



# Open Government Partnership

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# The Open Government Partnership

OGP was founded in 2011 by eight government leaders and nine civil society leaders from Brazil, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, the Philippines, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

**Open government** is both:

- *how* governments work (through openness), and
- *what* they work on (policy)

Open government **principles** are:

**Transparency**

**Participation**

**Accountability**



# How we work

# OGP mer

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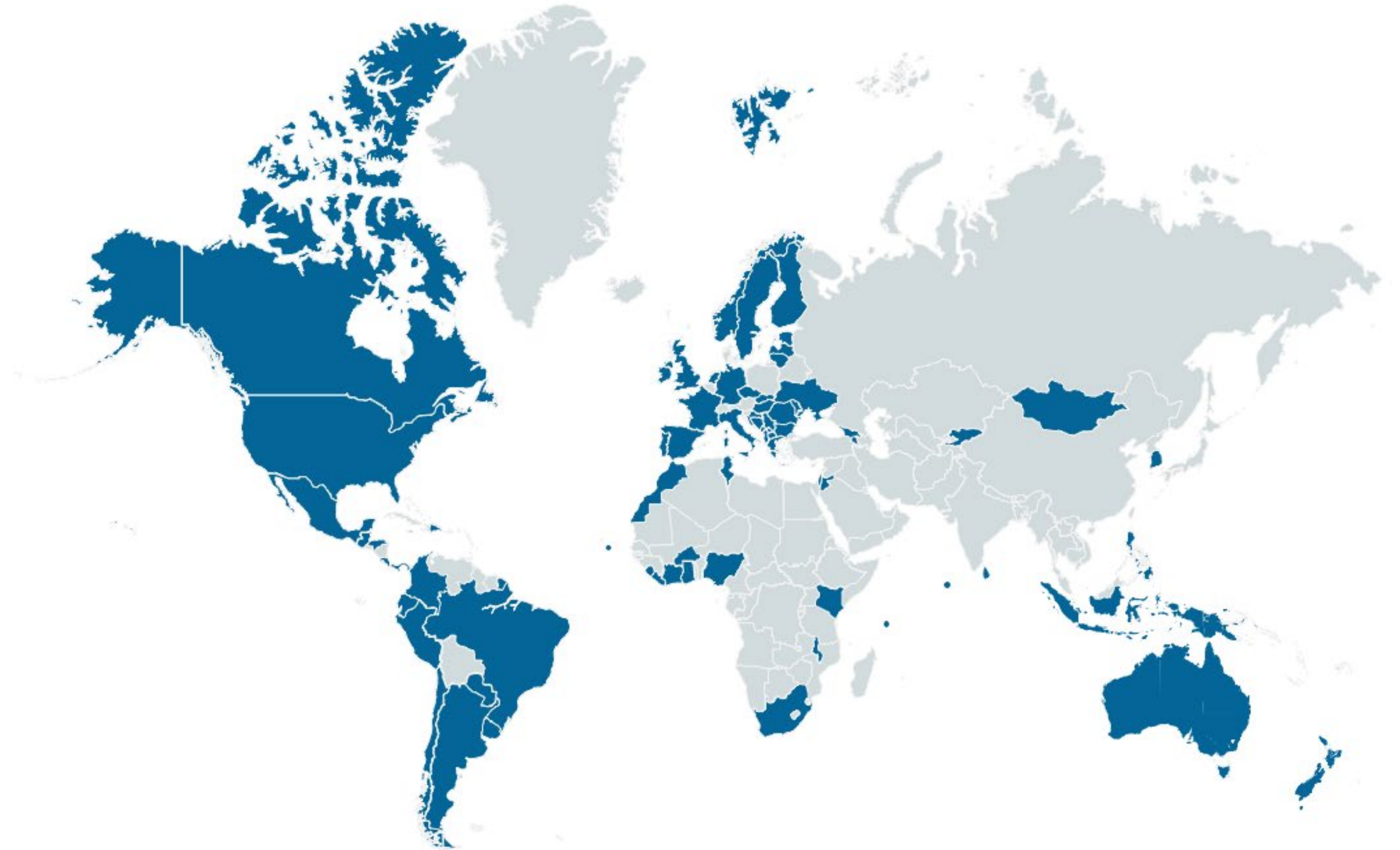
# countries

**150**

# local governments

# 1,000+

# civil society organizations



Note: Map may show borders that do not reflect OGP institutional policy.





# A unique model

## Equal partnership

- **Government involvement** - high-level political leadership; public officials
- **Civil society** sits at the same table as government
- **Reflected in national and global governance** structure of OGP

## Action-oriented, with in-built accountability

- Anchored in **action plans**
- Engine of **implementation for global pledges** like SDGs, G7, UNCAC, or to EU policies
- Accountability ensured by OGP's **Independent Reporting Mechanism**

## Country ownership

- **National dialogue** to identify priorities
- **Collaboration** between government, civil society and others on design and implementation of reforms
- **Flexible, but ambitious** in recognizing different starting points, but asking members to "stretch"

## Global Community of Reformers

- **Global platform** provides inspiration, support, peer learning and spotlighting opportunities
- Platform for forging **multi-sectoral coalitions**



# OGP commitments by the numbers since

~~2011~~  
~~74~~ national members made **5045**

commitments

*Top policy areas: fiscal openness, public service delivery, inclusion*

AMBITION

COMPLETE

EARLY RESULTS

**44**

**60**

**15**

have the potential  
to **0%**  
change the status

are substantially or  
fully **0%**  
completed

have made  
government  
**0%**  
significantly

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# Ten years of evidence

When governments and civil society co-create commitments, they tend to be **more ambitious, better implemented** and produce **stronger early results**.

Provided that engagement is **meaningful**.





12

of the global population lives in  
liberal democracies

%

**Autocracies** >

Democracies



# 10

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Challenge areas  
that can  
strengthen  
democracies






**Open  
government →  
open state**  
Engaging with **parliaments,**  
**judicial institutions,** and  
**local governments** enables  
the mainstreaming of open  
government and ensure checks  
and balances between branches  
of government.





# Summits...

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- A large crowd of people is visible in the background, suggesting a public event or protest. The image is overlaid with a blue semi-transparent box that contains white text. The text is a bulleted list of three points, with key terms like 'leadership', 'reforms', and 'community' in bold. The overall tone is one of civic engagement and public action.
- Build political and multi-stakeholder **leadership** in defence of democracy
  - Push the bar on open government **reforms** by recognising best practices, new initiatives, and building on common challenges
  - Build and connect the open government **community** through in-depth conversations, peer exchanges, and networking











**“Open government is our best tool to defend democracy - threats are coming from both outside and inside.”**

*President Pedro Sánchez*

Government leaders from **Cabo Verde, Albania, Norway, the UK** and local leaders from **Bogotá, Buenos Aires, Timisoara** and **Baguio**, as well as the newest OGP Ambassador, former EU Ombudsman **Emily O'Reilly** joined him, backing the call to defend democracy.





**1,988** participants from **70+** countries

**17** high level plenaries, **40+** breakout sessions

**50+** side events including Open Parliament & Local days

**380+** speakers



Submit your  
commitments today!

THE  
OPEN GOV  
CHALLENGE  
Awards



**36 Open Gov Award winners**





**Spain & Cielo Magno** handed over OGP Steering Committee  
co-chairing to **Brazil & Stephanie Muchai**





**175 signatories** from national and local governments, civil society, multilateral and other organisations to the **Vitoria-Gasteiz**



# Vitoria-Gasteiz Declaration

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**Backdrop:** profound global uncertainty, marked by eroding public trust in institutions, shrinking civic space, widening socio-economic inequalities, growing disregard for fundamental rights and international law, and intensifying pressure against multilateralism.

**Solution** is in global cooperation and local action, rooted in strengthened public participation, human rights-centered digital governance, and collective and multilateral responses to security, climate and environmental crises.

**OGP** is a platform for voluntary cooperation that strengthens reforms and reformers and connects global commitments to action at the national and local levels.



- 1. Protect democracy, safeguard civic space and uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms,** including freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, association, and access to information. We will work to reduce legal, financial, and digital barriers that constrain civil society, independent media, and public participation in civic life and oversight, including in situations of conflict and humanitarian crises.
- 2. Promote open government principles across all branches and levels of government** to embed transparency, accountability, and participation into public institutions. This includes advancing financial integrity through greater openness in public finances, contracting, and beneficial ownership, to promote trust, fiscal responsibility, and informed public oversight.
- 3. Strengthen international cooperation and shared learning** by aligning open government efforts with broader global agendas on safeguarding democracy, addressing climate action, advancing sustainable development, ensuring information integrity, and governing artificial intelligence, data, and emerging technologies to build prosperous and resilient societies.
- 4. Mobilize collective leadership and political will** at national and local levels to demonstrate that open government can help deliver more effective, equitable, and trusted outcomes.
- 5. Leverage the Open Government Partnership** to foster inclusive dialogue, bridge divides, facilitate exchange of good practice across borders and sectors, and accelerate reforms that reflect domestic priorities and respond to people's needs.



# Launch of the Participation Action Group





# Launch of the Proactive Disclosure Coalition





# High level Nordic+ meeting



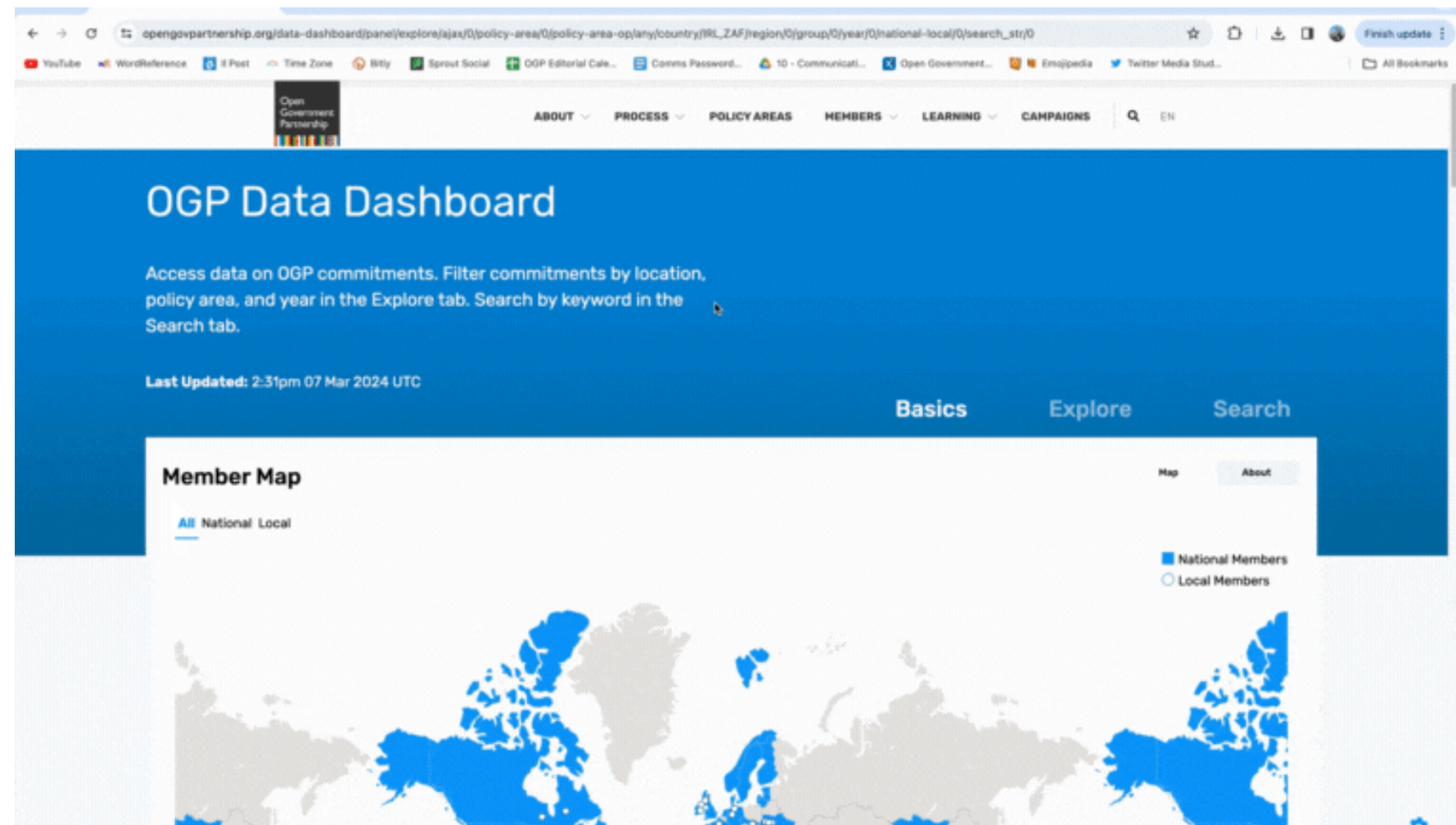


# Resources





# OGP Data Dashboard



One single platform to:

- Explore data on 5,000+ commitments
- Discover trending policy areas
- Check out commitment performance



# The Open Gov Guide is your go-to-spot to find resources for various policy areas:

- model reforms
- examples across the Partnership
- expert guidance

[opengovpartnership.org/open-gov-guide](https://opengovpartnership.org/open-gov-guide)



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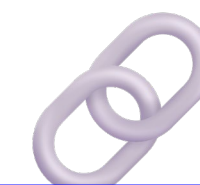




# The Skeptic's Guide to Open Government

2022 Edition

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## Introduction

**Evidence continues to show that open government affects people's lives.** But there are still skeptics who are not aware of all the benefits associated with this approach. Are you struggling to convince others to take an open government approach when implementing reforms? Are you looking for concrete evidence on the impact of making government more transparent, accountable, and participatory? Then, this guide is for you.

In this guide, you will find evidence on how open governments improve business efficiency, lower corruption, deliver better quality services, and much more. Unlike other reports, this guide is based on current, mostly peer-reviewed research, in each of the policy areas included. Experts around the world collaborated for rigorous reviews of current social

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