

# Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Open Government

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# Welcome

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Kevin Keith (5 mins)

Welcome

Meeting rules

Inclusivity

# Meeting rules

## 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

# 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.

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Purpose & Agenda of this MSF

# Purpose of this MSF

Updates and forward planning

Oversight and discuss progress on NAP5

Discuss NAP6 strategic planning and key milestones of the co-creation process

# Agenda for this MSF

Welcome:

Part 1: Oversight and Updates

Part 2: Strategy & Planning

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction</li><li>• OGP Update</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UK OGP status update</li><li>• NAP5 report readout and discussion</li><li>• Diversity and inclusion</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OGP UK co-creation brief</li><li>• OGP Co-creation standards &amp; case study</li><li>• UK NAP6 Co-creation 2023/24 timetable</li><li>• Civil Society in Co-creation</li><li>• Discussion on NAP6 co-creation</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OGP UK Devolved Administration Members</li><li>• Next steps &amp; June MSF</li></ul> |
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# **Part 1:**

# **Oversight and progress on NAP5**

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UK OGP Status update

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NAP5 report readout

# NAP5 report | April Update

Coordinated by:

- CDDO, Cabinet Office

Involving:

- Departments responsible for the delivery of each commitment area have provided updates on the progress

Milestones status are described as:

- Not started
- Blocked (serious roadblocks and no clear plan is in place)
- At risk (missed some targets and/or attention required to meet critical milestones)
- On track (risks are understood and mitigation plans are in place)
- Complete

ALL

Discussion on NAP5 updates (incl. Diversity/  
Inclusion update)

# Part 2:

# NAP6 strategic planning

Paul Braithwaite and Andreas Pavlou

OGP Co-creation Standards | UK co-creation  
Brief | case study



# Participation and Co-Creation Standards and Minimum Requirements

Presentation to UK MSF

April 2023

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# Standards and Minimum Requirements

# New Participation and Co-creation Standards

- + Encourage greater ambition and innovation by OGP members.
- + Ensure better understanding of the requirements expected of all OGP members.
- + Eliminate overlaps / proxies, simplify structure, clarify requirements, provide room for innovation.
- + Maintain key variables proven by evidence from the last 10 years.
- + Facilitate the assessment of the standards for greater accountability and learning.



# OGP Participation and Co-creation Standards

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

## Standard 1

Establishing a space for ongoing dialogue and collaboration between government, civil society and other non-governmental stakeholders.

### Minimum requirement

- 1.1 **A space for ongoing dialogue with participation from both government and civil society** members, and other non-governmental representatives as appropriate that meets regularly (at least every six months) **is established**. Its basic rules on participation are public.

## Standard 2

Providing open, accessible and timely information about activities and progress within a member's participation in OGP.

### Minimum requirements

- 2.1 A public **OGP website** dedicated to the members participation in OGP is maintained.
- 2.2 A publicly available **document repository** on the OGP online site which provides access to documents related to the OGP process, including, at a minimum, information and evidence of the co-creation process and of the implementation of commitments is maintained and regularly updated (at least twice a year).

## Standard 3

Providing inclusive and informed opportunities for public participation during co-creation of the action plan.

### Minimum requirements

- 3.1 The MSF or gov **publishes** on the OGP website/webpage the **co-creation timeline and overview of the opportunities** for stakeholders to participate at least two weeks before the start of the action plan development process
- 3.2 The MSF or gov, **conducts outreach activities with stakeholders to raise awareness of OGP** and opportunities to get involved in the development of the action plan.
- 3.3 The MSF or gov, develops **a mechanism to gather inputs** from a range of stakeholders during an appropriate period of time for the chosen mechanism.

## 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.

### Minimum requirement

- 4.1 The MSF where established, or the government where there is no MSF, documents and reports back or publishes written feedback to stakeholders on how their contributions were considered during the development of the action plan.

## Standard 5

Providing inclusive and informed opportunities for ongoing dialogue and collaboration during implementation and monitoring of the action plan.

### Minimum requirement

- 5.1 The MSF or gov, **holds at least two meetings every year with civil society** to present results on the implementation of the action plan and **collect comments**.



# Minimum Requirements

- **Meeting the minimum requirements should be seen as the starting point, not the goal.**
- **Minimum requirements.** If a government does not meet **ALL** the minimum requirements established in the Participation & Co-Creation Standards as assessed by the IRM, it will be considered to have acted contrary to process. Continued failure to meet minimum standards could lead to the Steering Committee reviewing the country's participation in OGP.
- **Assessment schedule.** All countries should expect to receive from the IRM a **Co Creation Brief**, an **Action Plan Review** and a **Results Report**.

# IRM Review of Standards and Minimum Requirements

## What will be assessed?

- Analysis on the ambition of the standard
- Review of minimum requirements

## Where?

- Co Creation Brief
- **Action Plan Review**
- **Results Report**

KEY     IRM Process (blue)     Country OGP process (green)



# IRM Review of Standards and Minimum Requirements

## Additional considerations

- Since all minimum requirements must be met, the IRM will review and determine whether **‘yes, the country meets the minimum requirement’** or **‘no, the country fails to meet the minimum requirement.’**
- Governments are responsible for providing the necessary evidence to prove compliance with the minimum requirements.
- The IRM will conduct interviews to collect views from different stakeholders involved in the OGP process. In the absence of documentation, the IRM will rely on these interviews to inform the assessment and complement findings.

# United Kingdom Co-Creation Brief 2023

# What is it?

- + Co-creation briefs are based on analysis from previous IRM action plan reports, comparative international experience, and desk research of relevant data and local context sources.
- + Co-creation briefs do **not** constitute an evaluation of a particular action plan. Their purpose is to inform the planning process for co-creation based on collective and country-specific IRM findings.



# What does it contain?

- **Recommendations and support measures for the upcoming co-creation process** to improve inclusivity and effectiveness
- An **analysis of areas of opportunity** in the upcoming action plan.
- A **list of useful resources** for each area of opportunity

# Recommendations for the co-creation process

- Design a co-creation process that enables meaningful dialogue, while also being realistic and accounting for resource constraints
- Develop a mechanism to gather input from a range of stakeholders, such as an open call for proposals from the public.
- Ensure that stakeholders have a clear understanding of the aims of each step of the co-creation process
- Engage ministers throughout the co-creation process and ensure ministerial awareness of commitment proposals prior to the approval of the final action plan.
- Prior to adopting the final action plan, report back to stakeholders on how their contributions from the co-creation process were considered

# Areas of Opportunity

- **Standards in public life**
  - Recommendations from the Committee on Standards in Public Life Standards Matter 2 report and the Boardman review to strengthen standards in public life
- **Freedom of information**
  - Improve transparency, participation and accountability in enforcing the FOI compliance
- **International illicit finance and beneficial ownership transparency**
  - Support concrete steps for Overseas Territories to develop registers, verification checks for information submitted to Companies House.
- **Open contracting and public procurement**
  - Unique organisation identifier numbers in Contracts Finder, limiting over-use of confidentiality, data accuracy and mechanisms to report suspected abuse or corruption.
- **Transparency of Official Development Assistance**
  - Independent Commission for Aid Impact recommendations. Publish financial and budgeting data, as well as evaluation and performance information.



# Thanks

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# Co-Creation Case Study - Ireland



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UK NAP6 Co-creation 2023/34 timetable

# 2023/24 timetable

Workstream	Milestones	Due
Deliver Multi-Stakeholder Forums	Coordinate a UK Multi-Stakeholder Forum	April 2023
	Coordinate a UK Multi-Stakeholder Forum	Mid June 2023
	Coordinate a UK Multi-Stakeholder Forum	October 2023
	Coordinate a UK Multi-Stakeholder Forum	January 2024
Monitor the implementation of the Fifth National Action Plan on Open Government (NAP5)	Formal response to OGP procedural review	30th June 2023
	Issue NAP5 progress update following MSF in June	June-July
	Issue NAP5 progress update following MSF in October	October- November
	NAP5 completion	End of December
	NAP5 End of Plan assessment	January- February 2024
Coordinate development of the Sixth National Action Plan on Open Government (NAP6)	Outreach between April-June	April-June 2023
	Action Plan Development	June-September 2023
	Publication of NAP6	Mid December 2023
Open Government Partnership	OGP CEO, Sanjay Pradhan visit	12th- 13th June 2023
	OGP Summit in Estonia	6-7 September

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# Civil Society participation in Co-creation: Key milestones and Thematic working groups



Engagement Opportunities	Outreach and Idea Generation	Analyzing Inputs and Identification of Themes	Thematic Workshops	First Draft, Consultation, and Feedback	Finalization
<b>Purpose</b>	Information dissemination and gathering initial public inputs	Analysis of ideas generated and identification of major themes	Problem definition, solution identification, and prototyping	Public comment on first draft and revision of plans	Plan submitted to ministers for consideration
<b>Participants</b>	National and local CSOs, and the public	MSF with expert panel	Experts with CSOs and agencies working on the themes	Public in general, thematic working groups	MSF
<b>Key Activities</b>	Online open government sessions, online survey	Sense-making workshops	Thematic workshops	Online consultation Thematic workshops	Plan finalization, Plan submission
<b>Resources</b>	Technical team, facilitators and resource persons	Facilitators, resources persons, and workshop costs	Facilitators, resources persons, and workshop costs	Technical team, facilitators, resources persons, and workshop costs	Technical team
<b>Space</b>	Online	Face to face workshops at the capital	Face to face workshops, venue to be selected by working groups	Online, face to face workshops	Finalization meeting, face to face

## Co-creation plan



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# Considerations | Outreach

**Inclusive:** Inputs solicited from members of the public should not require specialised or technical knowledge of open government issues.

## **Barriers to participation:**

Understanding barriers to participation ensure co-creation process is better at engaging a diverse range of participants.

**Targeted:** Engagement must be targeted with participation to include habitually-excluded groups.

**Co-creation:** The method and cost of a co-creating a National Action Plan.

**Designing process:** Enabling people to contribute.

# What we know so far...



## Co-Creation Planning

- April 28th | Timeline published
- April 28th | D&I WG Outreach

## National Action Plan Development

- 9th June | Close outreach
- 12th June | MSF
- Present ideas to MSF / Minister / OGP CEO
- Analyse inputs. Cluster ideas into themes.

## Finalisation & publication

*Detail to be added*





# Considerations | Action Plan Development



# Considerations | NAP Development

**Analysing inputs:** Clear way to cluster ideas.

**Identifying solutions:** How government and civil society will co-create commitments. Workshops? How many? Who will facilitate?

**Defining the problem:** Thematics groups may help define the problem that a commitment seeks to address?

**Resources:** Realistic conversation about resources and capability. Commitments? How many. Workshops? How many? Who will facilitate?

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Discussion on NAP6 co-creation |  
planning | engagement

# OGP UK D.A Members

Devolved Administration Members

Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland

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Next steps and June MSF

# Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Open Government

Next provisional date: **Mid June, subject to Ministerial availability**



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