

OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP OFFICIALS GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Date / time: Thursday 28 July, 1-3 pm

Venue: State Services Commission, level 10

Present: State Services Commission, Engage2, Department of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Justice, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Land Information New Zealand, Treasury.

Agenda items

1. Welcome, context brief and general updates
2. Approach and timeline for engagement
3. Action plan commitments
4. Other business and forward schedule of officials group meetings
5. Wrap up and next steps

Item 1

Welcome, context brief and general updates: Al Morrison opened the meeting and provided background and context for the OGP work. The ultimate outcome is to produce a National Action Plan containing around five to seven commitments and to genuinely engage with New Zealanders, to the best extent we can within the constraints of time and resource the team is facing.

The group was advised that Tim Blackmore will be leaving SSC and that Leonie Parminter has joined the team on a secondment from Statistics New Zealand.

Members noted:

- The second NAP is due in October and an OGP Global Summit will be held in Paris from 7-9 December 2016
- Steven Price is undertaking his end-of-term independent review of the first action plan as part of his role in the OGP Independent Review Mechanism
- The Stakeholder Advisory Group's term expired on 30 June 2016. It has been replaced by an Expert Advisory Panel.

Item 2

Approach and timeline for engagement: SSC has contracted with engage2 to engage with New Zealand communities on developing New Zealand's second NAP. The company is experienced in OGP plan development and facilitation, having helped the Australian government deliver the engagement for its action plan. Team members include Amelia Loye, Julian Carver and Martin Rodgers.

Martin Rodgers discussed the engagement plan and shared materials that will be used to help people draft possible commitments.

Half day workshops with New Zealand communities have been set for Auckland (17 August) and Christchurch (23 August), with a full-day workshop set for Wellington on 26 August.

Members noted:

- Civil society groups are providing feedback. Many groups are also doing work to gather suggestions.
- The Wellington workshop will include community members and government representatives. The main themes or recommendations will be discussed with the aim on settling on key commitments.

Once we have the findings from this co-creation process it will come to SSC, which is accountable for drafting the Cabinet paper

- The OGP Summit in December will be a good opportunity present New Zealand's OGP programme as informed by the published National Action Plan.
- **Action point:** *Members will think about any success stories from agencies to bring to next meeting on 9 August.*

Item 3

Action plan commitments: Members discussed potential commitments and possible themes that might emerge through the public engagement.

Item 4

Other business: It will be useful to consider how to measure the impact of actions as the possible themes are developed. Engage2 materials and OGP templates will be used as a basis to start the plan and draft commitments.

Members discussed how the work will continue after the action plan is delivered and SSC's commitment to developing a better way forward for future plans. The plan for 2016-18 will need to be achievable and measureable.

Forward schedule: The group discussed future meeting dates.