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Open Data

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Open Dialogue

Purpose

- Report on the outcomes of Canada Open Government Working Group's (COGWWG's) participation in the recent Canadian Open Data Summit.
- Present COGWWG's 2018-19 priorities and work plan, outlining current activities and next steps.
- Identify upcoming national and global open government opportunities.

Background - What is Open Government?

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

- 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

Canada Open Government Working Group (COGWWG)

- A forum for multi-jurisdictional collaboration on open government (OG).
- Comprised of representatives from the federal government, provinces and territories (FPT).
- Co-chaired by the Government of Canada and Government of Alberta (with annual review of PT Co-Chair).
- Provides expert advice and reports to the Joint Councils.
- Meets regularly to share leading practices and advance key pan-Canadian OG priorities.



Canadian Open Data Summit 2018 (CODS18)

- Central theme focused on easing, effective and excellent collaboration
- Brought together over 175 participants from governments, industry, civil society, civic technology groups and academics
- Featured 35 plenary and parallel sessions, 70 speakers and over 25 topics
- Hosted by the City of Niagara from Nov 7-9, 2018



COGWWG-led Activities during CODS18

- Half-day COGWWG senior executive meeting to review governance, establish new priorities and renew collaboration
- Workshop on standardizing high value datasets
- Panel sessions on:
 - Building Pan-Canadian Framework on Open Government;
 - Open engagement and co-creation; and
 - Community open data portal



Key COGWWG's Outcomes from CODS18

- Report on the delivery of 2017-18 COGWWG commitments and release of new priorities for 2018-19
- Engagement on cross-jurisdictional common data standards
- Significant learning opportunities for improved co-creation practices, and a more open and collaborative environment
- Consideration of expansion of COGWWG to include municipal representatives
- Heightened momentum for the 2019 OGP Global Summit
- National recognition of Quebec for open data excellence

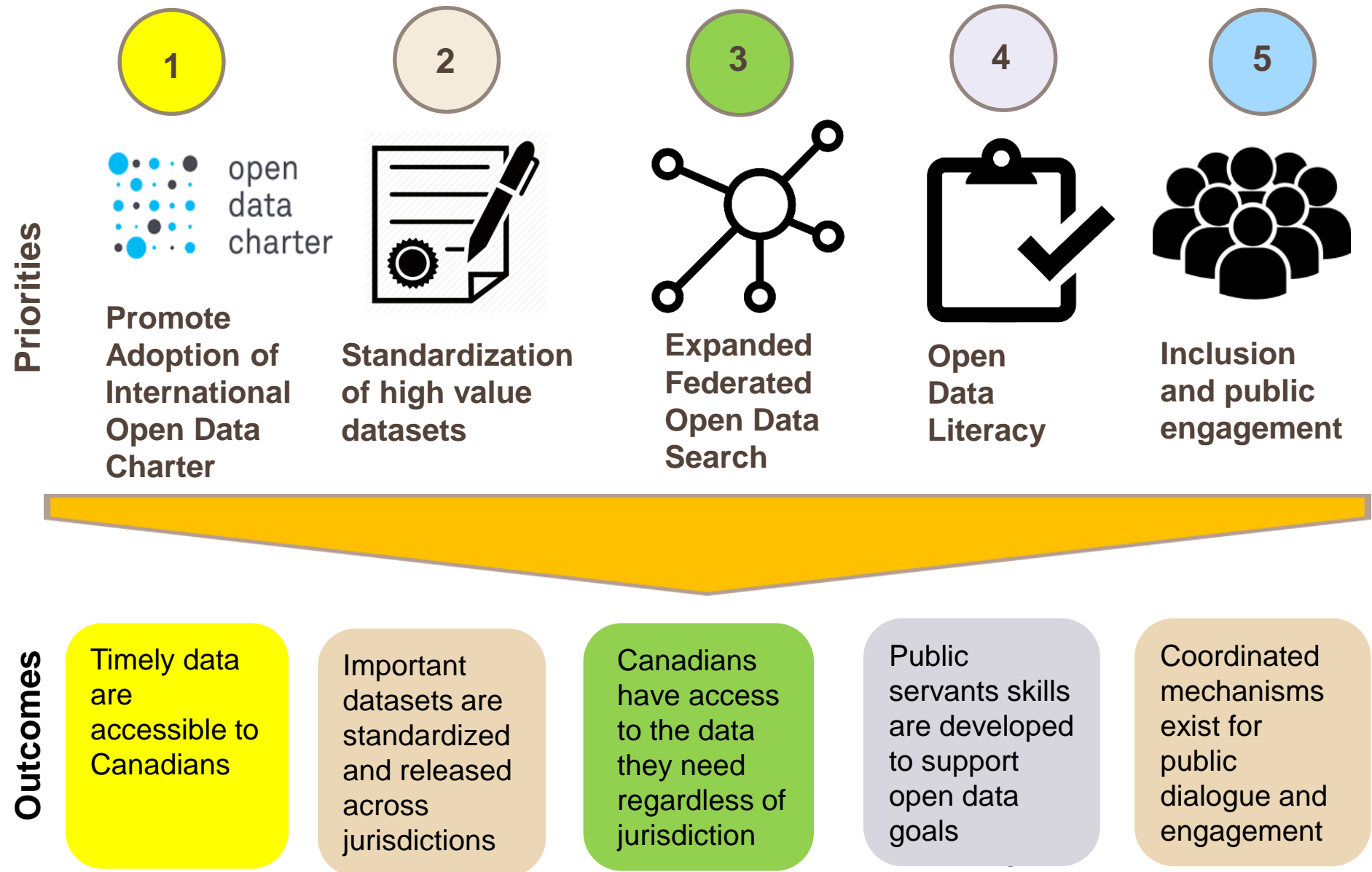


CODS Proposed high value datasets for standardization*	
Procurement	Water Quality
Administrative boundary	Crime statistics
Municipal registry	Crown land



* These are the top datasets proposed for standardization by CODS participants from a longer list of COGWWG high priority datasets

COGWWG 2018-19 Priorities and Expected Outcomes



Upcoming Opportunities

- Contribute to the national open government week (March 11-17).
- Participate in the 2019 OGP global summit (May 29 – 31) in Ottawa to showcase some COGWWG activities.

Work Plan*

Overview of COGWWG Current Activities and Next Steps

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- *More detailed information on COGWWG 2018-19 Work Plan is available in [Gccollab](https://gccollab.ca/file/view/1668881/encogwg-work-plan-2018-19fr) (see <https://gccollab.ca/file/view/1668881/encogwg-work-plan-2018-19fr>)*

1. Adoption of Open Data Charter

Issue	Lack of adoption of the international open data charter (IODC) impedes intergovernmental work to harmonize open data practices
Expected Outcome	Comparable, interoperable and timely data are accessible to Canadians
Leads (L) & Partner (P)	Ontario and Government of Canada (L) Alberta (P)
Current Activity	Promote the IODC at major open data event (such CODS) and through GCcollab
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Survey subnational governments to validate their current state and interest in adopting the IODC• Provide analysis of feedback including barriers, opportunities and risks to the IODC secretariat• Monitor the Charter Refresh process and communicate to COGWWG

2. Standardization of high value datasets



Issue	High value datasets need to be standardized to ensure quality, interoperability and comparability of data across jurisdictions
Expected Outcome	Important datasets are standardized and released across jurisdictions
Leads (L) & Partners (P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quebec and Nova Scotia (L)• Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Nunavut (P)
Current Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct environmental scan of domestic and international standards.• Review consultation outcomes and other logistical considerations to determine five datasets for standardization
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold standardization workshops on identified datasets• Develop standards and supporting documentation• Release documentation

3. Expanded Federated Open Data Search

Issue	Currently, Canadians must search each individual jurisdiction's open data portal in order to find the data they need.
Expected Outcome	Canadians have easier access to the data they need regardless of the jurisdiction from which they originate
Lead (L) & Partners (P)	Government of Canada (L) Québec and British Columbia (P)
Current Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share documentation on federated open data pilot• Interested partners to evaluate federated open data opportunity• Gather statistics and conduct user research on federated open data pilot
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update multijurisdictional metadata profile mapping• Develop project charter, gather requirements and create a workflow once interested partners express commitment• Create technical architecture, implement workflow and test

4. Open Data Literacy

Issue	Different jurisdictions are at varying levels of maturity on open data, with a growing demand for open data education
Expected Outcome	Public servants skills are developed to support open data goals
Leads (L) & Partners (P)	British Columbia and Nova Scotia (L)
Current Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct assessment of organizational data literacy across jurisdictions
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collate exemplars of open data use cases across jurisdictions for sharing and to build on successes• Leverage existing artifacts that support organizational data literacy• Identify opportunities for enhancing training• Create proposal for developing open data literacy materials and training

5. Inclusion, Public engagement and Dialogue



Issue	There is a need for a more collaborative approach to engagement at all levels of government and to ensure diversity and inclusion of marginalized population in the approach
Expected Outcome	Coordinated mechanisms exist for public dialogue and engagement across Canada
Leads (L) & Partners (P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saskatchewan and Alberta (L)• North West Territories (P)
Current Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete jurisdictional environment scan of global and national best practices on engagement.• Launch a pan-Canadian Working Group on public engagement
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop Terms of Reference for the Working Group.• Develop pan-Canadian principles for Open Government engagement and recommendations for review by COGWWG.• Finalize Engagement Strategy summary report.