

# OGP in Africa and the Middle East

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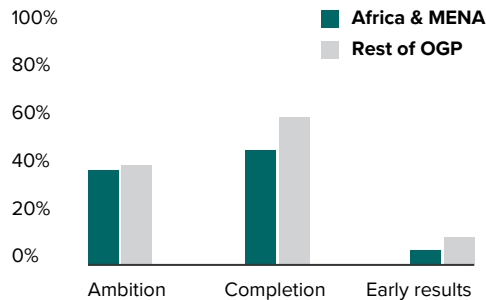
## MEMBERS IN THE REGION

Benin	Morocco
Burkina Faso	Nigeria
Cabo Verde	Senegal
Côte d'Ivoire	Seychelles
Ghana	Sierra Leone
Jordan	South Africa
Kenya	Tunisia
Liberia	Zambia
Malawi	

+ 36 local members<sup>1</sup>

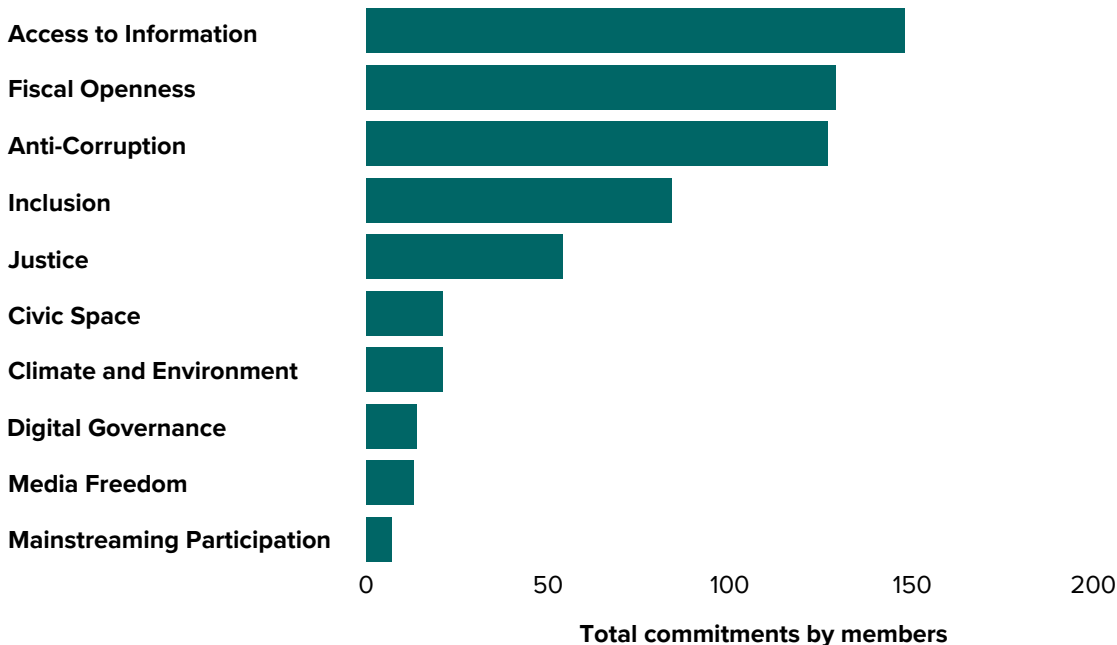
## COMMITMENT PERFORMANCE

Commitments in Africa and the Middle East perform similarly to other regions, according to the IRM.<sup>2</sup>



## OVERVIEW OF THEMATIC AREAS

OGP members in the region have made hundreds of commitments related to topics covered in the Open Gov Challenge. Below are the most popular thematic areas.<sup>3</sup>



Thirty-three local members in the region have made over **100 commitments** covering a wide range of policy areas, such as inclusion, public service delivery, and public participation.

- 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. Data for Mainstreaming Participation only goes back to 2022.



# OPEN GOV CHALLENGE COMMITMENTS IN THE REGION

9 national commitments  
by 6 countries

9 local commitments  
by 6 local governments



## CÔTE D'IVOIRE

### Draft a Law on the Protection of Whistleblowers

The government has [begun drafting](#) a bill and will host workshops and discussions to shape new protections and draft a guide to support whistleblowers.



## GHANA

### Improve Gender Equality

Parliament [passed an Affirmative Action bill](#), which will help improve gender equality once it is signed by the President.

### Combat Misinformation and Disinformation

The government will collaborate with civil society to [conduct a human rights assessment](#) of existing legislation on this issue, alongside fact-checking, media literacy, and public education initiatives.

### Co-Create Initiatives for Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience

The Tarkwa Nsuaem government [committed](#) to co-creating climate initiatives with a diverse set of community members, such as conducting a risk assessment and promoting sustainable farming and mining practices.



## MALAWI

### Open Contracting and Beneficial Ownership Transparency

Malawi has begun to [strengthen](#) its legal frameworks on public procurement and beneficial ownership and create an online procurement system that uses beneficial ownership data.



## KENYA

### Create a More Inclusive Public Procurement Process

Elgeyo Marakwet [committed](#) to updating its procurement portal to list opportunities reserved for special interest groups and providing support for these bidders.

### Broaden Public Participation Spaces for Inclusive Decision-Making

Elgeyo Marakwet [committed](#) to creating public and digital public participation spaces for continuous public consultation, along training and outreach to special interest groups to include them in decision-making.

### Strategy to Combat Climate Change

Kakamega County [committed](#) to investing in climate-related activities over the next five years and has created official groups to support community-level actions.

### Increase Public Participation in Government Decision-Making

Kakamega County [committed](#) to creating decentralized meeting spaces, digital platforms, and a permanent forum for feedback to allow public participation, especially from under-represented groups.

### Improve the Public Procurement Portal

Nairobi [committed](#) to using the Open Contracting Data Standard to digitize its procurement process, centralize all procurement information in a single place, and publish key contracting information in an open data format.

### Strengthen Public Participation and Civic Engagement

Nairobi [committed](#) to improving public participation by developing clear guidelines for public participation, running ward-level events to reach more people, and increasing the accessibility of participation platforms.



## MOROCCO

### **New Legal Framework to Support CSOs**

The government will [create new legal frameworks](#) to facilitate public funding for CSOs, improve their capacity, and increase engagement on public policy-making.

### **Evaluate and Revise the Access to Information Law**

The government will [evaluate and revise](#) its access to information law. Key activities include assessing the effectiveness and implementation of the law and consulting the public on the proposed changes.

### **Revise Laws on Press Freedom and Publishing**

The government [carried out](#) consultations to inform revisions to existing laws in line with international standards and will aim to publish the draft laws for public comment and pass the new legislation.

### **Regional Climate Strategy for Water, Food Security, and Energy**

The Tangier, Tétouan, and al Hoceima region [committed](#) to creating a consultative body with civil society to monitor the implementation of a regional climate strategy and organizing training sessions for local farmers on sustainable agricultural practices.



## SENEGAL

### **Adopt the Access to Information Bill**

After Parliament validates the ATI law, the government [committed](#) to conducting public outreach to support its adoption and creating an independent agency to implement it.

### **Improve Public Participation in the Budgeting Process**

Yoff [committed](#) to training citizens on participatory budgeting and will lead a participatory budgeting session to get public input on how funds should be allocated.



## SIERRA LEONE

### **Amend the Ombudsman Law to Increase Access to Justice**

Sierra Leone will [amend](#) the existing Ombudsman Act and enact new regulations following public consultations to address issues and complaints more efficiently.

Explore all  
Challenge  
commitments



# OGP ACTION PLAN COMMITMENTS IN THE REGION

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## ACCESS TO INFORMATION

### Increased RTI Capacity Building and Access

Morocco [conducted](#) public awareness campaigns, [appointed and trained](#) RTI officers, [increased](#) archive units across government bodies, and [created](#) an online portal where requests are publicly tracked.

## CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

### Community Engagement on Climate Finance Transparency

Kenya [committed](#) to creating multi-stakeholder, community engagement processes to design climate solutions, such as making climate finance data more transparent.

## PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT

### Parliamentary Oversight of New Loans

Malawi [committed](#) to mandating the referral of loan bills to the Parliament's Budget and Finance Committee, which then presents its findings to the National Assembly to ensure that parliamentarians can track new loans.

### CSO Participation in Parliamentary Oversight

Sierra Leone [created](#) new, formal spaces to strengthen Parliament's relationship with civil society and increase public outreach. As a result, CSOs now have a pathway to contribute their expertise in parliamentary decision-making and oversight.

## OGP PROCESS

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## ANTI-CORRUPTION

### System to Forward False Asset Disclosures to Court

Senegal [committed](#) to creating a system to ensure that courts can receive cases of false filings.

## LOCALIZING OPEN GOVERNMENT

### Conduct an Open Data Pilot Program at the Local Level

Côte d'Ivoire [committed](#) to educating five pilot communities on open local government and monitoring their progress on implementing open governance.

### Implement Initiatives to Apply OGP at the Local Level

Tunisia [committed](#) to developing open government plans at the local level, resulting in eight municipal councils adopting a local OGP plan.

**Multi-stakeholder forum:** More than two-thirds of the countries in the region (11/15) have a regular multi-stakeholder forum, per the latest IRM evaluation.

**Reasoned response:** More than two-thirds of the countries in the region (12/15) 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:** All countries in the region are acting according to the OGP process. Burkina Faso, Senegal, and Tunisia are currently under eligibility review.