



## Note on emergent themes

### *Emergent New National Action Plan Themes*

Building on the first National Action Plan we need to consider current or new initiatives to meet ongoing OGP membership obligations.

The emergent themes for a future National Action Plan are as follows:

#### *Social Inclusion*

Treasury's social inclusion project and associated consultation processes were a good case example of constructive engagement. Treasury facilitated a full consultation process with speakers from around New Zealand discussing issues such as inequality, disability, and families. This work has community sector support and has an emerging agenda that is ambitious, and forward looking. This project reinforces openness through its focus on collaboration and co-creation. New work streams within this project may be developed to constitute appropriate OGP commitments.

#### *Citizen Centric Public Service*

The Commission is exploring what might constitute a new approach to public sector system change with 'a citizen centric public service' as a new organising principle. A proposed programme of future work is to be discussed at the next Brackenridge meeting of CEs in March 2016. This work is likely to establish a number of work streams highly relevant to open government, covering customer centred service delivery and wider stakeholder engagement influencing agency practice and function.

#### *Open Data*

New Zealand's open programme is likely to be refined and reviewed in early 2016. New Zealand's ongoing progress with open data initiatives and activities provide possible opportunities for an ongoing OGP commitment. We are to liaise with Land Information New Zealand officials on opportunities for an enhanced New Zealand Open Data programme to contribute to the future New Zealand OGP National Action Plan.

#### *Data Futures*

The Data Futures work will also presents opportunities for co-design and mutual use and input of Government held information by New Zealanders, building on the Data Futures Forum where user, stakeholder and expert input provided guidance into an emergent Data Futures Programme.

#### *Peer to Peer Development*

There is multilateral aid agency interest in supporting wider OGP membership in the Asia Pacific, to improve recipient country governance. New Zealand may be able to consider opportunities to partner with Australian and UK overseas development interests, the Asia Development Bank and other entities interested in supporting new Asia Pacific OGP country membership capacity building.

### *Open Parliament*

There may be an opportunity to establish a new Open Parliament initiative in New Zealand. An open parliament working group had been established as part of the international Open Government Partnership programme. There appears to be interest in New Zealand to consider modernise parliamentary processes through the use of new technologies with themes of improved access and openness.

### *Māori and Open Government*

This a concept yet to be fully formulated. Māori communities' use and control of data are considered as an important aspect of Māori engagement. Further development pending.

### *UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals*

The cross-endorsement by OGP Country members of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda (SDA), provides an impetus for New Zealand to consider SDA relevant initiatives in our next OGP National Action Plan.

### *Review of the Official Information Act*

The Ombudsman's Official Information Act review has been completed. Aspects of the findings from the review could be considered as components of future OGP commitments.

### *Other possible themes*

Other themes raised for consideration by SAG members and stakeholders include:

- *Local Government* – opportunities for awareness raising in the sector and showcasing particular initiatives for community engagement
- *Democratic openness* – Standards for Lobbying Regulation – A declaration on Parliamentary Openness and or Political Finance Openness – Citizen's Budgets
- *Civics Education Initiatives*
- *Deepening Inclusivity*, by: creating an Inclusivity Strategy, and progressing other initiatives
- *Local and Community Governance*
- *International leadership* – making commitments to Pacific Island countries that NZ will provide meaningful help and leadership on OGP matters