



The OGP Civil Society Knowledge Sharing Workshop: Working with Government on NAP's

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The aim of the workshop is to provide a venue to draw on CSO experiences from across the globe to share knowledge, identify strategies that work, and begin discussion toward ways to advance open government – and overcome obstacles in collaborations between national CSOs and their governments involved in the OGP processes. During the workshop, **presenters and participants will be encouraged to share their experiences, identify commonalities, and provide lessons-learned** and, it is hoped, begin to identify strategies to strengthen CSO-government collaboration in developing and implementing national action plans.

Workshop moderator: Tim Hughes

Tim is Open Government Programme Manager at Involve and Coordinator of the UK Open Government Network - a coalition of transparency, participation and accountability reformers working on the OGP in the UK. Tim has worked on the OGP for over three years - coordinating civil society in the UK to engage with and challenge the government, and working with international civil society to strengthen advocacy on the OGP.

As well as working on the OGP, Tim advises governments and civil society organisations locally, nationally and internationally on public participation and open government.



Presentations

Nanda Sihombing – Open Government Specialist with Indonesia's Center for Regional Information & Studies (PATTIRO), which is part of the CSO Core Team in Indonesia. Nanda is the contact point for the Secretariat of CSO OGP Indonesia as well as a team member of the Secretariat of Civil Society Coalition for Freedom of Information network Indonesia (FOINI). Nanda's articles include assessments on OGP outreach in the Asia Pacific region, the CSO Core Team in Indonesia, and the process of OGP implementation in Indonesia.

Presentations

Giorgi Kldiashvili – Director and founding member of the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) (Georgia), and Co-chairman of the Open Government Georgia's Forum. Giorgi has over five years of experience working on transparency issues in Georgia, and has carried out projects, studies and assessments for different international organizations and foundations. Giorgi is the author of a number of publications related to freedom of information, government accountability and transparency, e-Governance and e-Democracy, public administration, media and internet.

Presentations

Ugonna Ukaigwe – Human rights lawyer advocating for the promotion and protection of the rights of citizens particularly in their engagement and participation in governance processes. Ugonna is the Project Coordinator for the right to information coalition in Ghana and has written assessments on the OGP process, including a recent article discussing the significance of the absence of government representation from Ghana at the OGP Africa Regional meeting in May.

Presentations

Hilda Ajeilat – President of the Jordan Transparency Center. JTC is dedicated to providing accountable and transparent community in Jordan and the region, and participated in the development and implementation of Jordan's first and second National Action Plans.

Presentations

Héctor Rubio – Advocacy program coordinator with the Mexico City based organization GESOC (the Center for Social Management and Cooperation) and the organization's representative in the OGP national process. Héctor works on citizen participation, Mexico's political system, transparency and access to information, among other projects.

Break-out session questions

- **How do you coordinate with other CSOs? How do you align agendas, and organize meetings with government?** Do you have a committee, is your coordination assisted (or facilitated) by your government? What do you think might be better/ideal structures – what would facilitate those structures/what are the obstacles?
- **What are the approaches you use to work with government on NAP development and/or consultation on the commitments?** What challenges have you confronted to in developing an NAP and the commitments in it; what are the approaches you use in working with other CSO's in developing commitments for the NAP/in consulting with government?

Break out session questions

- **What lessons have you learned from your OGP experiences?** What would you do differently, and what would you suggest other CSO collaborations might want to do?
- **How do you monitor government progress on OGP commitments?** What strategies you use to raising awareness about government compliance/non-compliance with OGP commitments? What strategies do you use to communicate to the government? What has worked? What strategies would you like to be able to use?

Report back

- **Tangible strategies** that have been successful when working with national government on the development of NAPs.
- **Ideas for improving coalition building** and aligning national CSOs in efforts to engage with government in the OGP process.
- Regularly-experienced obstacles and **new strategies for overcoming these obstacles.**



The OGP Civil Society Network Knowledge Sharing Initiative

Thank you for your participation

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