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Open Data

Open Information

Open Dialogue

Purpose

- Report on the outcomes of Canada Open Government Working Group's (COGWWG's) participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Global Summit.
- Update on COGWWG work plan priorities and progress
- Report on other notable jurisdictional accomplishments and ongoing challenges
- Outline a few immediate next steps

Open Government and why it matters

Open Government is about greater transparency and accountability, strengthening democracy and citizen participation, and driving innovation and economic opportunities for all Canadians. It is:

- A key priority for the Government of Canada and governments across Canada
- A recognized international undertaking
- An opportunity for public servants to more effectively deliver the programs and services Canadians want and expect
- Well aligned with the Joint Council's priorities on digital strategy and client-centric Services

Canada Open Government Working Group (COGWWG)

- A forum for multi-jurisdictional collaboration and advancement of key pan-Canadian Open Government (OG) priorities
- Comprised of members from federal, provincial and territorial governments, and national municipal organizations.
- Currently co-chaired by the Government of Canada and Government of Alberta.
- Provides expert advice on OG and reports to the Joint Councils.



OGP Global Summit Ottawa, May 29-31, 2019

Champion
inclusion

Protect
participation

Create
impact

95

Core Sessions

5

Plenary Sessions

22

Side Events

Attendance

- Over 2,600 attendees from 115 countries
- The Prime Minister and over 20 Ministers from around the world including leading OGP countries such as Argentina and Germany

Global Summit Key Outcomes

Heightened awareness of open government in Canada:

- 50,000 tweets were tagged with hashtags
- Over 350 public servants from more than 50 federal departments, deepening knowledge of best practices and innovative approaches in open government

Canadian influence on global open government efforts:

- Strong focus on inclusion, including through the **first ever Indigenous gathering, a feminist open government day** and the release of a GBA+ toolkit for open government practitioners, and a youth leader track.
- Alignment of open and digital government efforts, including transparency of government's use of artificial intelligence, or AI.

Strong coalitions of governments working to advance open government:

- The OGP Steering Committee adopted two resolutions:
 - (i) OGP Steering Committee Call to Action: Collective Leadership to Protect Participation, Advance Inclusion, and Create Impact for Digital Democracy; and
 - (ii) Resolution on the OGP Local Strategy.

Open Local Governments Event (May 29)

- 200 participants including elected and senior governments members, OGP, civil society organizations, academia and private sector
- Key focus was on mainstreaming open government at the local level and strengthening multilevel collaboration
- Spotlight and engagement on a new OGP local program strategy
- Event was livestreamed (see video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RepYPARcls4>)
- A report on the local event (including recommendations) to be released this fall.



COGWG Canada-Mexico-Argentina-US Meeting (May 29)

- 25 participants across levels of Government from Canada, Mexico, Argentina and the US.
- Reported on intergovernmental priorities, projects and impact on local governments
- Identified shared challenges and discussed opportunities for multinational collaboration on open government.













Ministerial Panel Session on Open Local, May 30

- Six high level panelists including Hon. Eric Caire (Québec) and Hon. Bill Walker (Ontario)
- Shared lessons learned on how to make open government work at the local level including accountability to citizens, service delivery and digital transformation.
- Discussed efforts to improve open government impact and public participation



COGWWG 2018-19 Priorities and Progress

Leads	<div>1</div> <div> ON GC</div>	<div>2</div> <div> QC NS</div>	<div>3</div> <div> GC</div>	<div>4</div> <div> BC NS</div>	<div>5</div> <div> SK AB</div>
Priorities	<div> open data charter</div> <div>Promote Adoption of International Open Data Charter (IODC)</div>	<div></div> <div>Standardization of high value datasets</div>	<div></div> <div>Expanded Federated Open Data Search</div>	<div></div> <div>Open Data Literacy</div>	<div></div> <div>Inclusion and public engagement</div>
Progress	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">-Developed survey to identify potential adopters-Increased IODC resources on GCcollab</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">-Engaged open data community-Developed template and standards for four high value datasets</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">-Secured interest from 5 local governments-Shared technical documents-Initiating federation</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">-Developed a list of cross-governmental data sources, learning streams and resources</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">-Completed e-scan of Canadian and International public engagement principles and practices</div>

Other Major Jurisdictional Milestones and Challenges

Jurisdictional Accomplishments

- Yukon has launched its [open data portal](#)
- NWT has released its [open government policy](#) and [website](#)
- ON has released a [new digital plan](#)
- QC has launched a [digital strategy](#) for government transformation
- Saskatchewan is creating a public engagement office

Ongoing Challenges

- Lack of resources (*HR and funding*) in some jurisdictions to fully engage on OG
- Slowdown in momentum on OG programs in some regions due to political transition
- Inconsistent approach to metadata profiles and IT infrastructure
- Concerns over legal considerations regarding the Open data charter

Some Immediate Next Steps

- Build on ongoing progress and continue to collaboratively implement current work plan
- Organize an in-person meeting late fall / early winter to discuss lessons learned on the implementation of the 2018-19 work plan and develop the next plan
- Support the development of the new OGP Local Program
- Start shaping the engagement process of the 5th National Action Plan on Open Government
 - Possibility of pairing up federal and local government engagement sessions

