

TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD THROUGH OPEN GOVERNMENT IN ASIA-PACIFIC

Are you promoting open government initiatives in a country of Asia-Pacific to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs? What are the transformative steps you are taking to promote more open and inclusive societies?

Please share these initiatives with us and you might be selected to present them at the forthcoming **Asia Pacific Regional OGP Workshop** hosted by the ADB, in collaboration with the OGP Support Unit, UNDP and Ford Foundation in the Philippines!

BACKGROUND

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Support Unit are joining hands to put into action the commitments under the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). Citizens want transparent, effective and accountable governments, with institutions that empower people and are responsive to their aspirations. OGP is a multilateral initiative that aims to secure concrete commitments from governments, in partnership with civil society, to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance, building on the four [open government principles](#) of transparency, accountability, citizen participation, technology and innovation.

More than 50 OGP participating countries have endorsed the [Joint Declaration on Open Government for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). The Declaration commits participating governments to take advantage of the OGP infrastructure - including the National Action Plan and the guaranteed participation of civil society - to help achieve the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

UNDP has been a [multilateral partner of OGP](#) since October 2013.

MAPPING EXAMPLES OF OPEN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

We are now seeking examples of open government initiatives that can help contribute to the achievement of SDGs, in particular by meeting the following criteria:

- ✓ Government and civil society are working together to promote transparency, accountability, and/or citizen engagement, either at the national or subnational level
- ✓ The initiatives contribute to the achievement of the sustainable development goals and demonstrate measurable results (e.g. good health, quality education, rule of law and access to justice, gender equality, climate action)
- ✓ The initiatives aim at leaving no one behind: marginalized groups, the poor, minorities, women, young people, people with disabilities... are part of the process and/or benefit from the reform
- ✓ The initiatives are based on innovative approaches, methodologies and/or use of new technologies

Illustrative examples of open government initiatives that can spur progress on the SDGs can be found [here](#).

All the initiatives meeting these criteria will be promoted via UNDP and OGP's international networks. The top 3 initiatives with the highest potential to transform our world and "reach out the last mile" will be selected for presentation at the OGP Asia Pacific Regional Dialogue, in Manila, Philippines, on July 21-22 2016, in collaboration with the OGP Support Unit, ADB, UNDP and Ford Foundation. UNDP will cover the cost of travel for the presenter of the initiatives.

WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE AND HOW

Whether you are a representative from UNDP Country Office, government, civil society, academia, development partner or a private citizen, we would like to hear about these innovative initiatives which take place in the Asia Pacific region (both in OGP participating and non-participating countries). Please share your experience by filling in the template enclosed and sending



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supporting materials (link to webpage, video, brochure, report, etc.). Deadline for submitting this information to Liviana Zorzi (liviana.zorzi@undp.org) is Friday 3rd of June.

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Name of the initiative	
Country of implementation in Asia-Pacific: ☐ national level ☐ subnational level (please specify)	
Focal Point contact details (Name, title, organization, e-mail)	
In what way does the initiative seek to promote transparency, accountability, and/or citizen engagement? Does it focus on a specific sector? (max 200 words)	
How is the initiative contributing to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals? What are the measurable results demonstrated so far? <i>Please include, if possible, evidence of results, e.g. links to news coverage, quotes, and/or quantitative measures, such as web analytics (max 200 words)</i>	
Who are the main actors and stakeholders involved? How are government and civil society partnering in the context of the initiative? (max 100 words)	
Who are the beneficiaries? In what way is the initiative empowering disadvantaged and marginalized communities? (max 200 words)	
What is the main innovation in this initiative (e.g. use of new technologies, involvement of marginalized communities, etc.)? And what is the potential of this initiative to be replicated in other regions and/or countries? (max 200 words)	
<i>Please provide web links to any relevant webpage or product (video, brochure, report, etc.) on the initiative (Optional but recommended)</i>	

Thank you for taking time to participate in this exercise. The results will be disseminated to the international community via UNDP and OGP networks to encourage knowledge and good practice exchange.



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