

14:03:08 From Daniel York to Everyone:  
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14:03:44 From Daniel York to Everyone:  
<https://open.usa.gov/national-action-plan/5/schedule-of-2023-engagement-sessions/>

14:05:20 From Beatrice Mercier to Everyone:  
The Commitment Tracker: <https://open.usa.gov/national-action-plan/5/commitments/>

14:05:58 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:  
Thank you! I saw 13 of 36 commitments. When will all of them be added? We are particularly interested in the police misconduct database that was supposed to go live in January.

14:08:04 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:  
It would be wonderful if you could add a commitment tracker for the 3rd NAP and 4th NAP, as part of final self-assessments. It would also be meaningful if you added a link to the OGP IRM design & results reports on the 3rd & 4th NAP, along with the 5th when it becomes available this fall. <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/documents/united-states-results-report-2019-2022-for-public-comment/>

14:10:41 From Silona Bonewald to Everyone:  
Ya'll Should really check out Jamie Joyce's work at the democracy Lab and the internet Archive - as she is archiving the data and adding a knowledge base to improve findability. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/justjamiejoyce/>

14:11:43 From Beatrice Mercier to Everyone:  
<https://app.mural.co/t/gsa6/m/gsa6/1689346411541/87f1ec53931c716e38bcae6c44885eaac60ea4b9?sender=ub64cdaf81c5e3e5bb6e79859>

14:11:57 From Daniel York to Everyone:  
^ Mural Link ^

14:12:25 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:  
OGP has a commitment performance tracker on the US page: <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/united-states/> You might pull from this data to improve the commitment tracker, which asks the question "Did this commitment open government?", & focuses on "how government practices have changed as a result of the commitment's implementation." The question of how a commitment resulted in more transparency or accountability or participation or collaboration is a useful forming question, which differentiates from how a given commitment made government more equitable - the admin tracks this at [wh.gov/equity](http://wh.gov/equity) - or how a commitment improves government services

14:13:47 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:  
An important part of this team's work could be to show how commitments from the first four NAPs opened US government, linking to final self-assessments, so the American public can understand why the administration is now pursuing these commitments in a fifth plan.

14:13:52 From Stephen Buckley to Everyone:  
Will the work on Mural be saved .. for reference later?

14:14:27 From Daniel York to Everyone:

@Stephen - yes

14:15:12 From Daniel York to Everyone:

We will work with GSA Office of Strategic Communications to post the final mural with the meeting record on open.usa.gov

14:15:39 From Silona Bonewald to Everyone:

LOL - are y'all familiar with <https://learnwardleymapping.com/>

14:16:15 From Silona Bonewald to Everyone:

For next time - you might want to give people a mural overview or link to a tutorial

14:16:42 From Daniel York to Everyone:

Thank you @Silona, We'll look into that for next time

14:17:07 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

It would also be excellent if the GSA would include the lead institution that is accountable for implementing a given commitment and point of contact at that agency; all of those fields are currently empty on the OGP commitment pages. Ideally, every agency implementing a commitment will identify it and an accountable official at agency.gov/open so there is both transparency and accountability in the process. The GSA could lead by example here with usgsa.gov/open and the commitments you are implementing, with a point of contact

14:18:46 From Daniel York to Everyone:

@Alex, thank you for that. If you click on any of the individual commitments, it will bring you to a new page where you will see the sub-commitments that make up each commitment. Each of those sub-commitments should have an agency assigned to them.

14:19:02 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:

can we have questions about future of SSA

14:19:22 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

I suggest pulling from this page to add a lot more narrative to open.USA.gov about OGP and open government: <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/node/293756> including the memorandum & directive from 2009.

14:19:55 From Daniel York to Everyone:

@Michelle, today's session is really focused on how best we can display commitments to the public, less so on the status of individual commitments themselves.

14:21:22 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

If you visit energy.gov/open you'll see a link to the old White House open gov dashboard <https://www.energy.gov/open-government>

14:21:37 From Stephen Buckley to Everyone:

I am at a disadvantage since I am not a Mural user. -- My concern is that the National Action Plan will continue to confuse Actions (i.e., "Commitments") with Progress (e.g., improved Public Engagement). Deliverable outputs are not the same as desired Outcomes.

14:21:42 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:

Are audits available to the public?

14:22:58 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

I recommend going back to see how the Obama White House created a dashboard where you could see status at a glance <https://>

web.archive.org/web/20140121153435/http://www.whitehouse.gov/open/  
around

14:23:06 From Daniel York to Everyone:

@Michelle, that's a great question. I know agency IGs and GAO publicly post the results of their audits, is that what you are asking about?

14:23:33 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

The use of red, yellow, or green is useful visually, to see this at a glance.

14:23:39 From Daniel York to Everyone:

Thank you @Alex, we'll document that for Beatrice and Michael.

14:24:49 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

I recommend that you consider how you can meet the standard of the 2014 era dashboard and go beyond; don't just post the administration's assessment of progress & add the results of audits of completion on these commitments

14:25:17 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

I am putting suggestions here as well, as I can't do Mural at the moment

14:25:33 From Marci Harris to Everyone:

+1 to Stephen's comment. Outcomes > Box-checking. Well said!

14:25:49 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:

How often is the government provided the information and results

14:26:00 From Daniel York to Everyone:

Thank you @Alex, keep the recommendations coming! The Chat will be documented and provided with the meeting materials.

14:26:12 From Silona Bonewald to Everyone:

<https://www.theodi.org/service/public-policy/>

14:26:28 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

It would be excellent to add deadlines for the commitments where one exists; for instance, the DoJ was supposed to launch the accountability database in January 2023; flagging that as 7 months past deadline in red would be a form of accountability

14:26:34 From Daniel York to Everyone:

@Michelle - I believe OSTP will be addressing that question at the end of the session.

14:26:54 From Silona Bonewald to Everyone:

<https://www.theodi.org/knowledge-opinion/guides/>

14:27:03 From Michael Mogensen to Everyone:

Again, feel free to populate the chat if cannot in Mural

14:27:39 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

Right now, it's unclear what the status of the plan is as a whole - just as it's unclear what the status of the 4th NAP is, including impact - I fear that without transparency and accountability for past work that the public won't trust the current efforts

14:28:57 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

For instance, the original open government tracker had no red on it <https://web.archive.org/web/20130528041201/http://www.whitehouse.gov/open/around/previous-dashboard>

14:29:58 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:

Let's see if the policies are updated and the communication will be available on line and at local offices

14:30:47 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

It would also be terrific if the GSA would start blogging about the commitments in narrative form, every time a deliverable goes up, in coordination with your comms team. <https://web.archive.org/web/20140121153435/http://www.whitehouse.gov/open/blog> currently, I see no news about open government in the GSA's feeds or social media – or the White House's.

14:30:56 From Daniel York to Everyone:

@Michelle, how do you recommend the commitment statuses are communicated to local offices?

14:32:01 From Stephen Buckley to Everyone:

One of my fears is that the new #OpenGov Team will have so much of an "Optimism Bias" .. that they will ignore "lessons-never-learned" by their predecessors.

14:32:04 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

@daniel If there are agencies assigned to commitments, please make sure there is a point of contact and documentation on the [agency.gov/open](http://agency.gov/open) and let OGP know so they can update those commitments

14:32:38 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

If you can identify which (if any) of these commitments are "flagship" or "starred" commitments, that might be helpful

14:33:15 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:

the information should be available at SSA offices, referred to as policies updated

14:33:31 From Daniel York to Everyone:

Thank you @Alex, we'll document that and see how we can best display the commitment status to the public.

14:34:14 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

It would be wonderful if there were a [wh.gov/open](http://wh.gov/open) that lists USG actions & activities around open government in parallel to [wh.gov/equity](http://wh.gov/equity) that links to this tracker and OGP's page for the USA

14:34:15 From Sophia B Liu (USGS | FedCCS) to Everyone:

@Denice – I appreciate the comment you just made and second that point.

14:34:57 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:

can be provided on paper as somebody is required

14:35:25 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:

at local offices

14:36:24 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

My fear is that relevant officials from agencies aren't part of these followup conversations, from Justice to Treasury to ODNI, & that those agencies aren't holding public roundtables with stakeholders to discuss progress on commitments

14:37:10 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:

+100 to Susan. The commitments in this plan were not co-created with civil society

14:38:32 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:  
It would be welcome if the Secretariat were to take this collaborative approach to co-create additional commitments in advance of the OGP Summit

14:38:36 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:  
open comment of our government providing how the spending funds are made

14:39:29 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:  
an a plan of spending

14:39:52 From Silona Bonewald to Everyone:  
I think one reason for the confusion that Denice just pointed out is exactly what Susan was talking about.

14:40:15 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:  
The redesign of usaspending.gov in beta in collaboration with civil society from 2014-2017 was a useful approach – I hope engaging all Americans about open spending data is part of this recommitment

14:40:19 From Daniel York to Everyone:  
@Alex, we are in the process of working with OSTP and various commitment owners to set up our September 2023 Public Engagement sessions. That being said, it is our hope that DOJ will be one of those session

14:40:45 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:  
Thank you, Daniel

14:46:27 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:  
How the agencies are paid and from what was found

14:46:30 From Beatrice Mercier to Everyone:  
<https://open.usa.gov/national-action-plan/5/commitments/>

14:48:09 From Stephen Buckley to Everyone:  
How can there be a Usability Test .. for using \*Mural\* .. without using Mural?

14:50:12 From Daniel York to Everyone:  
@Michelle, are you recommending the commitment tracker some how include how each commitment is funded? I would assume most funding comes from Congress through federal appropriations, but I'm curious to hear your thoughts, so we can best document your feedback.

14:51:37 From Alexander Howard to Everyone:  
I wish there were fields for public feedback and expert feedback on status & impact

14:51:56 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:  
out of line, l will navigate recommended links for feedback

14:52:32 From Daniel York to Everyone:  
Thank you @Alex, that's in interesting idea. thank you for sharing that. We'll need to think through how best to implement it, but that seems like something we should be able to technically do.

14:53:10 From Stephen Buckley to Everyone:  
Feedback would have been more thoughtful .. if we had gotten the Tracker earlier than 30 minutes before the meeting. The Timeliness of information is a factor for improving the Citizen Experience (CX) in Public Engagement.

14:53:15 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:

can be searched by specific topics on top of web pages

14:54:22 From Susan Harley (Public Citizen) she/hers to Everyone:  
+1 to Silona.

14:54:22 From Daniel York to Everyone:  
@Michelle, that's a good idea, some sort of meta tagging to make certain commitments searchable. Thank you, we can look into that

14:57:03 From Alissa Ellis to Everyone:  
+1 clearer metrics

14:57:18 From Alissa Ellis to Everyone:  
To the extent they can be systematized across commitments

14:57:28 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:  
Other things the following should be done by each change to any policies or audit results to be available on time frame

14:58:20 From Silona Bonewald to Everyone:  
I have a hard stop – but thank you so much for listening! And you can always ping me if you want to chat. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/silona/>

14:58:50 From Michelle Negoita to Everyone:  
Thank you

14:59:16 From Silona Bonewald to Everyone:  
<https://www.opengovpartnership.org/> what Alex is referencing...

15:00:00 From Michael Mogensen to Everyone:  
Thank you everyone!

15:00:07 From Susan Harley (Public Citizen) she/hers to Everyone:  
Yes, thanks all!

15:00:09 From Philip Ashlock to Everyone:  
Thanks all!

15:00:11 From Beatrice Mercier to Everyone:  
Thank you everyone, it was a pleasure to hear from you all!

15:00:11 From laura szakmary to Everyone:  
Thanks all!