

# Meeting Notes



**Meeting:** EAP and TKM officials meeting

**Date:** 10 June 2022

**Time:** 9:30am-11:30am

## Attendees

**Te Kawa Mataaho (TKM):** Dean Rosson (Manager, Integrity Ethics and Standards); Stephen Moore; Christine Lloyd; Tula Garry; Arpita Das, Rachel Greer

**EAP:** Suzanne Snively; Jackie Paul, Simon Wright, Farib Sos

## Topics for discussion

- Recap on workshops and output from these
- Draft prioritisation criteria
- Potential fledgling commitments from workshop

### **Recap on workshops and output from these**

The TKM team provided a brief overview of the four workshops that were organised in April and May 2022.

### **Draft prioritisation criteria**

The OGP team discussed some preliminary prioritisation criteria that had been developed to assess the priority of the potential commitments discussed by participants in the April – May 2022 workshops to develop the fourth National Action Plan (NAP4).

Eighteen potential fledgling commitments had been identified so far from the workshops. It was noted that further feedback on the potential commitments still to come from participants and stakeholders. Further, there was more work to do to identify agencies and civil society partners willing and able to implement fledgling commitments.

Some of the eighteen potential commitments were a combination of the ideas discussed in the workshops. Some ideas were combined as the proposed commitment ideas had a common intent, purpose, or outcome.

The preliminary assessment criteria are as below:

<b>Problem statement</b>
Clearly statement problem and/or opportunity that is evidenced; real not just perceived; addresses an important need
<b>OGP factors</b>
Transparency, accountability, good governance, participation, co-design, co-implementation
<b>Benefits</b>
Measurable, wide/ significant impact, sustainable, change govt practice, improve equity, social cohesion, foundational
<b>Reach</b>
General or targeted and specific, multi-levels, cascading, enduring, transformational, piloted or established
<b>Support</b>

Clear lead/sponsor, govt and CSO support, capability, resourcing/funding, links to existing work programme
<b>Ambition</b> International, leadership, stretch, government and civil society both invested, novel

### ***Potential fledgling commitments from workshop***

The assessment criteria "Ambition" was discussed and agreed to include an aspirational element, offering the potential for Aotearoa New Zealand to be a leader in a particular subject area within the OGP space.

Each of the potential/ fledgling commitments identified from the workshops were discussed and assessed against the preliminary prioritisation criteria.

TKM officials gave a short summary of each of the fledgling commitments, which were discussed and scored on a scale of 0-3.

It was noted that there was further work to do on the fledgling commitments, to articulate clear, policy proposals and in order to test their potential implementation. There were opportunities for TKM to take a lead role and work with agencies on some commitments, for example, community engagement in policy and service design and for procurement transparency. It was also noted that not all ideas raised in workshops were discussed in full and considered as fledgling commitments due to time available and the preferences of the group involved. This did not exclude additional potential fledgling commitments submitted during the next consultation phase. It was noted, in this respect, that the EAP could formally request an update from agencies on work which advances Open Government Partnership objectives.

At the end of the workshop four potential commitments were as having high levels of ambition. These were:

- Convene agencies and experts to further research and address misinformation /disinformation
- Implement a deliberative process(es) i.e., Citizens juries/assemblies – need to consider context and whether possibly a pilot that is co-designed
- Promote the use of the community engagement tool to increase community engagement in govt policy by expanding this practice more widely and establishing a mandated authority for this purpose
- Research awareness and use of AI by government and develop a monitoring framework (incl Algorithm Charter review findings)

There were other, important potential commitments well worth pursuing that were not new and some had been advocated to government for some time. These were:

- Establishing a public beneficial ownership register for companies and trusts; and
- Increasing the transparency of government procurement, including adopting, and embedding the Open Contracting Principle and the Open Contracting Data Standard

### **Two other fledgling commitments, below, may be linked and could be further investigated:**

- Providing multiple-service channel for public services, so that there were different channel options, not just digital, for the delivery of public services
- Establishing a central govt information repository, potentially linked to, or building off the functionality of Data.govt.nz. Centralised means to navigate the system for information aims to reduce barriers to finding information. This proposal may benefit from further analysis as the issue may be more related to changing how agencies, rather than the public, behaves

**Actions:** Next meet with officials, EAP and CSO members on 29 June to provide an update on the development of potential commitments and their sponsorship.

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Starred/potential high impact	
Important/ought to be progressed	
Unlikely to gain support	
Not discussed in any detail	

Potential Commitments	Problem statement	OGP factors	Benefits	Reach	Support		Ambition
					Agency	CSO	
1. Establish a central govt information repository	2- 3	3	2	3		3	2
2. Address misinformation/disinformation	2	3	3	2			2-3
3. Enable participation							
4. Investigate and address voting behaviour							
5. Public services multi-service channel	3	3					
6. Deliberative process(es)	3	3	3	3	1-2	3	3
7. Increase community engagement in policy, service design	3	3	3	2-	3	3	3
8. Govt data protocols							
9. Use of complaints info to improve agency performance -							
10. Publish evidence used in services and policy design							
11. Develop a monitoring framework for AI	3	3	3	3		?3	3
12. Review leg policy for OIA exemptions	3	3	1	1			1
13. Increase measures to prevent export of corruption							
14. Increase transparency of govt procurement decisions –							
15. Establish an independent fiscal institution							
16. Legislate transparent beneficial ownership of companies, trusts							
17. Establish a transparent grants register for all sectors							
18. Increase transparency of govt spending eg Citizen's Budget							