

International Anti-Corruption Conference - October 2018

Open Government Partnership - Organizational Statement

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) will continue to work with its 79 national and 20 local government members, and with civil society, to advance reform efforts on anti-corruption. Anti-corruption reforms are a major priority for OGP and are essential for government to become more transparent, accountable, and responsive to its citizens and to deliver on key sustainable development priorities. The Open Government Declaration, signed and endorsed by all OGP members, commits the partnership to “promote transparency, fight corruption, empower citizens, and harness the power of new technologies to make government more effective and accountable.”

Along with the government and civil society leaders on its Steering Committee, the OGP recognizes the importance of global collective action to advance international standards and agreements on anti-corruption, such as UNCAC, OECD anti-bribery convention, among others. These efforts have been reaffirmed in the Paris Declaration signed by OGP members and civil society in 2016. Further recognizing that open and responsive governments provide a strong foundation for stable rule of law and effective institutions, underscored by Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. OGP applauds the government, civil society, and business reformers committed to this agenda at the International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) and will work with them to support the delivery of the ambitious agenda that will emerge from the IACC by:

Providing a platform for implementation and accountability

- Supporting OGP members - both national and local governments - to advance reforms that address corruption challenges in their countries through OGP action plans.
- Using OGP’s Independent Reporting Mechanism to help track progress and provide recommendations on implementation of IACC commitments.
- Emphasizing the pivotal role that citizens and civil society play in the implementation and monitoring of anti-corruption reforms.

Bringing government, civil society and citizens together

- Providing a platform at the global, country and local level for civil society, governments and other relevant stakeholders such as the private sector to collaborate on anti-corruption priorities, including those committed to and reinforced at the IACC.

Advancing new global anti-corruption norms through targeted domestic reforms

- Supporting continued progress on emerging global norms and standards, including on beneficial ownership transparency, open contracting, and transparency over money in politics.
- Linking global discussions on anti-corruption, including at the IACC, G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group, European Union, UNCAC and others, to country level action.
- Serving as an accountability mechanism to advance implementation of emerging global anti-corruption norms and standards, mindful of national and local contexts.
- Recognizing the need for collective and coordinated action tackling the drivers of corruption across countries and localities.
- Providing a space for peer learning and inspiration, so that innovations in tackling corruption can be swiftly shared, adapted and applied to the local context.

- Amplifying and following up on international efforts that recognize the links between open government and anti-corruption such as the Sustainable Development Goals, G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group workplan, the OECD Recommendation of the Council on Open Government, among others.

Ensuring inclusive anti-corruption efforts

- Acknowledging that corruption affects women and marginalized communities disproportionately, and that countries need to undertake targeted reforms that address these challenges. Led by OGP Co-Chairs Government of Canada and Nathaniel Heller of Results for Development, OGP will highlight reform efforts at the intersection of gender and anti-corruption.