

## European Region Government Point of Contact Conference

June 3-4, 2015

### 1. Introduction

A primary goal of the Open Government Partnership is to foster collaboration and learning within the open government community. We are planning a small meeting of European OGP governments in Tbilisi, Georgia on June 3-4 2015, co-hosted by the Government of Georgia and the OGP Support Unit. Government points of contact from European countries will come together to share experiences and learn from each other, as well as get first hand information from the OGP Support Unit, selected Civil Society leaders, Independent Reporting Mechanism, OGP Working Groups and multilateral partners. The objective is to further build the network of government reformers using OGP to advance ambitious open government reforms in their countries, and continue to inspire a 'race to the top' within OGP.

### 2. Objectives

1. **Create space for countries to share experiences and learn from each other:** Through facilitated discussions and dynamic team style sessions, participants will have the opportunity to contribute their insights and learn about innovative practices in matters related to the OGP process (such as co-creation of NAPs, consultation during implementation, and conducting thematic workshops) as well as in relevant issue areas (for example: public participation, open data, fiscal transparency, and public service delivery).
2. **Get feedback on new National Action Plans:** Give all countries producing new NAPs an opportunity to receive feedback from their peers on drafts.
3. **Identify requests for support:** Identify specific requests for country support and opportunities to improve assistance particularly through the Support Unit's Direct Country Support and Peer Exchange programs, OGP's multilateral partners, and the five OGP Working Groups.
4. **Provide basic training on OGP processes and timelines:** This includes training on the OGP calendar, NAP development, Self-Assessment reporting, and IRM Procedures.
5. **Opportunity to network:** Provide opportunities for reformers in the region to get to know each other.

### 3. Participants

Working level government points of contact from countries in the region will be the main audience for the conference. OGP actors such as working groups, multilateral partners, civil society leaders and Support Unit Staff will participate as speakers and facilitators.

**OGP governments in the region:**

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| 1. Albania                   | 12. Georgia*  | 24. Montenegro      |
| 2. Armenia                   | 13. Greece    | 25. Netherlands     |
| 3. Azerbaijan                | 14. Hungary   | 26. Norway          |
| 4. Bosnia and<br>Herzegovina | 15. Ireland   | 27. Romania         |
| 5. Bulgaria                  | 16. Israel    | 28. Serbia          |
| 6. Croatia*                  | 17. Italy     | 29. Slovak Republic |
| 7. Czech Republic            | 18. Jordan    | 30. Spain           |
| 8. Denmark                   | 19. Latvia    | 31. Sweden          |
| 9. Estonia                   | 20. Lithuania | 32. Turkey          |
| 10. Finland                  | 21. Macedonia | 33. Ukraine         |
| 11. France*                  | 22. Malta     | 34. United Kingdom* |
|                              | 23. Moldova   |                     |

\* - OGP Steering Committee member

**Multilateral partners:**

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| 1. OECD | 3. World Bank | 5. GRECO |
| 2. UNDP | 4. UNODC      | 6. COE   |

**OGP Working Groups:**

1. Access to information
2. Legislative Openness



## AGENDA

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3-4 June 2015, Expo Georgia

Tbilisi, Georgia

Wednesday, 3 June	
Venue: ExpoGeorgia, 3rd Pavilion, 118 Tsereteli Ave., Tbilisi, Georgia	
Time	Event
9:00-09:30	Registration (Welcome Coffee)
09:30-10:15	<p><b>Opening Plenary</b>  <b>Moderated by Ms Thea Tsulukiani, Minister of Justice of Georgia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcoming remarks by Ms Thea Tsulukiani, Minister of Justice of Georgia</li> <li>- Opening remarks by Mr Irakli Gharibashvili, Prime Minister of Georgia</li> <li>- Remarks by Mr David Usupashvili, Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia</li> <li>- Disclosure of court decisions – crucial component for openness of judicial system; and development of e-governance in courts, Ms Nino Gvenetadze, Chairperson of the Supreme Court of Georgia</li> <li>- Remarks by Mr Thierry Mandon, Secretary of State for Government Reform and Simplification, Office of the Prime Minister, France</li> <li>- Closing remarks by Mr Joseph Powell, Deputy Director of the OGP Support Unit</li> </ul>
10:15-10:30	<b>Group Photograph of the Delegates</b>
10:30-11:00	<b>Exchange of letters between the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and the Ministry of State for State Reform and Simplification, attached to the Prime Minister of France</b>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
Start of the delegates only section of the agenda	
11:30-12:00	<p><b>Latest news from the OGP Support Unit: OGP activities, calendar and guidance notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Q&amp;A;</li> <li>- Description of the sessions for the rest of the conference.</li> </ul>
12:00-12:45	<p><b>Learning from the IRM Reports</b></p> <p><b>Session Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- POCs will be able to see where they stand relative to their peers and will receive some tools to inspire more effective and impactful commitments</li> </ul>
12:45-13:15	<p><b>Lightning talks on New National Action Plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Odd year countries present their new National Action Plans ( Malta, Turkey, Israel, Montenegro, Azerbaijan, France, Hungary, Slovakia)</li> </ul>

<p><b>13:15-14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Permanent Consultation Forums: Fostering a Multi-Stakeholder Partnership to Advance Participation, Innovation and Accountability in OGP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learn how OGP-member countries have used Permanent Consultation Forums to strengthen multi-stakeholder engagement and to promote innovation and accountability throughout the 2-year National Action Plan cycle</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <p>By the end of this session participants will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identified how Permanent Consultation Forums can help build a true multi-stakeholder partnership and foster innovation in Action Plan Commitments.</li> <li>- Become acquainted with country-cases where Permanent Multi-Stakeholder Consultation Forums have been successfully implemented</li> </ul>
<p><b>14:00-15:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b> <i>Venue: ExpoGeorgia, Restaurant "Terrace", 118 Tsereteli Ave., Tbilisi, Georgia</i></p>
<p><b>15:00-18:15</b></p>	<p><b>Coordinating within the government to Open the Government: Workshop by Reboot</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Reboot team will lead a workshop that allows the POCs to identify the main challenges they face when coordinating with other government agencies and develop strategies in order to face those challenges</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday, 4 June</b> <b>Venue: ExpoGeorgia, 3rd Pavilion, 118 Tsereteli Ave., Tbilisi, Georgia</b></p>	
<p><b>Delegates only agenda continues</b></p>	
<p><b>08:30-09:00</b></p>	<p>Welcome coffee</p>
<p><b>09:00-10:30</b></p>	<p><b>E-governance – Impact of Open Data and E-services, Future of the Governance (Workshop)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Breakout sessions on transformation of governance by utilizing principles of openness and accountability, role of e-governance and open data in this process</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion areas: Development of Open Governance, Model of Future Governance and Society, E-Government and Open Data</i></p>
<p><b>10:30-11:00</b></p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p><b>11:00-14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Building stronger commitments: Presentation of the Open Government Guide (Workshop)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Breakout sessions on development and implementation of ambitious commitments</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion areas: public participation, legislative openness, access to information, fiscal transparency, and public service delivery</i></p>
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**Side Track**  
Support Unit and IRM representatives will host one on one meetings with Country POCs.



End of the delegates only section of the agenda

15:00-16:00

**Closing address (Working Groups, Multilaterals and Direct Country Support)**

**Moderated by Mr Aleksandre Baramidze, the First Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia and Joseph Powell, Deputy Director of the OGP Support Unit**

- Remarks on OGP Working Groups Support by Ms Laura Neuman, Access to Information Working Group
- Remarks on OGP Working Groups Support by Mr Tassos Coulaloglou, Legislative Openness Working Group
- Remarks on Multilateral Support to OGP countries by Ms Kimberly D. Johns, World Bank
- Remarks on Multilateral Support to OGP countries by Mr Francesco Cecchi, UNDP
- Remarks on Multilateral Support to OGP countries by Ms Eva Beuselinck, OECD
- The Way we have co-created, Mr Giorgi Kldiashvili, Co-chair of the Open Government Georgia's Forum
- Remarks by Mr Steven Heykin, Office of Democracy and Governance, USAID/Caucasus (Georgia)
- Closing remarks by Mr Joseph Powell, Deputy Director of the OGP Support Unit
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