

# Public Meeting for the US Open Government National Action Plan

April 12, 2022



# Agenda

- **Welcome & National Action Plan Updates from the White House and GSA** - Alex Macgillivray, White House OSTP; Phil Ashlock GSA
- **Overview of the updated OGP Handbook** - Alonso Cerdan, Open Government Partnership
- **Recommendations for the US NAP Co-creation process:** Nada Zohdy, Global Integrity
- **Q&A**
- **The US Open Government Multi-Stakeholder Forum** - Philip Ashlock, GSA
- **Overview of the FOIA Advisory Committee** - Alina Semo, NARA
- **Next steps on the NAP co-creation process** - Phil Ashlock, GSA
- **Q&A**



# Welcome

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# National Action Plan Updates from the White House and GSA

- **Alex Macgillivray** - Principal Deputy CTO, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- **Justin Vail** - Special Assistant to the President for Democracy and Civic Participation, White House Domestic Policy Council
- **Phil Ashlock**, Domestic OGP NAP Point of Contact, GSA

# US National Action Plan 5

2022-2024

## Tentative Timeline for Co-Creation

- **April 2022 - Preparation:** Finalize and publish the co-creation plan
- **May 2022 - Outreach:** Outreach and idea generation, identify existing recommendations, establish relationships
- **June 2022 - Shaping:** Problem definitions, identifying solutions, identifying themes
- **July 2022 - Drafting:** Thematic workshops, drafting commitments
- **August 2022 - Reviewing:** First draft, consultation, and feedback
- **September-October 2022 - Finalization:** Final clearance and publication



# Overview of the updated OGP Handbook

Alonso Cerdan, Open Government  
Partnership





# New Participation and Co-creation Standards

April, 2022

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# New Participation and Co-creation Standards

- + Encourage greater ambition and innovation by OGP members.
- + Ensure better understanding of the requirements expected of all OGP members.
- + Eliminate overlaps / proxies, simplify structure, clarify requirements, provide room for innovation.
- + Maintain key variables proven by evidence from the last 10 years.
- + Facilitate the assessment of the standards for greater accountability and learning.



# OGP Participation and Co-creation Standards

Standard 1	Establishing a space for ongoing dialogue and collaboration between government, civil society and other non-governmental stakeholders.
Standard 2	Providing open, accessible and timely information about activities and progress within a member's participation in OGP.
Standard 3	Providing inclusive and informed opportunities for public participation during co-creation of the action plan.
Standard 4	Providing a reasoned response and ensuring ongoing dialogue between government and civil society and other non-governmental stakeholders as appropriate during co-creation of the action plan.
Standard 5	Providing inclusive and informed opportunities for ongoing dialogue and collaboration during implementation and monitoring of the action plan.

## Standard 1

Establishing a space for ongoing dialogue and collaboration between government, civil society and other non-governmental stakeholders.

### Ambition

- + Ongoing dialogue between government and civil society is a core element of OGP membership.
- + Having an established space (or platform) has been found to be positively correlated with **higher completion rates** of commitments and stronger early results.
- + Several countries have established formal multi-stakeholder forums (MSFs), commissions or secretariats that lead the OGP processes, although other less formal structures are also possible.

### Approaches

- + Establish an inclusive multi-stakeholder forum (MSF) with equal participation of different constituencies.
- + Publish rules on selection processes for membership, decision-making, and external accountability mechanisms for the platform.

### Minimum

- + 1.1 **A space for ongoing dialogue with participation from both government and civil society** members, and other non-governmental representatives as appropriate that meets regularly (at least every six months) **is established**. Its basic rules on participation are public.

## Standard 2

Providing open, accessible and timely information about activities and progress within a member's participation in OGP.

### Ambition

- + Provide relevant information on processes and implementation throughout the OGP process.

### Approaches

- + The MSF maintains a public OGP website
- + The government publishes information and documents in non-technical language.

### Minimum

- + 2.1 A public **OGP website** dedicated to the members participation in OGP is maintained.
- + 2.2 A publicly available **document repository** on the OGP online site which provides access to documents related to the OGP process, including, at a minimum, information and evidence of the co-creation process and of the implementation of commitments is maintained and regularly updated (at least twice a year).

## Standard 3

# Providing inclusive and informed opportunities for public participation during co-creation of the action plan.

### Ambition

- + Evidence from 10 years of OGP shows that high levels of public participation is linked to **more diverse action plans** and **more ambitious commitments**.
- + OGP national members should design a co-creation process that allows interested stakeholders to provide ideas and feedback.

### Approaches

- + Develop a co-creation timeline outlining clear stages of the process, roles and expectations.
- + Consider moments to raise awareness, ensure participation of diverse actors, gather inputs, process information, build commitment proposals, get approvals, and finalize the decision-making process.
- + Publish, in advance, information on the timeline, methodology, and decision-making process

### Minimum

- + 3.1 The MSF or gov **publishes** on the OGP website/webpage the **co-creation timeline and overview of the opportunities** for stakeholders to participate at least two weeks before the start of the action plan development process
- + 3.2 The MSF or gov, **conducts outreach activities with stakeholders to raise awareness of OGP** and opportunities to get involved in the development of the action plan.
- + 3.3 The MSF or gov, develops **a mechanism to gather inputs** from a range of stakeholders during an appropriate period of time for the chosen mechanism.



## Standard 4

Providing a reasoned response and ensuring ongoing dialogue between government and civil society and other non-governmental stakeholders as appropriate during co-creation of the action plan.

### Ambition

- + Reasoned response to stakeholder input and feedback has been shown to be **highly correlated with ambition and completion.**
- + **Evidence shows that this is the best predictor of strong action plans.**

### Approaches

- + Publish a summary of stakeholder contributions to the action plan on the OGP website/webpage
- + Assess commitment proposals through an open and transparent process and publishes an overview of their response to proposals on the OGP website/webpage.
- + Present the reasoning for the selection of commitments, including justifications for commitment proposals not adopted, and other feedback as appropriate.

### Minimum

- + 4.1 The MSF where established, or the government where there is no MSF, documents and reports back or publishes written feedback to stakeholders on how their contributions were considered during the development of the action plan.

## Standard 5

Providing inclusive and informed opportunities for ongoing dialogue and collaboration during implementation and monitoring of the action plan.

### Ambition

- + Evidence shows that **continued stakeholder dialogue** and participation during the implementation process is **highly correlated with high levels of completion** and stronger results.
- + Engage high level government representatives.

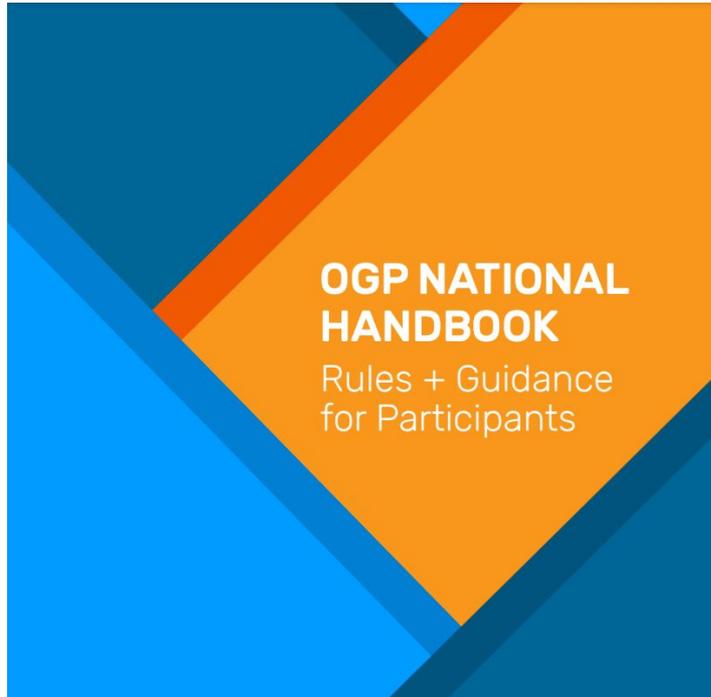
### Approaches

- + Hold open meetings or allowing implementing agencies to provide updates on commitment completion and listen and respond to civil society and other stakeholder questions and input.
- + Maintain a public dashboard with up-to-date information on progress on implementation of commitments.

### Minimum

- + 5.1 The MSF or gov, **holds at least two meetings every year with civil society** to present results on the implementation of the action plan and **collect comments**.

For more information please refer to the [OGP National Handbook](#)



# Thank you

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# **Overview of Freedom of Information Act Advisory Committee April 12, 2022**

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# FOIA Advisory Committee





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# FOIA Advisory Committee

Mark your calendars!

Next meetings:

**Thursday, May 5, 2022**

**Thursday, June 9, 2022 – final meeting of the 2020-2022 term!**



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# Next steps on the NAP co-creation process

Philip Ashlock, GSA



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## Beginning the Co-Creation Process

- **April 2022 - Preparation:** Finalize and publish the co-creation plan
  - Co-creation plan is finalized and co-creation officially begins 2 weeks later
- **May 2022 - Outreach:** Outreach and idea generation, identify existing recommendations, establish relationships
  - Additional communications and outreach are launched to bring more people and organizations into the process.
  - Input form is launched to solicit initial ideas for commitments
  - Convening in mid May



# Next Steps

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# Open Q&A

If we can't answer today,  
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questions to [nap4@gsa.gov](mailto:nap4@gsa.gov)

