

Implementation Working Group

Action Plan 2021

Goals

1. **Building a diverse, inclusive and equitable IWG.** To enable inclusive participation for a diverse group of actors, by covering different sectors, regions and time-zones as well as growing and deepening participation by government representatives from national and local levels
2. **Bridging knowledge with practice.** To connect knowledge with practice by covering topics that reflect the state of the field and meet the needs of both civil society and governments to implement purpose driven and responsible open data.
3. **Enabling meaningful engagements.** To enable more meaningful engagements with IWG members and support the network in embedding the Open Data Charter's principles in data policies and strategies

Building a diverse, inclusive and equitable IWG

The purpose of the Implementation Working Group is to support governments putting the ODC principles into action with practical advice on releasing quality, safe and high value open data, and doing it well. The value of the IWG has been creating a forum for both government and non-government organisations to gather, exchange ideas and perspectives and to work together on formulating resources and advice for governments in releasing data.

Participation in the IWG by government representatives has been sparse. We have seen regular participation from Canada, New Zealand and, more recently, Sweden. It's unfortunate that the valuable discussion and learning through the IWG meetings and blogs may not be reaching and influencing action in governments as intended.

Therefore, we need to leverage our networks and explore other means to re-engage governments. The hope is to inspire and support the release of more open data by government members of the ODC.

In 2021 we will test holding some of our monthly working group meetings at different times of the day so that they are more accessible to all (and try to avoid joining these meetings in the middle of their night). Given the number of members from Latin America and the Caribbean, we will explore holding at least one ad hoc session in Spanish.

We will also consult governments and try to understand any other participation barriers to include them as key actors in the IWG sessions. We might also explore additional actions to

include more governments around the globe, both at the national and subnational levels. For example, by encouraging ODC adopters to identify use cases that might fit in our IWG's sessions, or creating a safe space to openly share challenges to implement ODC principles, and connecting governments between regions.

Enabling meaningful engagements

Feedback shows that having expert guest speakers on topics is still supported, though perhaps less speakers in a session is preferable to allow more time for discussion. We will explore the use of different tools (videos, podcasts, use cases) that might be sent before the sessions to facilitate online ideation and focussed group discussions. Ensuring a proper moderation, identifying concrete goals per session and structuring them accordingly will help us have effective meetings that are useful to the IWG participants.

We will record some of the speaker's presentations in sessions, which will enable people participating in one session to learn what was discussed at the other. We won't be recording the discussions to continue enabling honest and open discussions between participants.

Bridging knowledge with practice

The aim of connecting the sessions with the [Policy+ initiative](#) is to cover groundbreaking topics that reflect the challenges of implementing purpose driven and responsible open data policies and strategies.

For this 2021 action plan we would like to encourage working group members to share in the writing of post meeting blogs, in order to both share the load and give the opportunity for exposure and networking in the open data and other related communities.

We might also disseminate our group in sectorial networks and sessions and encourage IWG participants to share what we have learnt in data events.

Finally, to support our IWG network and increase knowledge exchange, we will put together a shared document in which participants and the ODC team will upload upcoming events, best practices or useful resources related to each month's topic either shared before, in or after the sessions.

Specific actions

- Draft 2021 calendar using IWG's feedback from our last 2020 session to define sessions providing different types of engagement (panel, discussions, meetups, etc.) and potential speakers.

- Identify IWG outputs and volunteers
- Define an engagement strategy with local governments and to nurture partnerships with key actors
- Encourage ODC adopters on bringing challenges and use cases to share in the IWG. This implies engaging more actively with ODC government endorsers to list use cases or policies to share during sessions and actively inviting them to join more regularly.
- Put together a shared document where everyone can upload upcoming events, best practices or useful resources for the community, based on each month's meeting.
- Match IWG's meeting topics with Policy+ challenges
- Maintain the connection to the ODC Principles with each topic

Meeting schedule

| Topic | Month | Date |
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| <i>Sharing draft action plan and gathering feedback/approval</i> | <i>January</i> | <i>No meeting</i> |
| Present the Policy+ Initiative by ODC and OECD, together with those leading interesting projects aligned with it. | February | Tuesday 23rd at 7pm London time (2pm ET) <i>Paul leads</i> |
| Climate Justice Data: Using data to support climate action | March | Tuesday 30th at 5pm EAT / 8am GMT-6 <i>Flor leads</i> |
| Leadership: Steering the design and delivery of data release - <i>Strengthening skills in open data. What is needed to increase data literacy skills? How can / should this group (and leaders) be responding?</i> | April | Tuesday 27th at 7pm London time (2pm ET) <i>Paul leads</i> |
| Trust: Safeguarding data privacy, integrity and ethics - <i>Data rights and institutions</i> | May | Tuesday 25th at 5pm EAT / 8am GMT-6 <i>Flor leads</i> |
| Transparency: Fostering honest communication and meaningful engagement - <i>Open by default principle</i> | June | Tuesday 27th at 7pm London time (2pm ET). <i>Paul leads</i> |
| Open by Default | <i>July</i> | <i>Paul lead</i> |

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| IWG Summer break | August | <i>No meeting</i> |
| Standards: Securing a scalable and transferable data-driven crisis response - <i>Data infrastructures</i> | September | <i>Based on the first half of the year experience, we'll decide if we continue with the proposed time slipt or adjust as needed.</i> |
| Collaboration (federal/local): Promoting coordination to facilitate a culture and practice of data sharing and access. - <i>Building data capabilities</i> - <i>Open data in Subnational governments</i> - <i>South Korea's work</i> | October | <i>Based on the first half of the year experience, we'll decide if we continue with the proposed time slipt or adjust as needed.</i> |
| Equity: Placing vulnerable populations at the center of data-driven crisis response | November | <i>Based on the first half of the year experience, we'll decide if we continue with the proposed time slipt or adjust as needed.</i> |
| Chief Data Officers roundtable (across government system) | TBC | <i>Based on the first half of the year experience, we'll decide if we continue with the proposed time slipt or adjust as needed.</i> |
| End of year survey | December | <i>No meeting</i> |