



WELCOME TO THE 2025 OGP GLOBAL SUMMIT AGENDA

We are pleased to share with you this working version of the agenda for the 2025 Open Government Partnership Global Summit, which will take place in Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, from October 6 to 10.

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Agenda overview

Day	Activities
Monday, 6 October	<i>Side events, including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Open Parliament● OGP Local● OECD Working Group on Open Government
Tuesday, 7 October	OGP Camp (invite-only) Opening Plenary Core Summit Agenda (roundtables, breakouts, networking) <i>Side events</i>
Wednesday, 8 October	Core Summit Agenda (roundtables, breakouts, networking) Cultural event / Networking <i>Side events</i>
Thursday, 9 October	Core Summit Agenda (roundtables, breakouts, networking) OGP Awards Ceremony Closing Plenary <i>Side events</i>
Friday, 10 October	<i>Side events, including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>International Congress on Open State and Governance</i>

Day-by-day agenda summary

Tuesday 7 October, 2025			
<u>Timing</u>	<u>Session Title</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Session Organizer(s)</u>
Morning	OGP Camp (invitation-only)	Side Event	OGP Support Unit
Mid-Day	Opening Plenary	Plenary	Summit Organizers
Afternoon	Resilience and Democratic Quality in Times of Crisis: A Global Call	High-Level Panel	Summit Organizers
	Challenges of public policy evaluation for accountability and transparency: best practices	Breakout Session	Instituto Andaluz de Políticas Públicas
	Beneficial ownership transparency: approaches and innovations in anti-corruption and resource mobilisation	Breakout Session	Open Ownership / Government of Armenia
	Participatory Governance of AI: Learnings and Opportunities	Breakout Session	Connected by Data / IE Instituto de Empresa
	OGP Track 1 [tbc]	Breakout Session	OGP Support Unit
	Data governance: Regulations, collaboration and reuse.	Breakout Session	Open Data Charter / ASEDIE - Asociación Multisectorial de la Información
	Mainstreaming Participation: lessons learned and the path forward	Breakout Session	People Powered / Institute of Finance / Government of Finland

Late Afternoon	Successful country and local practices to make justice systems more effective and people-centred	Breakout Session	Comunidad de Madrid / OECD Access to Justice
	How can lobbying be regulated to ensure fairness, transparency, and public participation?	Breakout Session	ECNL - European Center for Not-for-Profit Law / APRI - Asociación de Profesionales de las Relaciones Institucionales
	Algorithmic Transparency for Democratic Accountability	Breakout Session	IA Ciudadana / Government of Scotland
	OGP Track 2 [tbc]	Breakout Session	OGP Support Unit
	Transformative Participation: Inclusion Experiences to Advance Toward More Equitable and Democratic Societies	Breakout Session	Plataforma del Tercer Sector / Fundación Corona
	TTIPI TTAPA red tape: reducing burdens, simplifying the (overly)complicated administrative scene, one step at a time	Breakout Session	Subdirección General de Organización y Procedimientos - Dirección General de Gobernanza Pública de España

Wednesday 8 October, 2025			
<u>Timing</u>	<u>Session Title</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Session Organizer(s)</u>
Morning	Financial transparency and Integrity	High-Level Panel	Summit Organizers
	Local Open Government to Transform Democracy	Global Dialogue	Summit Organizers

	I Don't Fit, But I'm Here": Resignifying Civic Space from the Margins	Breakout Session	Fundación Multitudes / IDRC - International Development Research Centre
	Twin Transitions: The sustainability challenge of AI Infrastructure	Breakout Session	Ada Lovelace / OGP Support Unit
	OGP Track 3 [tbc]	Breakout Session	OGP Support Unit
	When AI Meets Open Data	Breakout Session	Red.es
	Civic tech and AI: Designing the public participation we want in a digitized world	Breakout Session	mySociety / Political Watch
	The Future of Artificial Intelligence	High-Level Panel	Summit Organizers
	Participation and Inclusion	Global Dialogue	Summit Organizers
	La lucha contra las demandas SLAPP: proteger a periodistas y promover la libertad de prensa.	Sesiones técnico - temáticas	CASE - Coalition Against SLAPPs in Europe
	Protecting Whistleblowers & Strengthening Oversight: Building Trust & Impact	Breakout Session	Transparency International Secretariat / Asociación Mujeres en el Sector Público
	FutureLAB: Multiactor approach to design inclusive futures	Breakout Session	Nets4Dem / Hexagonal

	OGP Track - Rethinking Democracy Support: Aligning Foreign Policy and Development Cooperation in a Changing World	Breakout Session	OGP Support Unit
	The power of open procurement: more transparency, better public services and sustainable communities -	Breakout Session	Open Contracting Partnership, CoST, Government of the Philippines
	Global Tech Norms, Local Impact: Aligning Digital Rights with Cybersecurity and Governance	Breakout Session	Access Now / Nova Gob
Mid-Day	Digital Rights and Governance	Plenary	Summit Organizers
Afternoon	Digital Infrastructure for Open Government	High-level Panel	Summit Organizers
	Combatting Desinformation	Global Dialogue	Summit Organizers
	Innovative measures for effective public integrity: from regulation to institutional strengthening	Breakout Session	OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development / Hay Derecho
	Open Justice to foster the rule of law.	Breakout Session	World Justice Project / RIJA - Red Iberoamericana de Justicia Abierta
	Women and Leadership. Lessons Learned in Gender Equality and Open Government.	Breakout Session	Asociación de Mujeres en el Sector Público
	OGP Track 5 [tbc]	Breakout Session	OGP Support Unit
	Transform public management through participatory budgeting and transparency	Breakout Session	Government of Brazil / Universidad de Alicante
	Building a Culture of Participation for Youth	Breakout Session	Accountability Lab / Consejo

			de la Juventud de España
Evening	Cultural event/networking	Cultural / Networking	

Thursday 9 October, 2025			
<u>Timing</u>	<u>Session Title</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Session Organizer(s)</u>
Morning	Integrity and Public Ethics	High-Level Panel	Summit Organizers
	Rethinking Parliaments and Governments: Towards an Open State	Global Dialogue	Summit Organizers
	Multi-stakeholder approaches to govern and design new Digital Public Infrastructure	Breakout Session	Co-develop
	Keeping news alive: strengthening media independence and viability	Breakout Session	Media Freedom Coalition / Government of Ghana
	Meaningful Transparency: Engaging Citizens Through Proactive Disclosure	Breakout Session	Government of the Netherlands / Ministry of Digital Transformation and Civil Service of Spain
	OGP Track 6	Breakout Session	OGP Support Unit
	Open Government for Climate Action: Participate to Transform	Breakout Session	Buenos Aires City / ECLAC
	Open government is learned: public training to transform from local to global	Breakout Session	INAP (SG Aprendizaje y SG Formación Local)

	Open Justice	High-Level Panel	Summit Organizers
	The Future of Open Government: Collaboration, Partnerships and Multilateralism from Local to Global Levels	Global Dialogue	Summit Organizers
	From the right to know to the power to influence: access to public information	Breakout Session	Access Info / RTA - Red de Transparencia y Acceso a la Información
	Imagining and building better digital civic spaces	Breakout Session	Civicus / Más Democracia
	Information Integrity: Time for Implementation	Breakout Session	Forum on Information and Democracy
	Strategies to Fund a Resilient Civil Society Through an Ecosystem Approach	Breakout Session	AECID - Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo / Ford Foundation
	Co-creation between innovation labs to solve a public problem.	Breakout Session	Instituto Nacional de Administración Pública (LIP) y DGGP (Hazlab)
Mid-Day	OGP Awards Ceremony	Plenary	Summit Organizers
	Closing Plenary: Transforming Public Administration for Open Government	Plenary	Summit Organizers
Afternoon	Plenary on Climate and Environment	Side event	Incoming OGP Co-Chair: Government of Brazil

SESSIONS DETAILS

PLENARIES

- 1) **Opening Plenary**
- 2) **Digital Rights and Governance Plenary**
- 3) **Closing Plenary: Transforming Public Administration for Open Government**

PANELS

- 1) **Resilience and Democratic Quality in Times of Crisis: A Global Call**
- 2) **The Future of Artificial Intelligence**
- 3) **Digital Infrastructure for Open Government**
- 4) **Integrity and Public Ethics**
- 5) **Open Justice**
- 6) **Financial Integrity**

GLOBAL DIALOGUES

- 1) **Local Open Government to Transform Local Democracy**
- 2) **Participation and Inclusion**
- 3) **Combatting Disinformation**
- 4) **Rethinking Parliaments and Governments: Towards an Open State**
- 5) **The Future of Open Government: Collaboration, Partnerships and Multilateralism from Local to Global Levels.**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Themes, Titles, Session Organizers, and Description)

1. Public Participation

1.1. Transformative Participation: Inclusion Experiences to Advance Toward More Equitable and Democratic Societies (Plataforma del Tercer Sector / Fundación Corona)

A space for dialogue and reflection on how to strengthen citizen participation through more inclusive and effective governance models. Drawing on concrete experiences, the session will explore mechanisms of collaboration between civil society and public administrations that have successfully engaged populations in situations of vulnerability and/or at risk of social exclusion—such as women, minorities, and other historically marginalized groups—in participatory processes aimed at solving public problems. The discussion will also address the models of dialogue and governance that have enabled these practices, analyzing both their benefits and the challenges they face. The session aims to identify concrete strategies to overcome structural barriers and ensure that public participation truly responds to the needs of the whole society, promoting a more open, equitable, and effective democracy. Key Discussion Points:

- Governance models that promote inclusive and sustained participation.

- Successful cases of inclusion of populations in situations of vulnerability and/or at risk of social exclusion in participatory processes.
- Outcomes and impact of inclusive participation in solving public problems, with a particular focus on the fulfillment of rights.
- Common barriers to effective inclusion and strategies to overcome them.
- Strategies for effective dialogue with institutional actors to influence public policy.
- Intersectional approaches to ensure representativeness and equity in participation.

1.2. Building a Culture of Participation for Youth (Accountability Lab / Consejo de la Juventud de España)

Youth participation in governance remains limited because of the barriers to entry, lack of collaborative processes, and minimal intergenerational dialogue. This workshop will explore how to create an environment in which young people actively participate in decision-making processes that affect their communities and futures. Topics: Empowering young people with the tools, knowledge, and opportunities to express their ideas, influence public policies, and actively engage in society. Promoting an inclusive and empowering mindset from an early age.

1.3. Designing the public participation we want in a digitized world: AI and Civic tech (my Society / Political Watch)

This workshop will explore two questions: firstly, the problems in citizen participation that new technologies are being applied to. Secondly, the challenges that they raise in turn when creating new spaces for collaboration and decision or inclusive participation processes. Topics:

- New innovations in digital tools and platforms for public participation
- The role of digital platforms and labs in facilitating the creation of more accessible and collaborative spaces.
- How to ensure that civic technology and AI enables inclusive participation.

1.4. Mainstreaming Participation: lessons learned and the path forward (People Powered / Institute of Finance / Government of Finland)

In this session, participants will learn about the importance of creating the legal and institutional frameworks necessary to make sure that innovative democracy practices become the rule and not the exception. We will interact with practitioners and experts about their main wins and challenges and see how it works in real-life situations. Topics will include:

- Group 1: Interactive tools to make mainstreaming easier. Using the Participation Playbook to walk through this process.
- Group 2 From innovations to successful mainstreaming - what is needed from government - success stories revisited
- Group 3: Building the Case for Participation: The Power of Value Propositions and Stakeholder Influence to Drive Mainstreaming Participation Reform.

1.5. FutureLAB: Multiactor approach to design inclusive futures (Nets4Dem / Hexagonal)

A high-energy lab for critical reflection and experimentation of deliberative multi-stakeholder processes that foster inclusion of diverse perspectives and effectively lead to solutions tailored to their specific local, regional and national contexts. A participatory workshop to explore, learn, and prototype the next open government agenda, grounded in the right to the future, based on insights from real cases. Topics include:

- Multi-stakeholder approaches and deep listening
- System Mapping
- Social innovation and inclusive co-creation
- Citizen innovation labs

2. Digital Governance

2.1. Algorithmic Transparency for Democratic Accountability (IA Ciudadana / Government of Scotland)

Algorithms increasingly shape public decisions that directly affect people's lives — from eligibility for social benefits to policing and access to public services. Yet, in many cases, how these systems operate remains opaque to citizens, policymakers, and even other public institutions. This session is grounded in a simple premise: without transparency, there is no democratic accountability. Algorithmic transparency is the essential starting point to detect bias, ensure oversight, and foster just and effective governance of automated systems in the public sector. The discussion will explore how to move toward institutional and legal frameworks that make algorithms visible, understandable, and auditable. It will also examine the role of data standards to ensure quality, interoperability, and rights protection. Topics will include:

- Meaningful transparency: How can we make algorithmic systems visible and understandable in the context of public decision-making?
- Data standardization and public registers: What information must be available — and in what format — to ensure auditability and public control?
- Democratic governance conditions: What mechanisms, such as independent audits and multistakeholder participation, can reinforce accountability?

2.2. Participatory Governance of AI: Learnings and Opportunities (Connected by Data / IE Instituto de Empresa)

In a fragmented AI governance landscape shaped more by economic interests than public concerns, how can diverse voices contribute to shaping AI strategies, policies, and frameworks? This fishbowl session will explore key challenges and opportunities, drawing on ambitions and leading examples from the OGP community and beyond to inform future commitments and action.

- The need for participatory governance of AI - exploring the current landscape of global and national AI governance.

- Multi-stakeholder governance - with a focus on shaping national-level strategies.
- Participatory policymaking on AI - exploring deliberative and inclusive approaches to creating AI governance frameworks at the sectoral or municipal level.

2.3. Multi-stakeholder approaches to govern and design new Digital Public Infrastructure (Co-Develop)

As countries build population-scale digital infrastructure (DPI) to deliver public services, there is an increased need for effective governance and access to information about implementing these systems safely and inclusively. This workshop invites a diverse set of stakeholders—governments, CSOs, private actors and researchers— to identify their role in designing new governance systems for DPI and strategising for their engagement. Topics will include:

- Digital public infrastructure: what is it and how are governments building these systems?
- Digital government: How is a DPI approach different from traditional digitalisation, and what consequences does it have for governance institutions?
- Participatory governance/ open government: To what extent can they inform DPI governance processes?
- Multistakeholder collaboration: Which stakeholders are important to DPI governance and how can they most effectively be involved?

2.4. Global Tech Norms, Local Impact: Aligning Digital Rights with Cybersecurity and Governance (Access Now / Nova Gob)

This session will serve as a learning and strategy space for policymakers, open government reformers, and digital rights advocates working on digital governance issues. Participants will receive an up-to-date briefing on recent international developments in technology policy - including treaties, conventions, cybersecurity standards, and digital rights frameworks - and engage in a facilitated exchange around how these norms are being interpreted and implemented at the national and regional levels. We'll focus particularly on the intersection of open government values and cybersecurity policymaking, examining how global frameworks such as the UN Cybercrime Convention, cybersecurity norms, AI governance standards, and data protection principles can either support or undermine transparency, participation, and human rights when implemented domestically. The session will include structured input from international experts and civil society actors with experience engaging with treaty processes and norm-setting bodies. The second half of the session will allow for collaborative input from participants to co-develop a set of "do's and don'ts" - practical guidance for implementing global tech standards in ways that reinforce digital rights, democratic governance, and open institutions. This session is co-organized by Access Now and NovaGob, combining global digital rights advocacy and public sector innovation expertise. The goal is to build a shared understanding of what good practice looks like when adapting international tech policy into national digital governance strategies for 2025 and beyond. Topics will include:

- Recent developments in global tech treaties, conventions, and cybersecurity frameworks (e.g. UN Cybercrime Convention, OECD AI principles, UN cyber norms, etc.)
- Risks and opportunities for digital rights and transparency in national cyber and digital policy implementation

- Practical guidance from international human rights and digital rights advocates on engaging with global tech norms
- Group discussion and co-creation of “do’s and don’ts” for rights-respecting adaptation of international standards into national policy
- Common challenges policymakers face when aligning domestic digital agendas with global frameworks

2.5. Data governance: Regulations, collaboration, and reuse (Open Data Charter / ASEDIE - Asociación Multisectorial de la Información)

This session brings together various members of the Data Ecosystem to explore the different barriers to accessing and reusing public sector information and the impact that laws and public policies related to open data, transparency, artificial intelligence and personal data protection have on the global economy’s growth. Collaboration among all stakeholders in the Ecosystem to overcome obstacles and foster transparency will be encouraged, allowing members of the public to take a lead role by participating actively in the dialogue. The session will touch on the core topics related to data reuse, starting with the impact on data openness and reuse of data regulatory frameworks. We will explore how national and supranational regulations can actually impact elsewhere, as data flows through national barriers. We will also learn about how collaboration is a critical aspect of data reuse policies and what governments have done to promote it. Which barriers have they encountered to make sure the public value of governmental open data is actually unlocked?

3. Integrity

3.1. Innovative measures for effective public integrity: from regulation to institutional strengthening (OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development / Hay Derecho)

The session is grounded in a shared diagnosis supported by comparative evidence: public integrity frameworks have often been captured by dynamics of symbolic compliance and performative bureaucracy, where action plans, codes of conduct, or “integrity maps” serve more as instruments of institutional legitimation than as levers for transformation. This session aims to break with that logic. Through a multi-stakeholder and critical approach, we contrast official narratives with implementation data, which show little to no progress in the fight against corruption — despite the proliferation of ethical codes, integrity plans, and other formal mechanisms. The focus is on integrity tools that have demonstrated tangible impact, such as merit-based recruitment, transparent public appointments, and effective oversight in public procurement and anti-corruption evaluations. The session explores how concrete regulatory and institutional reforms can deliver measurable improvements in institutional quality, citizen trust, and democratic legitimacy. Topics will include:

- Professionalizing power: integrity frameworks for merit and transparency in senior public appointments
- The role of international evaluation mechanisms as catalysts for anti-corruption reforms.

- Mechanisms for public procurement and for the selection of the public sector.
- Policies and institutional safeguards for the prevention, regulation, and enforcement of conflict of interest standards across the public sector.

3.2. Protecting Whistleblowers & Strengthening Oversight: Building Trust & Impact (Transparency International Secretariat / Asociación Mujeres en el Sector Público)

This session explores a key pillar in the fight against corruption: whistleblower protection. It examines the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders in implementing and enforcing whistleblower protection, from the provision of safe and accessible reporting channels, to strong safeguards for whistleblowers and effective follow-up on reports to ensure wrongdoing is addressed. Topics include:

- Whistleblower protection: overview of international standards and national legal frameworks, including challenges and best practices.
- Internal systems: design, implementation, and evaluation of accessible, effective mechanisms that ensure whistleblower safety.
- External channels: role of authorities in receiving, investigating, and following up on reports impartially.
- Independent bodies: the power and autonomy of bodies responsible for oversight and control, such as anti-corruption commissions and ombudsmen.
- Technological solutions

3.3. How can lobbying be regulated to ensure fairness, transparency, and public participation? (ECNL - European Center for Not-for-Profit Law / APRI - Asociación de Profesionales de las Relaciones Institucionales)

The session will explore, from a comparative and rights-based perspective, how lobbying regulation can be designed to enhance transparency and accountability whilst also considering the right to public participation in policy-making processes. The session aims to foster an inclusive dialogue among institutional representatives, civil society, and international experts on existing legal frameworks, common challenges and recommendations to help inform OGP members' actions and enhance the OGP Gov Guide on the matter.

- A look at the theory: key elements of lobby regulation: objectives, definition, actors involved, common mechanisms.
- A look at the practice: how the regulatory framework on lobbying impacts the right to public participation and promotes transparency and accountability in public decision-making, and how political finance is regulated
- A look into the future: what else is needed, and how can the OGP framework support rights-based implementation of lobby laws while strengthening democratic principles?

4. Public Management Openness

4.1. The power of open procurement: more transparency, better public services and sustainable communities (Open Contracting Partnership, CoST, Government of the Philippines)

Transforming public procurement to make it fairer, open and more sustainable is key to making government work better; people's lives depend on it. This session will feature best practices from government and civil society, lessons and impact from open contracting reforms, and explore how to use public procurement as a lever for broader social, economic and environmental reforms such as building sustainable infrastructure, empowering civil society participation in public spending decisions, and delivering better value for money. The session will feature best practices and impact cases from open contracting reforms that promote fair, transparent and sustainable public procurement. The examples featured will be further discussed in groups that include:

- Implementing goal-driven procurement reforms and establishing legislative frameworks that enable transformative change.
- Setting up participatory and inclusive civil society participation mechanisms to ensure citizens have a say in public spending
- Delivering public infrastructure with sustainability at its core

4.2. Transform public management through participatory budgeting and transparency (Government of Brazil, Universidad de Alicante)

This session will explore how participatory budgeting and transparency can contribute to more open, inclusive, and accountable public management. Bringing together a diverse range of actors, the discussion will highlight key opportunities, challenges, and innovative practices that strengthen citizen participation in resource allocation and decision-making processes. Dialogue Objectives

- Create a space for active listening and peer learning on how to make public budgets more transparent, inclusive, and gender-responsive.
- Gather ideas, inspiration, and solutions to advance participatory practices in public financial management.
- Explore how fiscal transparency and citizen participation can strengthen institutional trust and combat disinformation.

4.3. Beneficial ownership transparency: approaches and innovations in anti-corruption and resource mobilisation (Open Ownership / Government of Armenia)

This session will explore how OGP member countries approach their journey to advancing beneficial ownership transparency, and showcase the application of these reforms in delivering anti-corruption and resource mobilisation benefits. Speakers will share inspiring examples from countries leading the way towards beneficial ownership transparency, and discuss how joining up efforts across government and civil society can maximise the impact of beneficial ownership reforms in key policy areas.

5. Civic Space

5.1. Strategies to Fund a Resilient Civil Society Through an Ecosystem Approach (AECID / Ford Foundation)

The session aims to identify and share effective strategies to strengthen and protect civic space, highlighting the importance of ensuring legal frameworks and public policies that enable secure and sustainable access to funding for civil society organisations. Furthermore, it emphasises the crucial role of building an ecosystem approach to support civil society, and strengthening broad and diverse partnerships between government actors, civil society and other strategic partners to promote an enabling environment that ensures the full and resilient participation of civil society. Topics include: Governments should guarantee fundamental rights through legal frameworks and protective institutions, promote citizen participation, protect defenders and journalists, and foster transparency and accountability. In addition, they should ensure stable and non-discriminatory funding for civil society, strengthening its independence, in an ecosystem frame. These guarantees should extend to the digital environment, ensuring a free, safe and participatory civic space.

5.2. Imagining and building better digital civic spaces (Civicus / Más Democracia)

This session will examine how current digital platforms shape global public discourse and explore innovative approaches to designing more democratic and inclusive virtual civic spaces. Participants will discuss regulatory frameworks that can protect and strengthen digital civic engagement while fostering meaningful public participation, and improved transparency and accountability in governance. It will also tackle the importance of information such as early warning mechanisms in detecting civic space restrictions including digital democracy. The session will reiterate the value of an open civic space in the pursuit for open governments.

5.3. I Don't Fit, But I'm Here": Resignifying Civic Space from the Margins (Fundación Multitudes / IDRC - International Development Research Centre)

In many civic spaces, people are not absent—they are displaced. Not because they lack interest, but because those spaces were never designed with them in mind. This session brings together voices that resist from the margins—through gender, body, territory, or identity—to reimagine a civic space where diversity, viewed through an intersectional lens, becomes a transformative force rather than a barrier.

- Structural exclusion and the experience of “not fitting in” (being displaced by systems that fail to recognize one’s way of existing or participating)
- Intersectionality in political and social participation
- Resistance and collective care as strategies for transformation
- Reimagining civic space through non-normative bodies, voices, and territories

6. Media Freedom

6.1. Information Integrity: Time for Implementation (Forum on Information and Democracy)

Following the publication of the joint report by the Forum and the Open Government Partnership in April 2025, this discussion will explore concrete ways to implement the recommendations put forward on media freedom, in particular to strengthen media sustainability and information integrity reforms such as platform governance and access to information. The expected outcome is to establish a working group and strengthen the community of practice around this issue.

6.2. The fight against SLAPPs: protecting journalists and promoting media freedom (CASE - Coalition Against SLAPPs in Europe)

This session will focus on the fight against SLAPPs and the importance of robust anti-SLAPP legislation to protect media freedom. We will discuss the dangers posed by SLAPPs on journalists and citizens in the media, including examples of their use and the impact on those targeted, current efforts to address the use of SLAPPs, including the EU Anti-SLAPP directive and Council of Europe recommendation, and proposals for future anti-SLAPP regulations.

6.3. Keeping news alive: strengthening media independence and viability (Media Freedom Coalition / Government of Ghana)

This session – co-hosted by the Media Freedom Coalition and the Government of Ghana - will discuss the critical importance of independent media and the range of ways it can be enabled and strengthened – including through policy reforms and OGP commitments. Topics include:

- The value of independent media and journalism to democracy and society
- The challenging environment for independent media, and how journalists and media workers are tackling this
- How independent media can be enabled through reforms and OGP commitments
- How governments, media, civil society and legal experts can work together to support media independence and viability

7. Access to Information

7.1. From the right to know to the power to influence: access to public information (Access Info / RTA - Red de Transparencia y Acceso a la Información)

This session will address the right of access to public information from both a normative and practical perspective. It will analyze the opportunities, challenges, and potential pitfalls associated with its implementation, as well as its real-world impact on key sectors and the potential of artificial intelligence (AI). Public Access to Information (ATI) has the potential to drive significant progress across a wide range of rights when properly implemented. So, the question is: what's needed for AI to fulfill its purpose? This session will explore how ATI can drive real-world impact, drawing on global examples. Together, we'll examine how effective collaboration between civil society, oversight institutions, and media can ensure that ATI is not only a legal guarantee, but a transformative tool for accountability and change. It will explore how access

to information strengthens citizen participation and accountability in a democratic society based on the right to know, to understand and to participate.

- The role and effectiveness of the supervisory authorities will be examined. Bodies responsible for ensuring access to public information will be established.
- This session will explore the existing tensions between transparency, personal data protection, artificial intelligence, and public information rights.
- How access to information laws have had a tangible impact on areas such as health or the environment.
- Reflection on the extent to which transparency and access to information laws bring about real changes in public management and decision-making.

7.2. Meaningful Transparency: Engaging Citizens Through Proactive Disclosure (Government of the Netherlands, Ministry of Digital Transformation and Civil Service Spain)

This session explores a central question: How can proactive disclosure be meaningful? In other words, how can governments, by sharing information on their own initiative rather than waiting for requests, foster greater citizen engagement? Governments from countries such as the Netherlands and Spain, alongside NGOs from other countries (New Zealand, Armenia), will showcase their proactive transparency initiatives aiming to help citizens make informed decisions, take part in policymaking, and hold public institutions accountable.

8. Justice

8.1. Successful country and local practices to make justice systems more effective and people-centred (Comunidad de Madrid / OECD Access to Justice)

This session will showcase successful country and local practices to make justice systems are more effective and people-centred. People-centred justice requires a transformation of the justice sector, establishing a purpose and culture in the sector that puts people at the centre of justice and focuses the efforts of institutions on resolving people's justice problems effectively and fairly. This approach understands access to justice not as access to formal adjudication, but access to a responsive, inclusive and effective set of justice services that empower people to resolve the justice problems they face. The session will use the OECD Recommendation on Access to Justice and People-Centred Justice Systems, as its overall framing and will reflect on how OGP processes and tools, such as co-creation between governments and civil society, the development of commitments and a focus on access to justice in national or local OGP action plans can lead to more impactful policy development and implementation.

8.2. Open Justice to foster the rule of law (World Justice Project / RIJA - Red Iberoamericana de Justicia Abierta)

The session will address progress and challenges in advancing open justice as part of broader efforts to strengthen the rule of law across different regions.. Topics will include the recent

changes in the selection processes of judicial authorities, the spread of disinformation, and the shrinking of civic space. The session will also analyze progress related to the use of new technologies, the role of data in improving accountability, and the design of people-centered justice policies. Finally, it will explore opportunities for judicial systems to strengthen their legitimacy and responsiveness to public needs

9. Climate and Environment

9.1. Open Government for Climate Action: Participate to Transform (City of Buenos Aires, Argentina / ECLAC - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean)

Speakers in this session will present, based on their experiences and case studies, the challenges of ensuring equal access to climate decision-making. The goal is to identify and build good practices for effective climate governance using open government tools. Topics include:

- Deliberative assemblies and other participatory initiatives
- Access to information and environmental transparency
- Protection of climate activists – the use of SLAPPs against environmental defenders
- Equal access to climate decision-making

9.2. Twin Transitions: The sustainability challenge of AI Infrastructure (Ada Lovelace / OGP Support Unit)

As AI becomes a cornerstone of global innovation and economic strategy, the data centres powering this boom are being lauded as “AI growth zones” in some jurisdictions. Yet behind this frontier development narrative lies a mounting ecological cost. This session will explore the environmental footprint of data centres and ask what governance structures are necessary to ensure the best outcomes.

10. Spain

Track

10.1. Challenges of public policy evaluation for accountability and transparency: best practices (Instituto Andaluz de Políticas Públicas)

This session will explore experiences where public policy evaluation (PPE) has served as an effective tool for accountability and transparency. Participants will reflect on key success factors behind these practices and analyze what is needed to institutionalize PPE as a core accountability mechanism. The session will also examine the role of technology and artificial intelligence as support tools in public policy evaluation.

10.2. Women and Leadership. Lessons Learned in Gender Equality and Open Government. (Asociación de Mujeres en el Sector Público y el Ayto. de Vitoria-Gasteiz)

The aim of this session is to highlight the ongoing challenges that hinder women's meaningful participation in decision-making processes within public administration, politics, and civil society. It will also explore concrete proposals to address these barriers and promote gender equality in leadership roles.

10.3. Open government is learned: public training to transform from local to global (INAP (SG Aprendizaje y SG Formación Local)).

This session will share learning experiences from national and local government institutions and civil society in implementing Spain's Second Open Government Training Plan. Participants will work together to draw shared conclusions and co-create a roadmap to inform the development of Spain's Third Open Government Training Plan, at both national and local levels.

10.4. Co-creation between innovation labs to solve a public problem (Instituto Nacional de Administración Pública (LIP) y DGGP (Hazlab)).

This session will explore the design and implementation of solutions to public challenges through co-creation processes led by innovation labs. Using collaborative and experimental methodologies, participants will engage in a hands-on experience aimed at fostering innovation and collective problem-solving.

10.5. When AI Meets Open Data (RED.ES, Francisco Javier García-Vieira)

This session will highlight concrete examples where the combination of artificial intelligence (AI) and open data has strengthened the right to access information and promoted more participatory and transparent governance. It will also analyze how AI can improve the quality of open data and the identification of reliable and relevant sources, enabling more ethical, effective, and transformative use of data.

10.6. TTAPI TTAPA red tape: reducing burdens, simplifying the (overly)complicated administrative scene, one step at a time (Subdirección General de Organización y Procedimientos - Dirección General de Gobernanza Pública)

This session will showcase Spain's administrative simplification and burden reduction policy for citizens, sharing real stories of both success and failure. Participants will explore innovative ways to involve society in identifying problems in procedures and unnecessary burdens, while also reimagining the design of future public services with a user-centered approach.

11. OGP Track

11.1. Power Your Stories: A Workshop on Strategic Storytelling (OGP Support Unit)

Join this dynamic and interactive workshop where you'll craft compelling open government stories and learn how to turn them into powerful communications strategies. Through practical exercises, you will walk away with tools to embed storytelling into your everyday work and

amplify the impact of your reforms across different communications channels.

11.2. Beyond the Commitment: Reflecting on 15 years of OGP's Journey (OGP IRM)

OGP turns 15 next year. In preparation to mark that anniversary, the session will take stock of the major achievements and impact of the partnership. The session will bring a “data and stories” approach – sharing rigorous data on the impact of OGP on policies, countries and government and civil society reformers over the past decade. Using the format of “lightning talks” the session will also bring together reformers and provide an opportunity to hear real stories from national and local governments, civil society and thought leaders (including some of the founding members) on how they have used the OGP platform to advance their goals. The data and the stories will set the foundation for a broader conversation with the community to explore in what other ways the impact of OGP can be measured for its 15 year anniversary and what lessons can be drawn for the road ahead for the partnership

11.3. Powering Reform: Advancing Open Government Strategies (OGP Support Unit / OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)

Hosted by the OGP and OECD, this dynamic workshop will showcase innovative national Open Government strategies, reflecting on successes, challenges, and lessons learned. Designed for senior policymakers, the session will offer practical insights and peer learning to support countries that are interested in shaping or strengthening their own strategic approaches to open government.

11.4. National-Local Collaboration on Open Government (OGP Support Unit)

The session aims to highlight the various ways in which national and local governments, as well as civil society, are collaborating across levels to promote the adoption of open government approaches. The discussion will delve into the primary challenges, opportunities, success stories, and lessons from country examples.

11.5. From concept to classroom: the global rise of open government education (OGP Support Unit)

Open government education is gaining momentum worldwide, with countries developing cross-national courses for public officials, creating specialized curricula for sectors like the judiciary, and integrating open government into national training institutions. This session will bring together global champions to share experiences, showcase pioneering initiatives, and identify concrete next steps to strengthen collaboration and knowledge exchange across the growing open government education community.

11.6. Rethinking Democracy Support (OGP Support Unit)

This workshop will bring together Ministries of Foreign Affairs, funders and partners in the area

of democracy support to explore how to better align foreign policy strategies with development instruments in an era marked by shifting geopolitical dynamics and increasing pressure on aid budgets. Participants will share common challenges, opportunities, and tools on how we can collectively better align emerging priorities around sustainable growth, security, and shared prosperity to support locally driven democracy and governance initiatives.