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Purpose

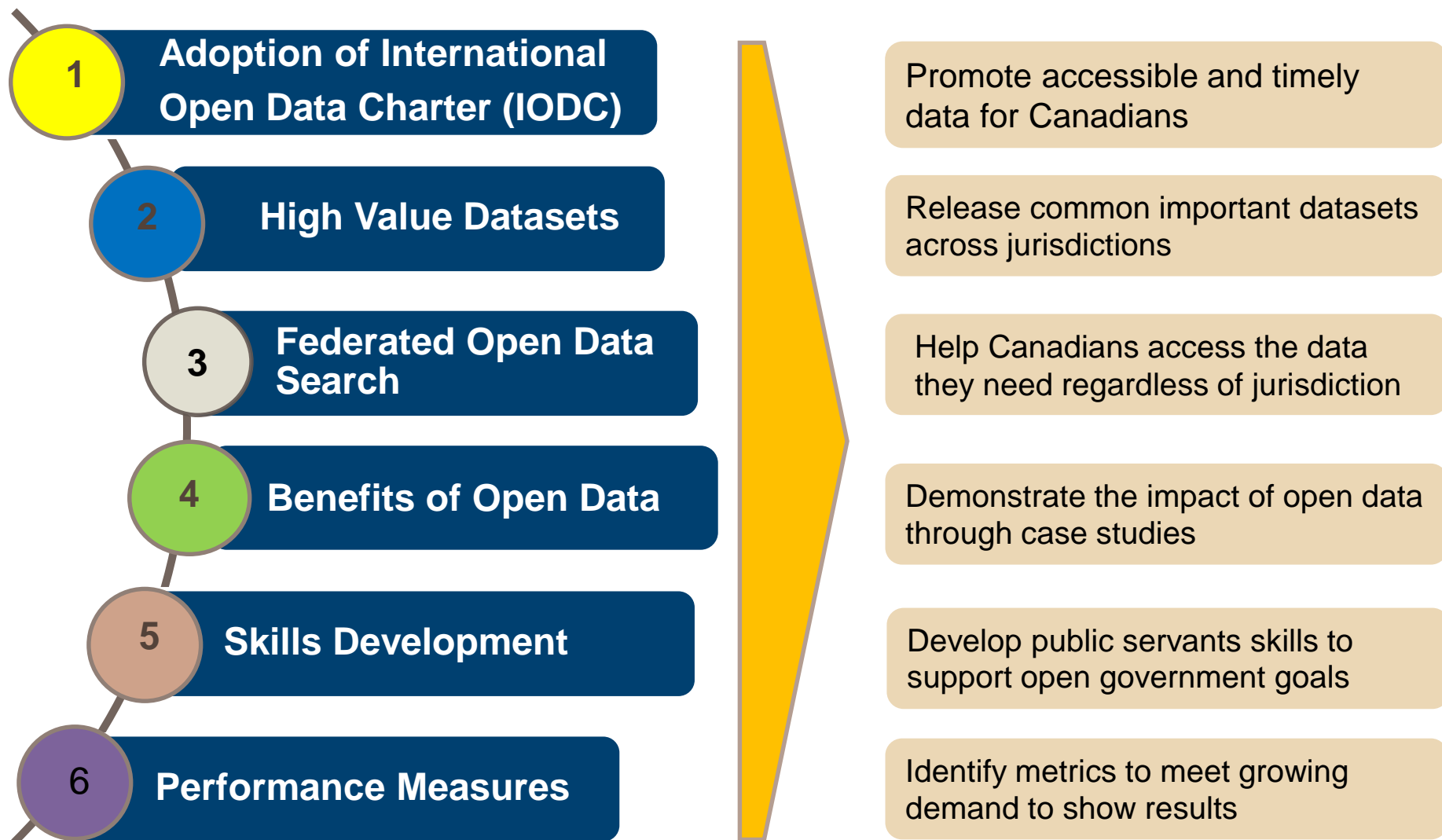
- Report on the implementation of Canada Open Government Working Group's (COGWWG's) 2017-18 work plan and other recent key OG milestones across Canada.
- Identify some lessons learned and outline next steps.

Canada Open Government Working Group

- An inter-jurisdictional forum for collaboration on open government.
- Includes representatives from the federal government, provinces and territories.
- Currently co-chaired by the Government of Canada and Government of Alberta.
- Provides expert advice on pan-Canadian OG priorities and reports to the Joint Councils.
- Its 2017-18 [work plan](#) covers the July 2017 – June 2018 timeframe.



2017-18 Priorities and Expected Outcomes



1: Adoption of Open Data Charter (Lead: ON)

What we committed to

- ✓ Create a shared space for collecting resources and sharing actions.
- ✓ Provide a forum to document open data policies and IODC adoption.
- ✓ Embed IODC principles in Working Group activities.

What we accomplished

- ✓ Created an online collaborative space for Open Data Charter resources and actions.
- ✓ Organized IODC learning events.
- ✓ Canada adopted IODC and Alberta is working towards its adoption in 2018.
- ✓ Ontario recognized as member of the Advisory Board on IODC.



2: High Value Datasets (Leads: QC and NS)

What we committed to

- ✓ Review high value dataset identification (HVD) criteria.
- ✓ Define and release generic high-level dataset identification criteria.
- ✓ Recommend a list of core datasets for release and consult publicly.

What we accomplished

- ✓ Conducted HVD environmental scan.
- ✓ Developed and released criteria for identifying high value datasets.
- ✓ Held a panel session on prioritizing data and information at GovMakerIV Conference.
- ✓ Released a list of recommended high value datasets and consulted publicly.



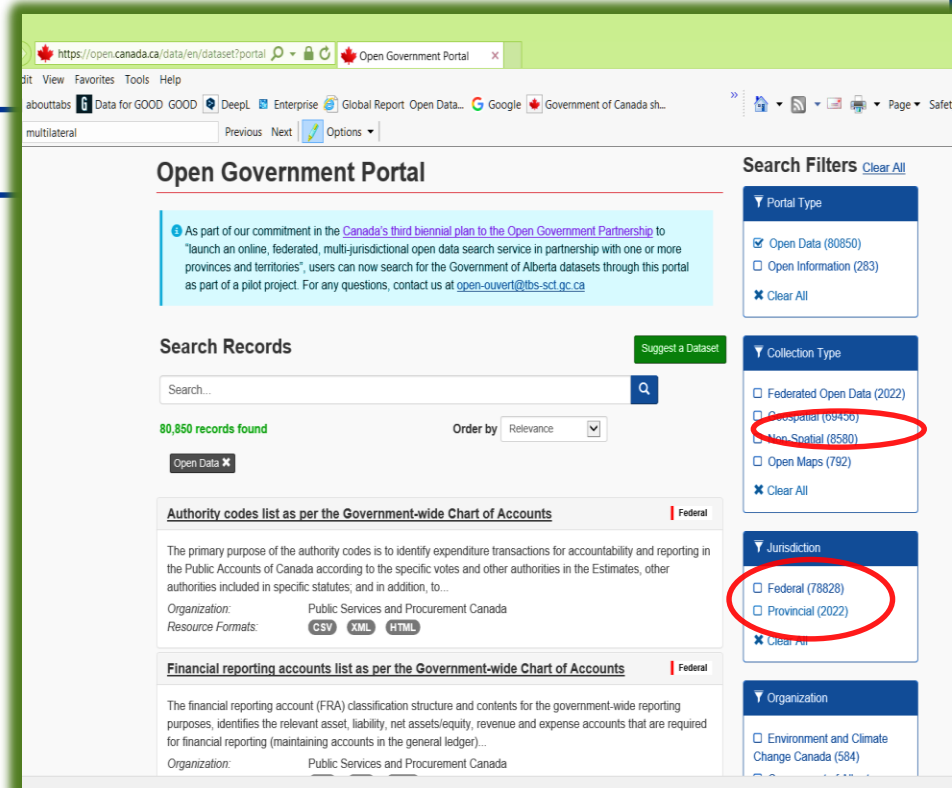
3: Federated Open Data Search (Lead: AB)

What we committed to

- ✓ Finalise MOU on Federated Open Data search and map metadata.
- ✓ Gather functional specifications and create technical architecture.
- ✓ Implement and test.

What we accomplished

- ✓ Reported on cross-jurisdictional metadata profile scan.
- ✓ GC and AB signed an MOU for a federated open data pilot.
- ✓ Collected requirements and build IT architecture.
- ✓ Tested and launched federated open data pilot.



4: Benefits of Open Data (Lead: SK)

What we committed to

- ✓ Solicit potential case study examples from Working Group members.
- ✓ Conduct interviews with governments, citizens and others for cases.
- ✓ Write up findings.

What we accomplished

- ✓ Researched methodology on use cases of open data.
- ✓ Ran a survey on social and economic impact of Open data across jurisdictions.
- ✓ Compiled 45 open data cases and released findings on Gccollab.



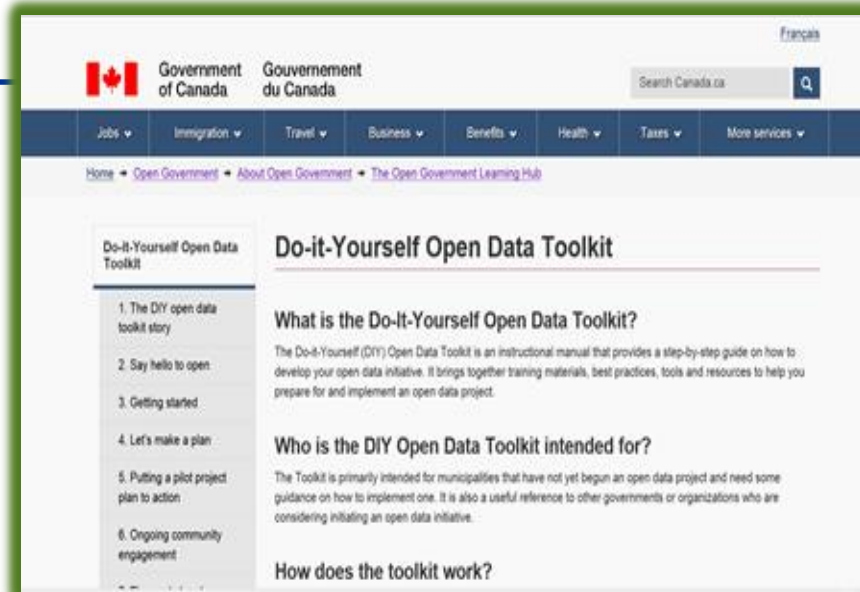
5: Skills Development (Leads: BC and NB)

What we committed to

- ✓ Map body of work on OG training across Canada and define taxonomy.
- ✗ Co-create shared curriculum and engage with governments*.
- ✗ Establish when and how to deliver curriculum*.

What we accomplished

- ✓ Mapped OG resources and released DIY Open Data Toolkit.
- ✓ Trained provincial and municipal participants at GovMakerIV on implementing open data projects.
- ✓ Conducted survey on pan-Canadian creating OG curriculum and released results.



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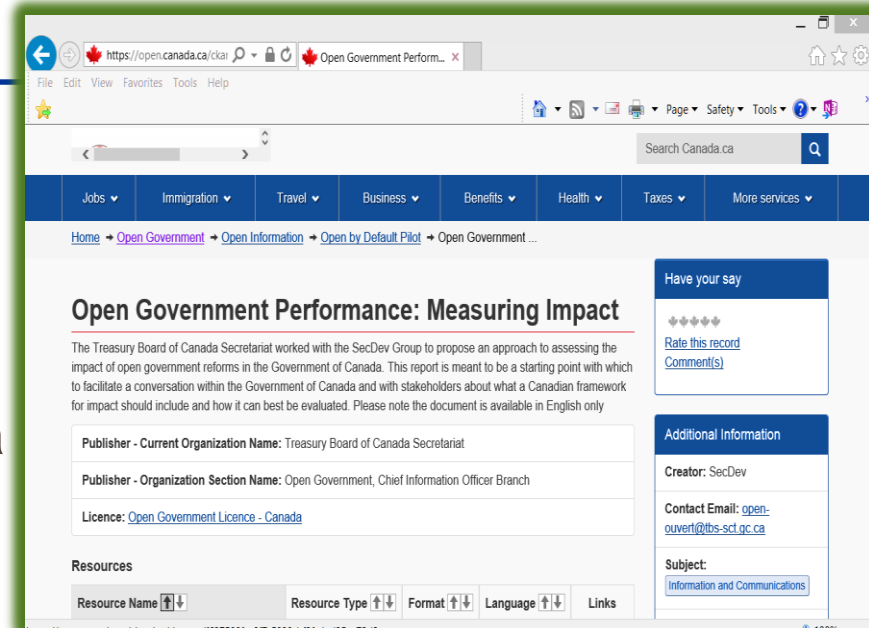
6: Performance Measures (Lead: GC^{Canada})

What we committed to

- ✓ Take stock of existing indicators and determine common outcomes.
- ✗ Engage stakeholders and refine indicators*.
- ✗ Synthesize engagement findings and implement framework*.

What we accomplished

- ✓ Reviewed existing domestic and international OG indicators.
- ✓ Developed a draft performance measurement framework for Canada
- ✓ Worked with SecDev group to release a report on "Open Government Performance Measuring Impact".



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Other key OG milestones across Canada

- First [Open Government Week](#) held across Canada in May 2018.
- Ontario successfully completed first [action plan](#) as part of the Open Government partnership subnational program.
- Quebec [released](#) action plan for the accessibility and sharing of open government data.
- NWT released [Open Government Policy](#).
- NS marked second anniversary of [open data initiative](#).
- PEI re-launched [open data portal](#).
- NB released [digital strategy](#).
- GC [developing](#) 4th OG Action Plan.



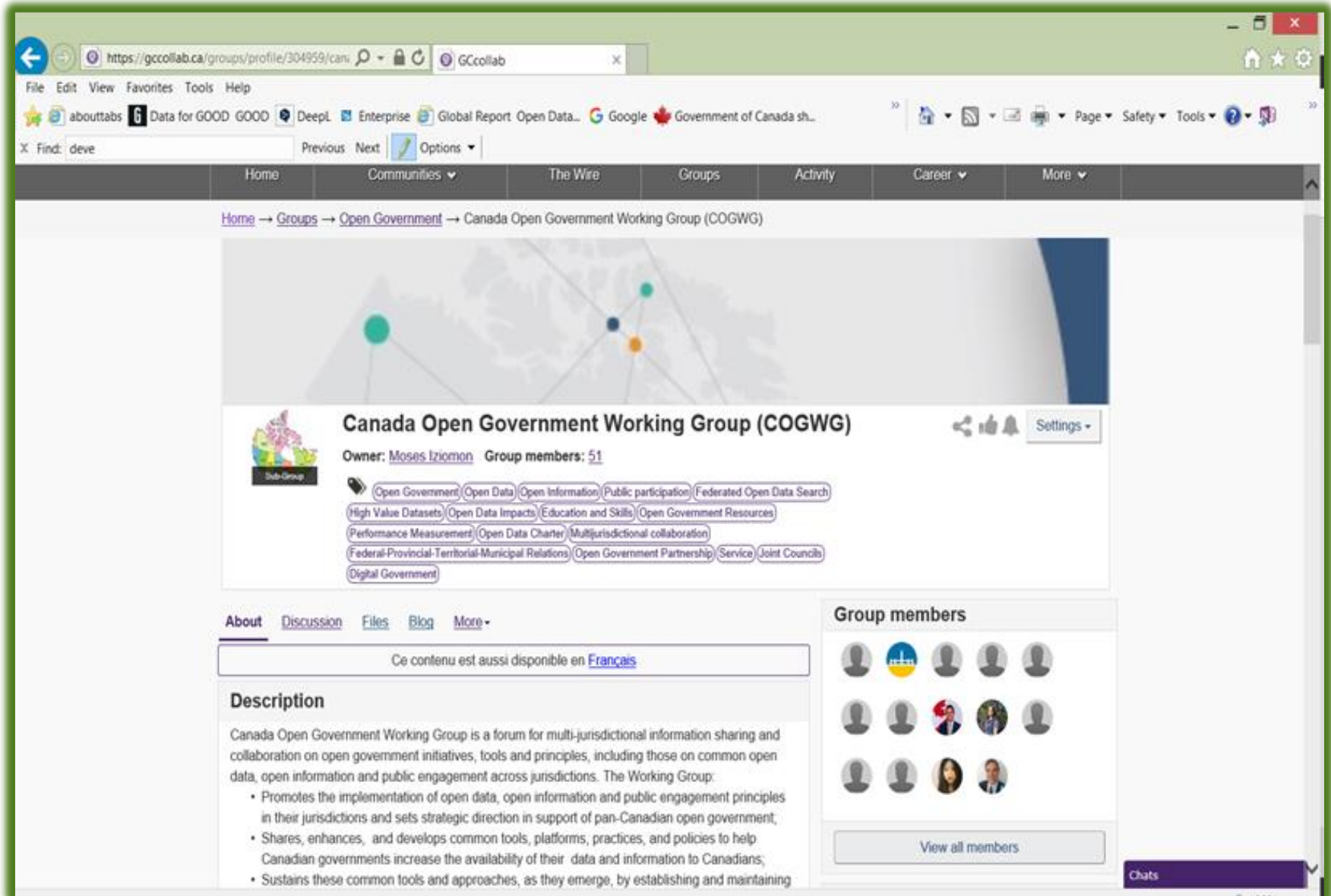
Some lessons learned

- Ongoing promotion of the adoption of the IODC across Canada would require early adopters to take on mentorship role, work with civil society organizations to leverage opportunities and provide targeted communication to potential adopters.
- The successful pilot of a federated open data search service underlines the significance of consistent approach to data and IT infrastructure and demonstrates a proof of concept that is scalable across jurisdictions.
- The criteria developed by the Working Group on identifying high value datasets serves as a tool that can be adopted by different levels of government for prioritizing data for release.
- Some planned commitments under skills development (see Priority 5) and performance measures (see Priority 6) were not implemented due to unforeseen lack of capacity, the complexity of these commitments and evolving body of knowledge in these domains. They will be integrated into the new work plan.
- Not only has the Working Group's multilateral collaborative approach helped to foster peer learning and the sharing of best practices on OG, it also remains crucial to building an open data culture across Canada.

Next steps

- Present results of its 2017-2018 work plan implementation and host senior executive meeting at CODS18 (November 2018).
- Identify new priorities for 2018-19 (including advancing ongoing work on performance measures and skills development), assign leads and develop a new work plan (August – November 2018).
- Review and update current COGWWG Terms of Reference (September 2018).
- Present new work plan and updated Terms of Reference to the Joint Councils (November 2018).

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Description

Canada Open Government Working Group is a forum for multi-jurisdictional information sharing and collaboration on open government initiatives, tools and principles, including those on common open data, open information and public engagement across jurisdictions. The Working Group:

- Promotes the implementation of open data, open information and public engagement principles in their jurisdictions and sets strategic direction in support of pan-Canadian open government,
- Shares, enhances, and develops common tools, platforms, practices, and policies to help Canadian governments increase the availability of their data and information to Canadians;
- Sustains these common tools and approaches, as they emerge, by establishing and maintaining

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