Taking Action on Climate through Open Government

Open Government Partnership

Policy Area Priorities in OGP 2023-2028 Strategy

Use of open government approaches to

- Tackle corruption
- Develop and use digital technologies
- Advance action on climate change
- Advance legal empowerment and access to justice

With a cross-cutting focus on participation and inclusion



Why take an open government approach to climate action?

- Open government approach = Embedding transparency, participation, and accountability in development + implementation of policies and actions to tackle climate change
- Can help promote the legitimacy, effectiveness, equitability, and sustainability of climate policies and actions



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- Climate change has cross-cutting effects and is a "threat multiplier"
- SDG 13 on combating climate change and its impacts has been recognized as important to achieving all other SDGs
- Cross-sectoral strategies to respond to climate change are reflected across the open government community



Transparency: Thematic synergies

- Budgeting/fiscal openness
 - On domestic + int'l financial resources mobilized for climate goals
- Contracting
 - On contracts awarded for green transitions
- Extractive industries
 - On fiscal supports to fossil fuel projects. Energy transitions.



Participation: Thematic synergies

- Budgeting/fiscal openness
 - Participatory budgeting
- Contracting
 - Monitoring of awarded "green" contracts and implementation
- Inclusion (gender, youth, marginalized groups, etc)
 - Participation mechanisms both in agenda setting (e.g. climate assembly) and monitoring processes (e.g. environmental impact assessments)



Accountability: Thematic synergies

- Budgeting/fiscal policy
 - Mechanisms for oversight by citizens, civil society and legislature
 - Climate Audits by supreme audit institutions



Examples of OGP member action

TRANSPARENCY

- Ireland, Develop and deliver access to environmental information training module for public officials
- Chile, Transparency in public climate investments
- Denmark, Climate Atlas

PARTICIPATION

- Scotland, Engagement in climate change policy
- Germany, Increasing participation in environmental policy
- Uruguay, Participative process for the preparation of Uruguay's Second Nationally Determined Contribution

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Indonesia, Legal protection on environmental cases
- Ecuador, Implement
 Regional Escazu
 Agreement on access to information, public participation and justice in environmental matters



THE **OPEN GOV** CHALLENGE



CHALLENGE 8

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

Use open government to strengthen implementation of strategies or agreements on climate and environment.



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