

OGP Steering Committee Tbilisi Resolution

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We, members of the OGP Steering Committee, renew our commitment to the principles and values of the Open Government Partnership, as outlined in the Open Government Declaration and the Paris Declaration,

We will, together with all Open Government Partnership members, continue to increase the quantity of truly transformative open government reforms, and to deepen the collaboration between government and civil society,

We will move beyond promoting open governance in the executive branch of government, and increase efforts to foster a culture of open governance in legislatures, the judiciary and independent government institutions, as well as at local levels of government,

We will promote open governance reforms of legislatures, by enhancing mechanisms for better citizen engagement in the oversight of the government and in the policy development process, ensuring inclusive and participatory legislative and decision-making processes and supporting legislatures in becoming more transparent, responsive, and accountable,

We will promote open governance reforms of the judiciary by working with judicial authorities to introduce measures to enhance accountability, integrity and transparency of the judiciary,

We will foster open governance at the subnational level, by working with local governments of participating OGP countries to promote public participation in service delivery and bring government closer to the people,

We will continue to focus on the tangible impact of our efforts on the lives of communities and citizens, to broaden collective ownership of OGP reforms, and to go beyond a consultative model of citizen engagement by promoting inclusive and active partnership with citizens through co-creation in policymaking and service delivery,

We will establish new partnerships and bring in new actors and use innovative open government approaches -including a renewed focus on fully including women and girls in open government reform processes- to advance the most critical governance and societal priorities such as anti-corruption efforts, open, inclusive and effective service delivery, reducing income inequality and enhancing trust in institutions, and inclusive policy making,

We will focus on strengthening partnership with the private sector to strengthen our collective impact and the sustainability of open governance reforms,

We will champion open, inclusive, and democratic governance, believing that OGP must take a stand when there are threats to democracy and civic space, and leveraging our leadership role at various global fora so OGP becomes a positive force for openness and deeper democracy,

We will ensure the OGP action plan process and broader domestic reform efforts in each of our countries strengthens government-citizen relations to open civic space, including working with civil society organizations to improve the legal enabling environment, to uphold and protect policies for journalists and human rights defenders, and to design frameworks and policies that protect digital rights, media freedoms, and the right of access to information,

We pledge to advance the values and principles of open government widely, including in other global initiatives such as the Sustainable Development Goals, anti-corruption efforts, and the fight against climate change, so that OGP and the principles of open government help strategically advance implementation, in coordination with established monitoring and implementation mechanisms, including those implemented by the United Nations,

We commit to rising to this challenge as well as to continuing to promote open government reforms as a means to foster transparency, accountability, and equality through technology, innovation and co-creation in all branches of government in ways that inspire the wider open government community,

We believe these commitments can take OGP to a new level, acknowledging that we all joined Open Government Partnership to improve governance on behalf of the communities and peoples that we serve, and to advance unequivocal respect for dignity and human rights.