

OGP Webinar:

“Reviewing 2015, Looking to 2016: Legislative Openness and OGP”

This webinar will start at 10:00 AM Eastern Time

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Open Government Partnership (OGP) Webinar Series

*Reviewing 2015, Looking to 2016: Legislative Openness
and OGP*

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
10:00-11:00 AM EST



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Reviewing 2015, Looking to 2016: Legislative Openness & OGP

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5 work streams for 2015

- Peer Exchange and Capacity Building
- Comparative Data on Legislative Openness
- Ethical Standards for MPs
- Parliamentary Tech Collaborative
- Subnational and Regional Parliaments



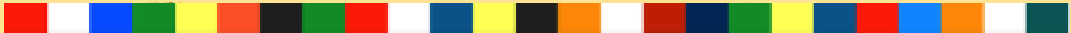
Peer Exchange and Capacity Building

May 28-29: International Open Data Conference (Ottawa)

Oct. 27-29: OGP Summit (Mexico City)

Sept. 14-15: LOWG Global Meeting (Tbilisi)

Aug. 13-14: Meeting of the Pan African Parliament (Johannesburg)



Global Legislative Openness Week

September 7 to 15, 2015

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A week of **openness activities around the world**,
with events hosted by the Legislative Openness Working Group and
members of the parliamentary openness community

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58,966 politicians from 201 countries (so far)

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We more than did it -- we passed our target for GLOW 2015!

See how you can (still) help >



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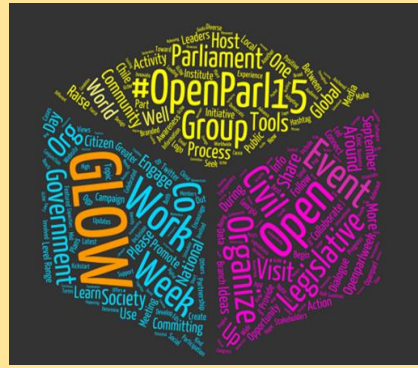
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GLOW

#OpenParl15

THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON CONGRESSIONAL REFORM AND WATCH

2015 國會改革與監督
10/02-03 國際會議

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GLOW

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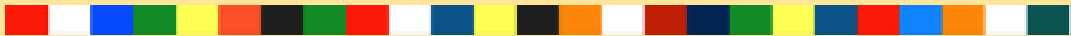
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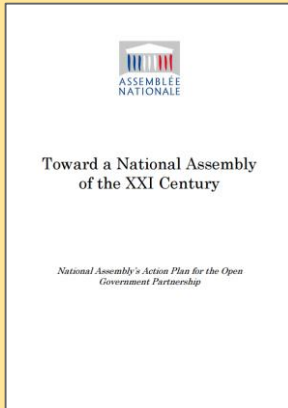


Dedicated legislative “track” included:

- 8 Panel Discussions
- Half-Day Meeting for MPs



3 countries published parliamentary openness plans



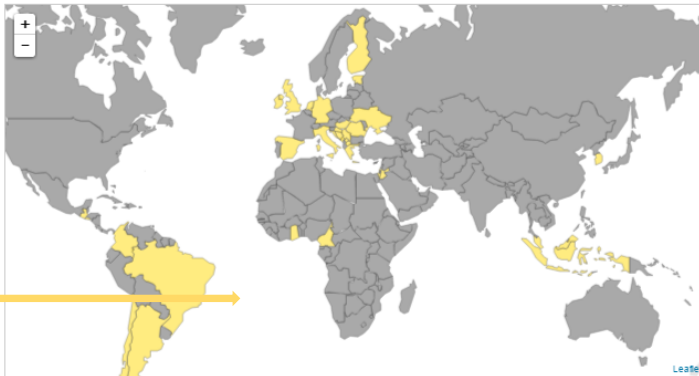
...with more likely to come!



Best Practices

Comparative Data on Legislative Openness

The Legislative Openness Data Explorer provides global, comparative information on parliamentary openness. The Explorer contains information on **31** chambers of parliament.



Click on a country to explore available data or to contribute where data is not yet available.

- Plenary
- Committees
- MPs
- Administration
- Accessibility
- Ethics
- Citizen participation

Various Categories

Global Data



	Bosnia and Herzegovina: House of Representatives	Brazil: Chamber of Deputies	Cameroon: National Assembly	Chile: Senado	Germany: Bundestag / Lower house	Hungary: National Assembly	Indonesia: House of Representatives	Israel: The Knesset	Jordan: Lower House	Kosovo: Parliament of Kosovo	Malaysia: House of Representatives	Netherlands: Tweede Kamer	Romania: Chamber of Deputies	Ukraine: Verkhovna Rada	United Kingdom: House of Commons
📍 Is contact information for members of parliament, including for any district and capital offices they maintain, available to the public?	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
📄 Assets and interests: If historical parliamentary information is publicly accessible, for how many past years are the types of information listed below available?	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
📄 Constituency development funds: Through which of the following formats can information on members of parliament be accessed by the public?	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
📄 Plenary attendance record: Through which of the following formats	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Contribute data on your parliament:

<http://ow.ly/UxuvS>



To compile good practice and to develop shared international standards on legislative ethics

Ethical Standards for MPs

COMMON ETHICAL PRINCIPLES FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

- LEGISLATIVE OPENNESS
- ACTING PROFESSIONALLY
- ENSURING PUBLIC INTEGRITY
- VALUING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
- SERVING AND ENGAGING CONSTITUENTS
- CONTRIBUTING TO EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT
- ACTING TRANSPARENTLY AND IN GOOD FAITH
- EXERCISING PROPER STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC RESOURCES
- AVOIDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND IMPROPER INFLUENCE
- SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND RULE OF LAW

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PRINCIPIOS ÉTICOS COMPARTIDOS PARA LEGISLADORES

- ACTUAR CON DILEGANCIA
- ACTUAR PROFESIONALMENTE
- SERVIAR AL INTERÉS PÚBLICO
- ACTUAR PROFESIONALMENTE
- SERVIAR E INVOLUCIAR AL ELECTORADO
- RESPECTAR LAS INSTITUCIONES DEMOCRÁTICAS
- ACTUAR DE MANERA TRANSPARENTE Y CON BUENA FE
- DEFENDER LA CONSTITUCIÓN Y EL ESTADO DE DERECHO
- EVITAR CONFLICTOS DE INTERÉS E INFLUENCIA IMPROPIA
- REVELAR RELACIONES CORPORATIVAS E INFORMACIÓN FINANCIERA

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Parliamentary Tech Collaborative

The Working Group convened sessions in Georgia, Mexico, Canada and elsewhere to discuss how parliaments and civil society can work together to build better technology



Engaging Regional Legislative Bodies

The Working Group engaged regional legislative bodies from Africa and Latin America, consolidating regional networks



Other
Areas of
Work

More to come in 2016!



Looking to 2016



We want your feedback:

- How can the Working Group continue to support the development of legislative openness action plans?
- What role should legislatures play in the governance of OGP, and how are action plans independently reviewed?
- How can the Working Group best support tech development and also engage regional and subnational legislators?
- What resources can the Working Group create or compile to support your work?



Thank you!

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OPEN PARLIAMENT - GEORGIA

Legislative Openness Working Group Webinar

Tuesday, November 17, 2015



WHY WE HAVE (TO) COMMIT(TED)

- The Parliament of Georgia acknowledges the importance of openness to public and public scrutiny, as well as gives duly consideration to “not only keep constituents informed, but involve them in governance to the best of our abilities.” (*cited: David Usupashvili, Speaker of Parliament of Georgia*).
- The Parliament of Georgia is committed to, through new technologies and innovation, exploring the ways of improving and/or enhancing dialogue with its people, and ensuring the communication is two-way and based on interaction and feedback.
- By adopting the Action Plan for the Open Parliament, the Georgian legislature enhances the Government’s efforts to openness, accountability and citizen engagement, to “transform the Parliament into a structure that represents its voters better.”



TIMELINE – OPEN PARLIAMENT GEORGIA ACTION PLAN

- February 12, 2015 – Parliament’s Inter-Factional Group formed, by Order of the Speaker
- April 30, 2015 – Parliament signed a MoU with leading local and int’l organizations:
EU, UNDP, NDI, GIZ, CoE and World Bank , IDFI, TI Georgia, GYLA, OSGF, EPRC, CSI, EaP Civil Society Platform, CiDA, JumpStart Georgia
- April 30, 2015 – MPs signed the Declaration on Parliamentary Openness
- April-May – Six (6) joint meetings held to draft Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan.
- May 23, 2015 – The Group agreed on final commitments, after 11 hour discussion.
- June – Final revisions made to the Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan.
- July 10, 2015 – The Parliament’s Inter-Factional Group approved the AP.
- July 17, 2015 – The Bureau of the Parliament of Georgia approved the AP.

CONTENT — OPEN PARLIAMENT GEORGIA ACTION PLAN

- **Objective:** ensure the openness of the Parliament in accordance with the OGP principles and Declaration on Parliamentary Openness, promote transparency, access to information and increased citizen engagement in legislative process.
- **18 Commitments**, focusing on the following areas:
 - ❑ Citizen Engagement
 - ❑ Access to Information
 - ❑ Technologies and Innovation
 - ❑ Accountability
- Research-based: with due consideration of the international best practice and recommendations of the OpenGovGuide (courtesy of: IDFI)



CONTENT — OPEN PARLIAMENT GEORGIA ACTION PLAN

- Among the **18 Commitments** in the AP for 2015-2016, are:
 - ❑ Submitting legislative proposals and initiatives electronically
 - ❑ Ensuring physical access into the Parliament
 - ❑ Easing access to the parliamentary information for persons with disabilities
 - ❑ Publishing documents on the Parliament's website in machine-readable format
 - ❑ Increasing level of involvement of youth, ethnic minorities and other stakeholders
 - ❑ Establishing permanent parliamentary council on open and transparent governance
 - ❑ Conducting annual meeting of the Parliament and CSOs
 - ❑ Developing the Code of Ethics for MPs
- The Parliament of Georgia/its Administration is the author of two of the 18 commitments; 16 commitments were offered by CSOs.



ENGAGEMENT OF THE LEADERSHIP

Mr. David Usupashvili, Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia:

- ***About democratic values and citizen engagement:***

“We, the countries loyal to the democratic choice, strive to achieve new milestones in the 21st century. The representative democracy that has played an immense role in the development of mankind throughout the 19th and 20th centuries does not suffice anymore. It is not enough to be satisfied with the idea that good representatives govern societies well. There is a need, and a possibility, to rely more on grassroots democracy to enable greater citizen participation in defining problems and being included in the legislative decision-making process.”

- ***About Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan:***

“Our action plan is such an ambitious document that one might even raise the question – maybe it is better to decrease the speed or the volume of our planned activities in order to be more realistic?! But another question immediately springs up – if we do relent on this and many other issues, wouldn't our task of becoming a full-fledged member of the European family also be postponed, perhaps by a decade? Therefore, with such speed and ambitious plans we must continue building the Georgian European state!” (*From the Action Plan document*)



LOWG INT'L CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2015, TBILISI



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- **CONFERENCE:** “Committing to Openness: Parliamentary Action Plans, Standards, and Data”
 - **Participants:** A focused group of legislators, legislative staff, executive governments and civil society representatives – over 150 delegates from 32 OGP member countries, including Georgia, with above 70 delegates from Europe, Asia, Americas and Oceania.
 - **Aim:** to share experiences advancing legislative openness and explore ways in which OGP can be most effectively leveraged to advance public access to legislative information and processes.
*Georgia presented its Action Plan.
 - **Media Engagement:** All sessions live-streamed on Parliament’s website; media releases prepared upon completion of each session and sent to Parliament’s over 150 media subscribers (TV producers, heads of newsrooms, editors-in-chief, journalists).
- **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY:** The Parliament, with the participation of LOWG Conference delegates and the Georgian Youth, celebrated the International Day of Democracy within the frameworks of GLOW, to discuss democracy, openness and fair and just governance with the younger generation from various disciplines and academic backgrounds.



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OGP GOVERNMENT CHAMPIONS AWARD

OGP CIVIL SOCIETY DAY

OCTOBER 27, 2015, MEXICO CITY

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Congratulations [#Georgia](#) for winning the first OGP Government Champions Award!
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- Nominated by IDFI,
- Georgia / Parliament's Inter-Factional Group, through open electronic voting,
- won the Open Government Partnership's Government Champions Award
- *in acknowledgement of the* excellent co-creation between the government and civil society while elaborating the National Action Plan.

WORK IN PROGRESS – AP IMPLEMENTATION

To respond to the **18 commitments** in **4 major areas**, the Parliament of Georgia:

- has started active work on:
 - ❑ *the establishment of the **Permanent Parliamentary Council on Open and Transparent Governance**, as a sustainability mechanism included in the AP to secure its coordinated and effective implementation*
 - ❑ *the development of a **new website concept** to respond to the OGP principles, and ensure maximum citizen engagement and equal opportunities for all*
- has intensified its work on
 - ❑ *raising public education and awareness on activities, role and mission of the Parliament, as well as strengthening an institutional image and role of the Georgian supreme legislature*
 - ❑ *Increasing the level of youth engagement as well as involvement of other stakeholders in parliamentary work.*



OPEN PARLIAMENT - GEORGIA

THANK YOU!

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Elaboration of the Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan: Challenges & Outcomes

*Inter-Factional Working Group & Role of civil society in supporting the development of the action plan.
Lessons learned or other good practices to share with a broader audience.*

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November 17, 2015



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Supporting Involvement of the Parliament of Georgia in Open Government Partnership (OGP)

(Mechanism)

Inter-Factional Group (11 MPs)

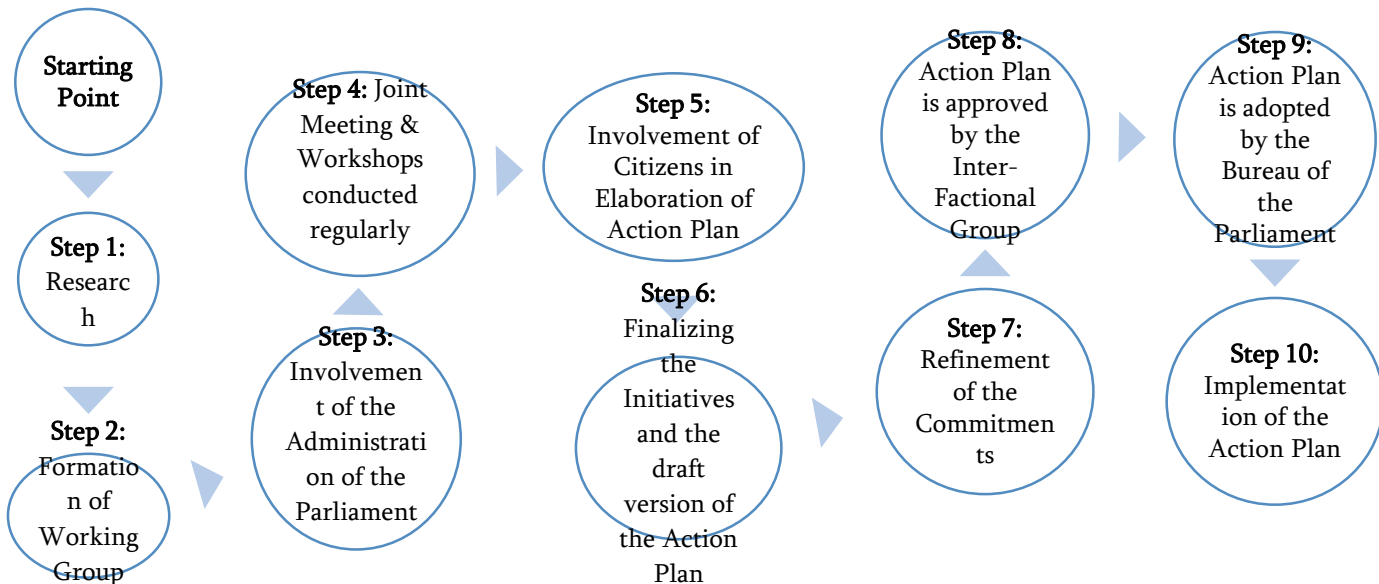
- The Georgian Dream
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- The Georgian Dream – National Forum
- The Georgian Dream – Entrepreneurs
- The Georgian Dream – Conservatives
- Free Democrats
- The United National Movement
- The National Movement – Regions
- The National Movement Majoritarians
- Independent Majoritarian – for Powerful Regions
- Non-party, Independent Majoritarians

Open Parliament Georgia Working Group

UNDP, EU, IDFI, USAID, NDI,
Transparency International Georgia,
Georgian Young Lawyer's Association,,
Open Society Georgia Foundation,
Civil Society Institute, GIZ, Eastern
Partnership Civil Society Forum-
Georgian National Platform, CiDA,
JumpStart Georgia, Economic Policy
Research Center



Process



Open Parliament Georgia Action Plan 2015-2016

- Adopted on July 17, 2015
- 18 commitments (16 were recommended from the civil society)
- Based on Initiatives of Civil Society and the Parliament of Georgia and the best practices from OpenGovGuide
- Action to be implemented through 2015-2016



Signing the Memorandum between the Parliament of Georgia and the Civil Society Working Group



Signing the Declaration on Parliamentary Openness



Meetings of the Working Groups and Approving the Action Plan by the Bureau of the Parliament of Georgia



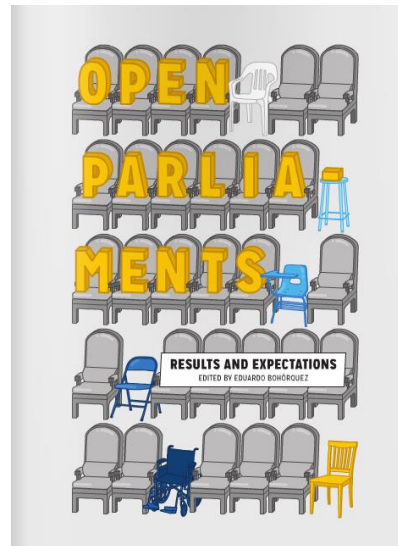
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Civil Society Day in Mexico, winning the OGP Government Champions Award



OGP Global Summit, Mexico, October 28-29



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Open Parliament Action Plans – from Idea to Implementation



Meeting with the President of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica



Permanent Parliamentary Council on Open and Transparent Governance

Mechanism

- 1 council
- 2 branches (MPs&NGOs)

Functions

- Elaboration of the OGP Action Plan
- Implementation & Monitoring

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THANK YOU!

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