPEN GOVERNMENT

Regional Consultations for Participatory Budgeting

Papua New Guinea hosted four regional consultations for members of the public to provide input on the national budget for the first time in the country.

EITI Standard Implementation at the Local Level

The Philippines committed increasing local government capacity to implement the EITI Standard, such as by building a central, public platform where local governments can report data on extractive industries.

OGP PROCESS

Reasoned response: Most countries in the region (8 of 11) explained to co-creation participants why their inputs were or were not included in the latest action plan, per the latest IRM evaluation.

OGP standing: Nearly all countries in the region are acting according to the OGP process. Two countries (Kyrgyz Republic and Sri Lanka) are currently under procedural review.