

# OGP AND TRANSPARENCY

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# WHY HAVE THIS DISCUSSION NOW?

- New FM = fresh approach
  - Declining trust in government – even in Scotland
  - Ongoing failures of political integrity at Westminster
  - Revised OGP strategy
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- By starting this conversation now and reviewing where we are, what transparency mechanisms exist and how they are working we can lay the groundwork for a solid transparency commitment in NAP6

# OGP STRATEGIC GOALS 2023-2028



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## Strategic Goal 2

**Make open government central to how all levels and branches of government function and deliver on their priorities**

- Provide a flexible action framework fit for diverse contexts and needs
- Support mainstreaming of open government at all levels and branches of government work
- Be more responsive to windows of political opportunity



## Strategic Goal 4

**Accelerate collective progress on open government reforms**

- Raise the bar on transparency, accountability, participation, and inclusion
- Launch a Partnership-wide challenge to promote collective action on priorities for the Partnership

# WHAT IS TRANSPARENCY?

- Everyone can access relevant, usable, and timely information about government processes and decisions that impact their lives.
- Public resources are managed transparently, fairly, and equitably.
- Transparency, accountability, participation, and inclusion are embedded in the culture and practice of governments at all levels.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCOTLAND

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1. Review existing political integrity architecture and its interoperability
2. Implement recommended reforms to lobbying register
  - a. Include telephone calls (ie non face-to-face meetings)
  - b. Extend to senior civil servants
  - c. Include meetings instigated by ministers, MSPs, SpAds and civil servants
3. Improve record of ministerial meetings
  - a. Improve timeliness of publication
  - b. Include useful details of discussions
4. Apply the recommendations from the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland relating to political integrity

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Public resources are managed transparently, fairly, and equitably.

1. Establish an independent review of the governance of nationalised enterprises in Scotland, referencing Transparency International's 10 Anti-Corruption Principles for State-Owned Enterprises.
2. Overhaul the Public Contracts Scotland interface to allow for material to be downloaded in csv format.

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Transparency, accountability, participation, and inclusion are embedded in the culture and practice of governments at all levels.

1. Appoint a Good Governance Champion with responsibility for:
  - Working with the Scottish Government and Parliament to develop a more strategic approach to promoting and ensuring integrity in public life in Scotland.
  - Scrutinising and challenging the performance of relevant departments and agencies.
  - Monitoring the delivery of open and transparency public inquiries, including the Scottish Covid inquiry.

# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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