

**Members of the public are requested to input into the draft Milestones/ National Roadmap towards the finalisation of the South African National Action Plan (NAP) by 31 December 2023.**

**The process for comments and input will open for a period of six (6) weeks, from Friday, 13 October 2023 to Monday, 27 November 2023.**

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## **OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (OGP) SOUTH AFRICA**

### **DRAFT MILESTONES/ NATIONAL ROADMAP TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ACTION (NAP) PLAN BY 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**09 OCTOBER 2023**

South Africa is a founding member of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), a multilateral initiative between governments at the national and local levels and civil society advocates, which was established in 2011. The unique partnership is based on working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy-making. To date, the OGP has a membership of 76 countries and 104 local governments.

The OGP utilises a unique model, comprising of government and civil society, to co-create a National Action Plan (NAP) which outlines a concrete set of open government reforms, in line with the OGP Participation and Co-creation standards as per the below mentioned:

1. **Standard 1:** Establishing a space for ongoing dialogue and collaboration between civil society and other non-governmental stakeholders.
2. **Standard 2:** Providing open, accessible and timely information about the activities and progress within a member's participation in OGP.
3. **Standard 3:** Providing inclusive and informed opportunities for public participation during the co-creation of the action plan,
4. **Standard 4:** Providing a reasoned response and ensuring ongoing dialogue between government and civil society and other non-governmental stakeholders as appropriate during co-creation of the action plan.
5. **Standard 5:** Providing inclusive and informed opportunities for ongoing dialogue and collaboration during the implementation and monitoring of the action plan.

The diverse composition of stakeholders in the Co-creation process is to ensure a balanced representation and proactive inclusion of respective groups of society to represent the diverse set of stakeholders and interests the country has. Additionally, the adherence to the processes provides assurance of adherence to the transparency, accountability and participative of the process.

The OGP 2023-2028 Strategy identifies five (5) Strategic Goals which the OGP South Africa will support with a view to build on the values and principles as espoused by the Partnership since 2011 i.e., transparency, accountability, citizen participation and inclusiveness:

1. **Strategic Goal 1:** Build a growing committed and interconnected community of open government reformers, activists and champions.
2. **Strategic Goal 2:** Make open government central to how all levels and branches of government function and deliver on their priorities.
3. **Strategic Goal 3:** Protect and expand civic space.
4. **Strategic Goal 4:** Accelerate collective progress on open government reforms.
5. **Strategic Goal 5:** Become the home of inspirational open government innovations, evidence and stories.

The above-mentioned goals will be delivered under the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) five (5) thematic areas as highlighted in the APRM National Plan of Action (NPoA):

1. Democracy and Political Governance (DPG)
2. Economic Governance and Management (EGM)
3. Corporate Governance (CG)
4. Socio-Economic Development and Management (SEDM)
5. State Resilience and Preparedness

The Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) is responsible for coordinating the Country's OGP process and activities and serves as the official Contact Point for the Partnership.

The process to revive the OGP in South Africa has been an ongoing Co-creation process, infused with the methodology of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and the OGP complementarity, to ensure that the country delivers on the detailed 5<sup>th</sup> OGP NAP 2023-2026 by 31 December 2023.

There are four (4) key moments in the Co-creation process that the country must adhere to ensure the credibility of the process as set out below:

1. **Planning for the process:** The identification of key considerations before embarking on a co-creation process.
2. **Outreach:** The process of informing stakeholders about the OGP, the action plan process and how they can participate as well as gathering information on what the identified action plan is to tackle.
3. **Action plan development:** This process seeks to make sense of the inputs gathered, defines the problems, formulates possible solutions and drafting of the commitments.
4. **Feedback:** Participating stakeholders are informed of the results of their contribution to and participation in the action plan development process.

\* The key moments process will be embedded with other processes concurrently to ensure the achievement of the objective.

The National Action Plan Roadmap will be used as a strategic instrument to set the agenda for the revival of the OGP in South Africa.

South Africa has to date identified two (2) firm draft commitments and has activated the country's dormant OGP South Africa website in line with the revival process. The matrix below highlights the key moments in the co-creation process to date.

NO	MILESTONE	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ UNIT	TIMEFRAME
1.	Revival of the OGP South Africa + Meeting with the OGP Interim Steering Committee	OGP South Africa Point of Contact	04 March 2022
2.	Cabinet approval of the APRM High-Level National Plan of Action (NPoA) which encompasses APRM/ OGP complementarity methodology	OGP South Africa Point of Contact	22 June 2022
3.	Consultations with State Institutions to identify commitments for the OGP South Africa 2023 -2026 National Action Plan	OGP South Africa Point of Contact	29 June 2023
4.	Minister-to-Minister correspondence sent to State Institutions identified for the implementation of the High-Level APRM NPoA	OGP South Africa Point of Contact	July 2023
5.	Meeting on the South African OGP process with the OGP Country Representative	OGP South Africa Point of Contact	16 August 2023
6.	Confirmation of reactivation of the OGP South Africa website  The OGP South Africa website can be accessed from this link: <a href="http://www.ogp.gov.za/">http://www.ogp.gov.za/</a>	OGP South Africa Point of Contact	05 October 2023
7.	OGP South Africa Steering Committee meeting on the Revival of the OGP in South Africa - discussion of draft detailed Commitments for the 5 <sup>th</sup> OGP National Action Plan 2023 - 2026	OGP South Africa Point of Contact  OGP South Africa Interim Steering Committee	06 October 2023
8.	Draft Country Commitments for the 5 <sup>th</sup> OGP National Action Plan as presented at the Interim Steering Committee  <b>1. Transformative Fiscal Transparency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vuleka Mali <a href="https://vulekamali.gov.za/">https://vulekamali.gov.za/</a></li> <li>▪ Municipal Money <a href="https://openup.org.za/projects/municipal-money">https://openup.org.za/projects/municipal-money</a></li> </ul> <b>2. Open Data</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reimagining and Reinventing Open Data Policy within Local Government environment. <a href="https://c4ir.co.za/all_projects/reimagining-and-reinventing-open-data-policy-within-local-government-environment/">https://c4ir.co.za/all_projects/reimagining-and-reinventing-open-data-policy-within-local-government-environment/</a></li> </ul>	National Treasury  OGP South Africa Point of Contact  CSIR-Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution South Africa (C4IR SA)  OGP South Africa Point of Contact	06 October 2023  30 November 2023  30 November 2023

	<p><b>3. *Access to Justice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This commitment is still under discussion between the OGP South Africa Point of Contact, Department of Justice and the Community Advice Offices South Africa</li> </ul>	<p>OGP South Africa Point of Contact</p> <p>Department of Justice and Constitutional Development</p> <p>Community Advice Offices South Africa (COASA)</p>	<p>31 October 2023</p>
9.	<p>The proposed draft commitments are opened for comments and public participation for a period of six (6) weeks</p>	<p>OGP South Africa Point of Contact</p> <p>Members of the Public</p>	<p>13 October 2023 – 30 November 2023</p>
10.	<p>The draft commitments to be publicised on the OGP South Africa website on the requisite OGP Commitment Template</p>	<p>OGP South Africa Point of Contact</p>	<p>20 October 2023</p>
11.	<p>Outreach activities to raise awareness and consult on the draft commitments</p>	<p>OGP South Africa Point of Contact</p> <p>OGP South Africa Steering Committee</p>	<p>November 2023</p>
12.	<p>Development and finalisation of the draft National Action Plan based on feedback and responses</p>	<p>OGP South Africa Point of Contact</p> <p>OGP South Africa Steering Committee</p>	<p>November 2023</p>
13.	<p>Submission of the OGP South Africa National Action Plan to the OGP</p>	<p>OGP South Africa Point of Contact</p>	<p>December 2023</p>
14.	<p>Proposal on the formalisation of the OGP South Africa Interim Steering Committee / Multi stakeholder Forum</p>	<p>OGP South Africa Point of Contact</p> <p>Stakeholders</p>	<p>March 2024</p>
15.	<p>Formal endorsement of the OGP South Africa Steering Committee / Multi stakeholder Forum</p>	<p>OGP South Africa Point of Contact</p> <p>Stakeholders</p>	<p>June 2024</p>

16.	Inaugural meeting of the formalised OGP South Africa Steering Committee / Multi stakeholder Forum	OGP South Africa Point of Contact  OGP South Africa Steering Committee	September 2024
17.	Second meeting of the formalised OGP South Africa Steering Committee / Multi stakeholder Forum	OGP South Africa Point of Contact  OGP South Africa Steering Committee	December 2024