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Open Government in Tunisia

ESCWA Capacity building workshop on innovation in the public sector

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The Open Government Partnership

A multi-stakeholder initiative through which governments make concrete commitments to:

• Promote transparency
• Empower citizens
• Fight corruption
• Harness new technologies to strengthen governance
Principles of OGP

- **Original idea:** Build upon open government momentum to push agenda on transparency, accountability and citizen engagement especially using ICT
- **Eligibility:** Basic protection for civil liberties and citizen engagement
- **Governance:** Equal power governments and civil society
- **Process:** Broad consultation with citizens, civil society, private sector to develop national Action Plan
- **Plan:** Country commitment to their citizenry
- **Goal:** more open government and society; restore trust citizen - state
What makes OGP Different?

Countries develop action plans with concrete ambitious commitments and firm timelines

Independent reporting to promote accountability

OGP is a genuine partnership of government and civil society at all levels

Governments, civil society, and the private sector come together to learn from each other, partner, and innovate
Tunisia Efforts to join OGP

Access to information

• The decree law n°41 dated 26 of May 2011 related to the access to administrative documents of public structures as amended and completed by the decree law n° 54 dated 11th of June 2011 according to it the freedom of information right was devoted. Circular 25 on 5 May 2012 in relation to access to administrative documents of public structures.
Open data portal “data.gov.tn”

• dealing with information collected from public structures and providing open access to public documents.

• This site has been in place since July 2012 and it represents a single window for access to administrative documents, it can provide:
  – Access to administrative document by sectors in two languages (french and arabic) and download documents
  – Submit proposals and new ideas by users to develop and enrich the portal with new data through two forms in the portal "proposals" and "request data",
  – Access to data sets
Develop open data portal

www.data.gov.tn
Build up participatory approach

- Build up the principle of involving citizens in decision making, public-policy making and law making process through the publication of circulars. The first one is the circular n°12 dated 2011 related to involvement of citizens in public service assessment process.

- Develop public participation portal [www.consultations-publiques.tn](http://www.consultations-publiques.tn)
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www.consultations-publiques.tn
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A new constitution

The new constitution was adopted by the Constituent National assembly on 26 January 2014. The new constitution has many articles about public affairs management.

**Article 10**: The state shall ensure the proper use of public funds and take the necessary measures to spend it according to the priorities of the national economy, and prevents corruption and all that can threaten national resources and sovereignty.

**Article 15**: The public administration is at the service of citizens and the common good. It is organised and operates in accordance with the principles of impartiality, equality and the continuity of public services, and in conformity with the rules of transparency, integrity, efficiency and accountability.

**Article 139**: Local authorities shall adopt the mechanisms of participatory democracy and the principles of open governance to ensure the broadest participation of citizens and of civil society in the preparation of development programmes and land use planning, and follow up on their implementation, in conformity with the law.
OECD support to join OGP

• The first meeting of the steering committee responsible for the preparation of Tunisian adhesion to OGP.
• Peer review meetings to prepare Tunisian adhesion process between OECD experts, civil society and government representatives.

Drafting a preliminary report dealing with recommendations to Tunisian government and civil society on how to fulfill eligibility criteria to OGP.
Tunisia Joins OGP

January, 14th 2014

The OGP membership of Tunisia reflects the commitment of Tunisian government to a new governance system based on principles of transparency, integrity and accountability.
National OGP action plan drafting process
Objectives

- Fighting corruption
- Enhancing integrity
- Promoting Public Participation
- Enhancing Transparency
- Improving public service delivery
- Instilling open government culture
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<td>04 March 2014</td>
<td>Starting a dialogue with representatives of civil society</td>
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<td>06 May 2014</td>
<td>Starting the first phase of the national consultation on the National Action Plan for Open Government Partnership</td>
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<td>10 July 2014</td>
<td>Establishment of a Consultative Committee in charge of the national action plan drafting and monitoring of its implementation</td>
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<td>25 August 2014</td>
<td>Publish and launch the second phase of the National consultation on the National Open Government Partnership action plan.</td>
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<td>23 September 2014</td>
<td>Publication of the final version of the National Action Plan for Open Government Partnership</td>
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Establishment of a Consultative national action plan OGP

Establish task force team to endorse the consultative committee and speed up the achievement

Submit the final version of the action plan in the presence of representatives of civil society to an open dialogue on the implementation requirements.

Establishment of a Consultative Committee in charge for preparing a national action plan and monitor its implementation

Establish public Consultation online

Organize a workshop attended by representatives of civil society to discuss the initial version of the Action Plan

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www.facebook.com/ogptunisie

www.consultations-publiques.tn
Content of tunisian National Action Plan for Open Government Partnership

Strengthening integrity in public sector, fighting corruption and promoting democracy through a transparent government.

- Commitment n°1 - Strengthening the legal framework for corruption fight
- Commitment n°2: Developing an integrated electronic civil petition and corruption reporting platform
- Commitment n°3 - Publishing an annual report on audit activities in public sector
- Commitment n°4 - Reviewing the legal framework of personal data protection and ensuring its conformity with article 24 of the constitution
- Commitment n°5 - Developing an Open Data Portal
- Commitment n°6 - Preparing a national corporate governance repository
Content of National Action Plan for Open Government Partnership in Tunis

Improving public services delivery, strengthening the participatory approach and instilling open government principles within the public sector.

• Commitment n°7 - Establishing a legal framework that regulates communication and interaction within public sector and between public structures and citizens using ICT
• Commitment n°8 - Simplifying administrative procedures
• Commitment n°9 - Developing a number of administrative on-line services
• Commitment n°10 - Enhancing people participation in the decision-making process
• Commitment n°11 - Capacity-building of civil servants in the area of open governance
• Commitment n°12 - Creating of a training academy specialized in the area of governance
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Improvement of transparency in the financial field and in the field of public procurement

- Commitment n°13 - publication of budget reports
- Commitment n°14 - Development of the open budget system
- Commitment n°15 – Exploring data existing in the budget management platform (ADEB)
- Commitment n°16 - Publication of reports related to attribution and execution of public procurement and audit results
- Commitment n°17: Publication of recommendations raised in audit reports in the area of public procurement
Content of National Action Plan for Open Government Partnership in Tunis

Devoting transparency in the field of management of natural resources, infrastructure projects and protection of environment

- Commitment n°18 - Development of an "Open Data" platform dedicated to information dealing with petroleum and mining sectors investment
- Commitment n°19 - Improve transparency in the area of infrastructure projects
- Commitment n°20 - Devoting transparency in the area of environment protection
Some detailed commitments
Commitment n°2: Developing an integrated electronic civil petition and corruption reporting platform

- This platform will contribute to fight corruption and promote citizen participation.
- Using multiple channels (Website, Call center, SMS, direct visits of citizens,...), the system will be a gate to receive citizens’ complaints and report corruption cases.
- It will allow citizens to follow-up their petition treatment process.
- Stakeholders: The Committee of governance and corruption fight, All involved ministries.
Commitment n°10: Enhancing people participation in the decision-making process

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<td>• This framework is expected to determine the different stages to adopt legislation (laws, decrees,...) and to identify the intervening parties and the role of each of them in the process, according to a predefined calendar.</td>
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<td>• Multiple channels of communication will be adopted in order to enable them to express their opinions, make suggestions, share their ideas about public policies and programs formulation and to follow up their implementation.</td>
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Commitment n°18: Development of an "Open Data" platform dedicated to information dealing with petroleum and mining sectors investment

- This platform will include the following categories of data:
  - The updated status of the bonds mining,
  - General indicators of investment in the sector,
  - All data relating to production,
  - consumption, import and export, distribution and sale contracts, etc.,
  - companies operating in the sector and the size of their investments, activities and their contracts,
  - fiscal crops derived from the state sector.

Implementation timeline: 2015-2016
Structure in charge: Ministry of Industry
Commitment n°19: Improve transparency in the area of infrastructure projects

1. The implementation of a Geographic Information System for urban development plans containing urban plans approved and containing all related administrative and legal data (legal 18 texts and urban regulation) taking into consideration geographic data to make it available for interested parties (ministries, municipalities, consulting firms...).

2. Preparation of land use master plan projects and their publication online.

3. Online publication of governorates ATLAS including economic, environmental and social data.
   - Implementation of a database that includes natural, environmental, demographic, economic, social and urban specific data of each governorate in Tunisia in order to make a current diagnosis of the governorate and to establish specific and appropriate development programs.
**Commitment n°20: Devoting transparency in the area of environment protection**

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International estimate allocated to the efforts made by Tunisia to open government

Presentation of the National Action Plan Open Government Partnership by Mr. Angel Gurria General Secretary of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris during international forum on 30 September 2014.
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