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# CANADA OPEN GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP

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# Purpose

- Update on key accomplishments of the Canada Open Government Working Group (COGWWG) to date and next steps
- Identify ongoing challenges and new opportunities for open government in Canada

# What is Open Government?

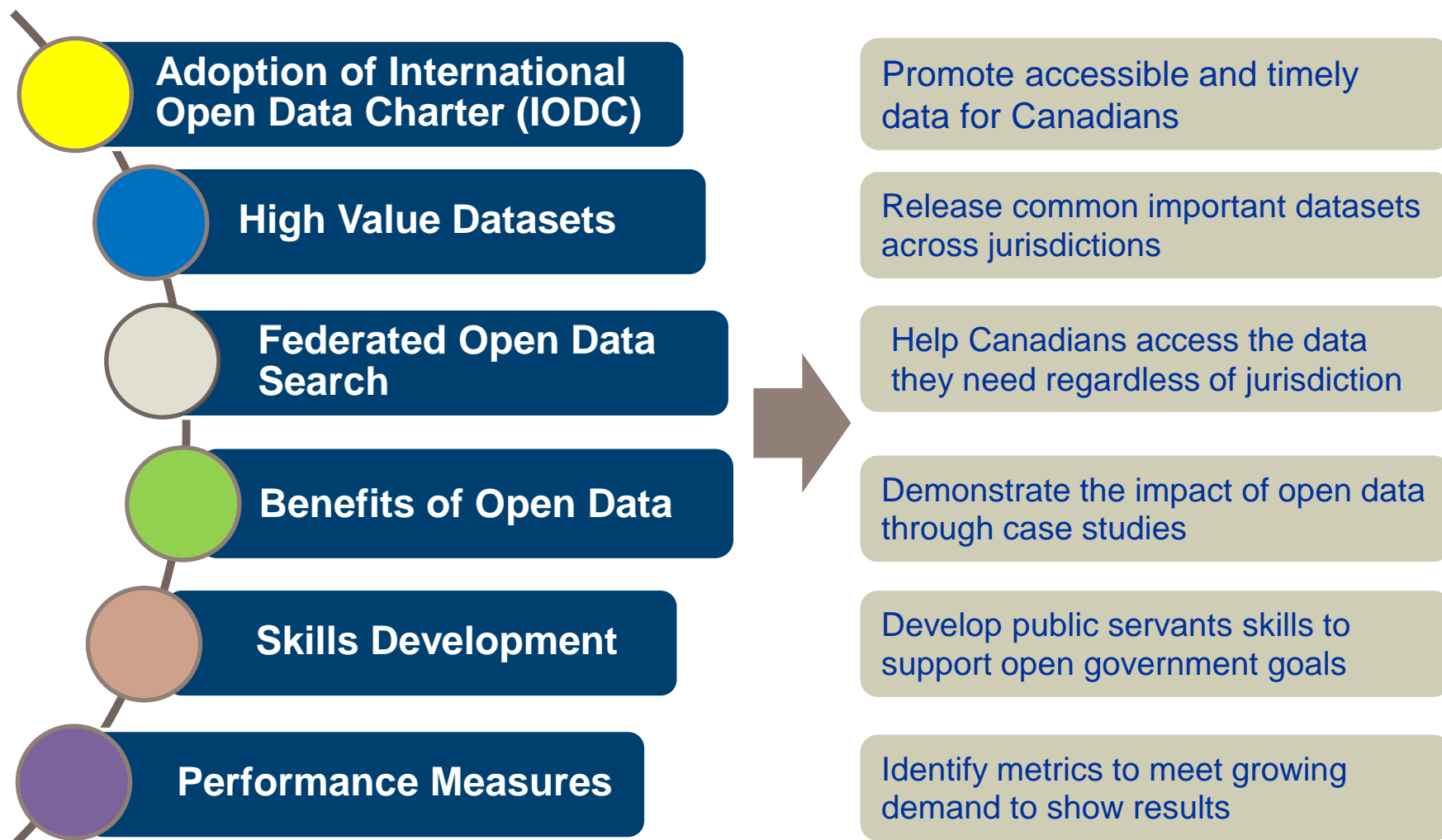
- Open Government is about greater openness and accountability, strengthening democracy and citizen participation, and driving innovation and economic opportunities for all Canadians.
  - ✓ A key priority for the Government of Canada and governments across Canada
  - ✓ A recognized international undertaking
  - ✓ An opportunity for public servants to more effectively deliver the programs and services Canadians want and expect

# Canada Open Government Working Group

- A multi-jurisdiction forum for collaboration on open government (OG)
- Includes representatives from the federal government, provinces and territories
- Currently co-chaired by the Government of Canada and Government of Alberta
- Provides expert advice and reports to the Joint Councils
- Meets regularly to advance work on key open government priorities



# Current Priorities\* and Expected Outcomes



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

## Key Accomplishments

- ✓ Created an online collaborative space for collecting Open Data Charter resources.
- ✓ Shared actions on the adoption of the IODC at regional and national open data fora.
- ✓ Alberta is working towards adopting IODC in 2018.
- ✓ Ontario is now a member of the Advisory Board on IODC



## Next steps

Continued support for jurisdictions to adopt the principles of the IODC.

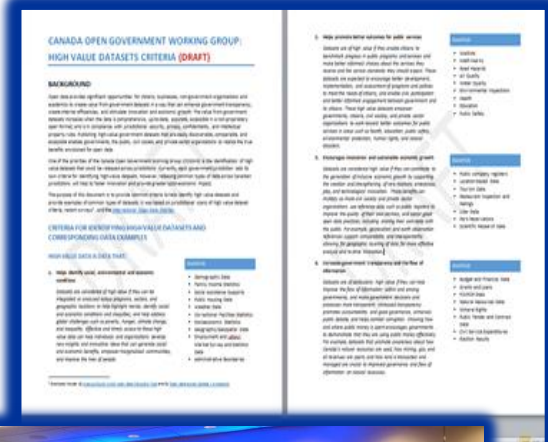
# 2: High Value Datasets (Leads: QC and NS )

## Key Accomplishments

- ✓ Conducted environmental scans of high value datasets domestically and internationally
- ✓ Developed draft criteria for identifying high value datasets across Canada
- ✓ Panel session on prioritizing data and information for release at [GovMakerIV](#) Conference

## Next steps

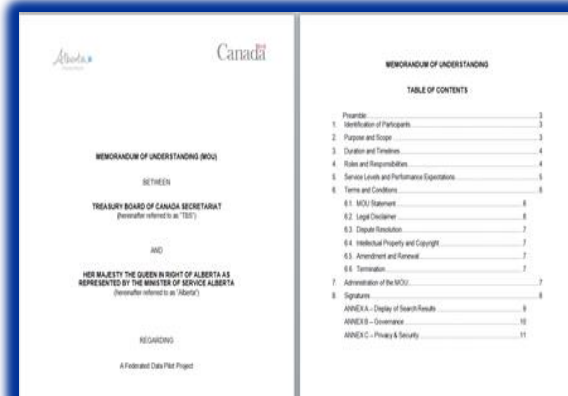
Recommend, consult and finalize criteria and a list of core datasets that all jurisdictions should seek to release



# 3: Federated Open Data Search (Lead: AB )

## Key Accomplishments

- ✓ Conducted a cross-jurisdictional metadata profile scan.
- ✓ Developed an MOU for a pilot project on federated open data between GC and AB.
- ✓ Established a draft plan for implementation of pilot project.



## Next steps

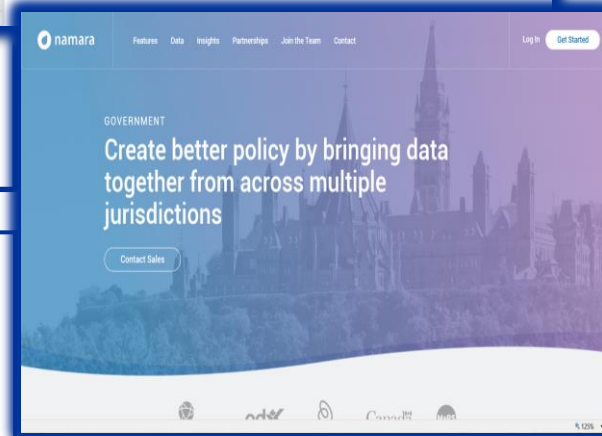
- Gather functional specifications to launch pilot
- Create technical architecture, implement and test



# 4: Benefits of Open Data (Lead: SK )

## Key Accomplishments

- ✓ Researched methodology on use cases of open data.
- ✓ Compiled examples of social and economic impact of Open data across jurisdictions.



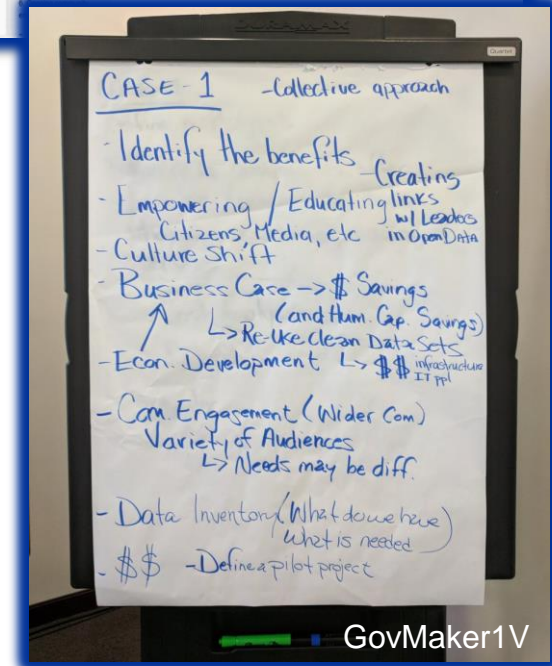
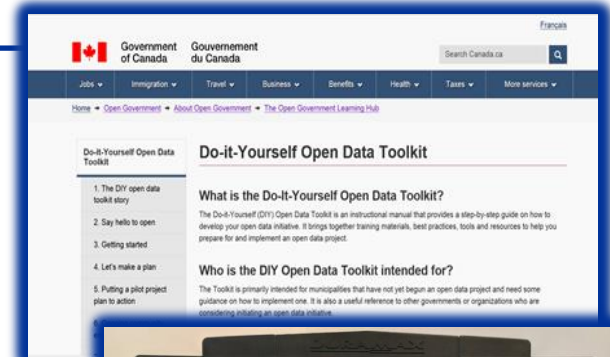
## Next steps

- Conduct interviews with stakeholders on select open data use cases
- Write up findings and publish

# 5: Skills Development (Leads: NB and BC )

## Key Accomplishments

- ✓ Conducted initial environmental scan of OG skills resources.
- ✓ Released DIY Open Data Toolkit for municipalities
- ✓ Workshop on accelerating open data across Canada at GovMakerIV - trained provincial and municipal participants on implementing open data projects.



## Next steps

- Conduct a survey to engage with Canadian governments on OG skills
- Co-create a shared curriculum

# 6: Performance Measures (Lead: GC )

## Key Accomplishments

- ✓ Reviewed existing domestic and international OG indicators.
- ✓ Developed a draft performance measurement framework for Canada.



## Next steps

- Engage key stakeholders to identify measurement priorities
- Refine indicators and finalize framework

Outcomes	Long-term	Open data and information help government deliver programs and services that Canadians need and expect		Canadians have trust in their government and the tools to hold it to account	
	Inter-mediate	Increase in the public use of open data and information, including to support innovation or economic growth		Canada leverages best practices, including for engagement, to advance open government at home and abroad	
	Immediate	Canadians have timely access to government information (DIR)		Public servants understand and are equipped to implement open government principles and practices	
Outputs		Open government plans, accountability documents	User-friendly platform for Canadians to access open government data and information, and to engage on open government issues	Summary reports on input from Canadians including how comments and ideas have been incorporated	Training material and other learning solutions
		Government-wide guidance, coordination, and policies			Peer learning from forums and events and better alignment and awareness of best practices
Activities		Develop government-wide plans; coordinate, lead, and oversee their implementation	Ensure online infrastructure is provided to enable departments to release their data and information	Outreach and engagement with public on open government	Training and outreach within public service
					Participate in peer learning forums and events within Canada and abroad

# Challenges and Opportunities

## Challenges

- OG priorities differ between Canadian governments
- Lack of OG capacity in some jurisdictions
- Different metadata profile and IT infrastructure
- Shifting culture from closed to open – an emerging policy area

## Opportunities

- Define coherent national OG priorities
- Acquire greater buy-in from senior management and more champions on OG
- Adopt consistent approach to data and IT infrastructure
- Institute practices and policies to support OG