Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Open Government

Thursday 22th June 2023 - Part 1

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Welcome

Kevin Keith

Kevin Keith (5 mins)

Welcome
Meeting rules
Inclusivity

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Chatham House Rule

"...participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any participant, may be revealed."

Safe space for conversation

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Inclusivity

Joint agenda

Encourage everyone to participate

Avoid interruptions

Ensure people can follow the conversation

Provide time for people to consider topics, before agreeing next steps.

Sue Bateman

Purpose & Agenda of this MSF

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Part 1: Updates on NAP5 progress

Part 2: Launch the development of the Sixth National Action Plan for Open Government 2024-25 (NAP6)

Agenda for this MSF

Welcome:

- Introduction
- Meeting rules
- Inclusivity

Part 1: Updates on NAP5 progress

- Verbal updates
- Feedback discussion

Comfort break

Part 2: Launch of NAP6 co-creation

- Introduction
- Summary of outreach: mechanism and analysis
- Discussion on themes
- Next steps
- Reflections

Updates on NAP5 progress

Government leads and civil society counterparts

Verbal updates: NAP5 commitments 1-8 + Local Transparency

Commitment 1: Open Contracting

Objective:

To improve compliance, coverage, and quality of contract publication, from planning to final spend.

Commitment 2: Open Justice

Objective:

To improve public access and understanding of the justice system in the context of the rapid and ongoing digitisation of courts and tribunals.

Commitment 3: Algorithmic Transparency and Accountability

Objective:

To help ensure that when advanced algorithmic systems are purchased, developed or used to support decision making that there are appropriate, clear and effective mechanisms for citizens to challenge those decisions.

Commitment 4: Health

Objective 1:
Improving communication and engagement with the public about the access and transparency of health data, and decision-making relating to public health.

Objective 2:
Common data standards and strengthening interoperability

Objective 3:
Strengthening clinical trial transparency will improve the allocation of medical research and healthcare resources, and lead to new treatments and cures.

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Commitment 5: Anti-corruption and international illicit finance

Objective:
Improving transparency and collaboration in UK government efforts to detect and tackle corruption and illicit finance, building on commitments in the UK's G7 presidency.

Commitment 6: Aid Transparency

Objective:
Strengthening of transparency and accountability of UK Official Development Assistance (ODA).

Commitment 7: Diversity and inclusion

Objective:
Encourage and facilitate wider participation in the development of the UK government's National Action Plan for Open Government so as to improve outcomes.

Commitment 8: Freedom of Information

Objective:

To consider measures to strengthen FOI practice across public authorities with a view to improving compliance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, including the timeliness of responses.

Local Transparency

Objective:

Building on the NAP 4 Commitment 8: Local transparency, the DLUHC will work with the local government community to develop a set of specific actions to advance transparency in the sector.

Kevin

Feedback discussion on written and verbal updates to monitor NAP5 implementation

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15-minute Comfort Break

Launch of NAP6 co-creation

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Introduction of Alex Burghart MP Parliamentary Secretary for the Cabinet Office

Alex Burghart MP

Opening remarks

Matt Donnelly

Analysis of NAP6 Outreach Phase

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Matt Donnelly

Outreach mechanisms and analysis

Kevin Keith

Discussion: 'green', 'amber' and 'red' assessed themes

Theme: Sub-theme
Anti Corruption and Integrity (2 of 4): Open Contracting

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Green' (1 of 2)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
8	At least 5 topics: Transforming Public Procurement Programme; enhancing Contracts Finder tool; transparency concerns with regulatory compliance; challenges to interoperability; and full implementation.	There is strong potential for Open Contracting due to a diverse set of interlinked suggestions and a clear and coherent stakeholder group through the Open Contracting Advisory Group.

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Theme
Budgetary Transparency

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Green' (2 of 2)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
3	2 topics: transparency of Official Development Assistance (ODA); and transparency of the cost of clinical trials in the UK	ODA transparency has strong potential due to evident government-civil society support and capability through the Bond Transparency Working Group. However, further NAP commitments on clinical trials have been ruled out due to focus on current strategies

Theme: Sub-theme
Anti Corruption and Integrity (1 of 4): General

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Amber' (1 of 6)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
3	3 topics: UK Anti-Corruption Strategy; Anti-corruption Champion; broad issues of compliance and transparency.	There is the potential for a commitment in this area around overarching strategy to anti-corruption, however the relevant lead government team has requested more time to consider their capability to participate. In addition, it is not clear the extent of civil society capability.

Theme: Sub-theme
Anti Corruption and Integrity (3 of 4): Beneficial Ownership

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Amber' (2 of 6)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
2	1 topic: data standards.	There is potential for a commitment in this area dedicated to beneficial ownership, however the relevant lead government team has requested more time to consider their capability to participate. In addition, it is not clear the extent of civil society capability.

Theme
Digital Governance

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Amber' (3 of 6)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
9	7 topics: Artificial Intelligence (AI); Algorithmic Transparency Recording Standard (ATRS); digital governance of UK regulatory landscape; citizens juries; data processing transparency; knowledge, information and records management; and the spread of disinformation.	A broad range of important topics were highlighted by civil society and government. Our analysis took into consideration work underway from the previous NAP, delivery of the "Transforming for a digital future: 2022 to 2025 roadmap for digital and data" and the readiness of new suggestions to form ambitious commitments in the timeframe. Our proposal is to monitor ongoing activities (as above) with a view to developing a clearer understanding of stakeholders around Digital Governance opportunities via the UK OGN and other groups in the run-up to NAP7.

Theme
Inclusion

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Amber' (4 of 6)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
4	4 topics: diversity of candidates standing in elections; racial discrimination; digital youth participation platform; and improvements to access opportunities for ethnic minorities	Whilst there are a broad range of ideas, there is a lack of a clear stakeholder group to take this collection forward. The current NAP5 D&I commitment aims to provide guidance for NAP development, and doesn't include broader D&I focus.

Theme
Justice

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Amber' (5 of 6)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
3	3 topics: Transparency concerns related to Open Justice data; and reform of strategic litigation or impact litigation	Whilst there is significant potential, and a well-established set of stakeholders, the Open Justice team have a Call for Evidence (CfE) in progress which will not conclude in a timeframe that supports NAP6 co-creation publication by December 2023. Depending on the outcome of the CfE, a planned amendment to NAP6 by the end of 2024 is a possibility for this theme.

Theme
Right to Information

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Amber' (6 of 6)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
5	4 topics: Freedom of Information (FOI) compliance; barriers to transparency through FOI; improve transparency of commissioned research; and broadcasting all public meetings.	FOI has potential due to evident government-civil society support, and civil society capability, however the relevant lead government team has requested more time to consider their capability to participate. However, broadcasting public meetings is a broad topic without a suitably broad stakeholder group to pursue this with.

Theme: Sub-theme
Anti Corruption and Integrity (4 of 4): Political Integrity

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Red' (1 of 5)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
6	5 topics: standards in public life; transparency of lobbying; ministerial meetings; overseas donations to political parties; and regulatory framework.	Whilst this theme has received multiple submissions from civil society, due to ongoing work in this area this is not an area the government has the capability to engage on for NAP6 co-creation.

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Theme
Civic Space

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Red' (2 of 5)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
3	3 topics: knowledge and information management to support data publication; public service relations during protests; and open licences for using public facilities	This theme received a diverse set of ideas with no evidence of potential for a sufficiently capable stakeholder group

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Theme
Natural Resources

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Red' (3 of 5)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
3	3 topics: extractive industries; open data on urban trees; and connecting renewable resources	This theme received a diverse set of ideas with no evidence of potential for a sufficiently capable stakeholder group

Theme
Open Parliaments

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Red' (4 of 5)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
3	3 topics: electoral reform regarding oversight of MPs between elections; improving political participation; and voting rights	This theme received a diverse set of ideas with no evidence of potential for a sufficiently capable stakeholder group

Theme
Public Service Delivery

Analysis document table for reference:

Assessed 'Red' (5 of 5)		
No of relevant submissions	**Summary of submissions**	**CDDO Analysis**
3	5 topics: frontline health provision reform; transparency and safeguarding concerns around drug promotion; open source analysis platform; transparency of medical devices; and health care decision-making	This theme received a diverse set of ideas with little evidence of potential for a sufficiently capable stakeholder group. Existing health commitments are already part of wider health strategies and will continue beyond NAP5.

Matt Donnelly

Next steps

Additional information after this meeting

Stages of the NAP Co-creation Process

Action Plan Development - Phase 1

Launched at the June 2023 MSF

Suggested timelines to provide sufficient pace to deliver draft commitments in sufficient time

Individual Thematic Stakeholder Groups (TSGs) to manage their own pace

To be concluded by Oct 2023 MSF

Analysing Inputs

Defining the Problem

Identifying Solutions

Drafting Commitments

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Action Plan Development - Phase 2

Launched at the Oct 2023 MSF

Strict timescales for overall reasoned
response and finalization driven by CDDO
and UK OGN Steering Committee

Completion

Reasoned Response

Finalization

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Next provisional date: **Wednesday 18th October**

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Reflections on discussion about assessed themes

Alex Burghart MP

Thank you