



Meeting Summary

Open Government Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting 4

- Date** 11 February 2016, 12:30 – 4:30pm
- Venue** State Services Commission, Level 10 No 2, The Terrace
- Attendees** Fuimaono Tuiasau (Chair), Karaitiana Taiuru, Miriam Lips, Michael Macaulay, Colin James, Dave Henderson, Andrew Royle, Tim Blackmore, Manjula Shivanandan, Alison McDonald, Amalie Blackman, (SSC), Emma Leach (OMB) Gareth Ellis (OAG).
- Apologies** Malcom Alexander (LGNZ), Gary Bulog (Privacy Commission)

Agenda items

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Action items from previous meeting minutes
- 3 Update on OGP developments
- 4 National Action Plan Development

1 Welcome

Fuimaono Tuiasau introduced the agenda for the session and Karaitiana Taiuru blessed the meeting with a Karakia.

Noted that Alison McDonald of SSC would be overseeing the OGP programme in Andrew Royle's place, over the next few months, due to Andrew's obligations on another project.

2 Action items from previous meeting minutes

The minutes from SAG meeting 3 on 15 December 2015 were discussed. Members gratefully acknowledged Murray Petrie's offer to provide periodic independent support to the Group, as may be required. And ask that a note of thanks be included in the Minutes, following his presentation at the 15 December meeting.

Minutes approved

Fuimaono moved to adopt the SAG meeting minutes from 15 December 2015 with Karaitiana seconding.

Action items from approved minutes:

A2.3 Action

The Secretariat reported back on possible themes for inclusion in future OGP commitments, as follows:

Social inclusion:

This work was being pursued under Treasury's public sector stewardship and management work to further develop and formalise what social inclusion could mean and apply this to public sector policy

development and future strategy development, principally within the Treasury. Treasury's inclusiveness goal as expressed in its 2015-2019 statement of intent is the support of clear results-focused goals and cross-agency leadership and collaboration – that may lead to a more inclusive society. Preliminary discussions indicate some alignment. However, as this is an organisational objective of the Treasury further discussions were required, about timing and alignment within the OGP 2016/17 timeframe.

BPS results:

A possible reconfiguration of the BPS programme and targets is being considered. An Auckland focus is likely with the possibility of development of Auckland-based targets and desired outcomes.

There is also the opportunity to engage with the Deputy State Service Commissioner in Auckland about Civil Society / SAG involvement with the development of an Auckland-based refresh. R10 approaches and wider aspects of service design may also be able to be refined for further targeted commitments.

A citizen-centric public service:

This is an exploratory work programme that has support from within the Commission and may be developed as a possible cross service initiative in public sector systems change. Aspects of this work programme may be appropriate for the new Action plan as a possible commitment. The emergent objectives of the programme are to transform citizen interaction with the Public Service, by improving how government agencies respond to the needs of our diverse society, how they may tailor services to the needs of particular populations and localities, enabling better collaboration across agencies and sectors, using technologies to improve access and help drive innovation.

Open data:

There is some interest in accelerating the Open Data programme in 2016-2017 by building on current open-data reporting and approaches. A refinement of the programme is being considered to maintain New Zealand's good position in the International Open Data barometer and broaden awareness, data access and data reuse. Ongoing alignment with OGP is to be confirmed.

Data futures:

There are relevant streams of work in this area that may emerge as possible commitments such as: progress with the development of a New Zealand data futures partnership, and emergent data catalyst projects. This is to be discussed further with the GCIO as a possibility.

Peer to peer developments:

This work may be developed for this coming National Action Plan, or future commitments. Presentation on UK approach to open government in supporting better governance internationally to be circulated, as an example of other jurisdictional approaches to outreach. Further discussions with MFAT are planned, to consider possible outreach opportunities within their partnership programmes.

Open Parliament:

Engagement with the Clerk of the House is required. Any National Action Plan development would need to be confirmed as a parliamentary commitment, supported rather than directed by executive government. Discussions to occur.

Social investment: (a further prospect for consideration). It was noted that social inclusiveness was being pursued as part of Treasury's stewardship role, but that *social investment* also may have relevant content and approaches. At its heart, Social Investment is about understanding what makes the most difference to people's lives, and using evidence to make do more of what works. The goal is to support people in difficult circumstances to improve their lives and become more independent. Social investment puts the needs of our most vulnerable customers at the centre of decisions on planning, programmes and resourcing - by applying rigorous and evidence-based investment practices to social services. This requires knowledge of the individual needs of the people we are trying to help, and better understanding about which services will help them best.

A4.3 – Secretariat to arrange meeting with Ombudsman's Office officials SAG members on the Review findings and other proposed work. Colin James presented a summary paper on the OIA review and welcomed engagement with the Ombudsman's Office.

Action: Emma Leach to confirm meeting time for February with Colin James.

Action: Members to consider and provide further feedback on the possible themes for the next Action Plan over February / Early March 2016.

Draft 'Discussion notes' from the Teleconference on 18 November 2015 were tabled for approval. These were approved.

3 Update on OGP developments

3.1 CSO participation and report on meeting in the Hague

Fuimaono tabled a report on his participation at the Hague meeting.

The focus of the conference was the achievements of OGP over the past 5 years. Upon reflection, it was recognised that countries with targeted commitments achieved more than those with resource-extensive and unrealistic Action Plans. New Zealand's engagement and consultation tools were quite focused and advanced when compared with other more generic tools.

Fuimaono made suggestions as to which countries should put forward CSO member nominees for the International Steering Group next round. Aside from Georgia that has already been put forward, Recommendations were Australia and Singapore.

The OGP CSO coordinator for the Asia Pacific region is ready and able to visit New Zealand. SAG would welcome a country visit in 2016.

Action: OGP Chair to put forward an invitation for the CSO coordinator to visit New Zealand in the first part of 2016.

3.2 OGP reports and relevant updates

Miriam Lips suggested the possibility of inviting Keitha Booth, prior manager of the Open Government Data Programme, to be invited to participate and contribute expert advice to future SAG meetings. Michael Macaulay agreed with Miriam's suggestion.

Action: Secretariat and members to consider how Keitha may best provide support through contribution to the SAG.

Fuimaono reminded the SAG that there are significant consultation obligations over the next few months that will require commitment and input. The key areas of effort will be awareness-raising with civil society networks and early engagement with these networks, discussion document development, to support the consultation process, participation and leadership of consultation efforts and being a conduit for input and submissions.

There was discussion about working with Ministers and officials, whose portfolios are particularly relevant to OGP and citizen / client consultation. These include: MSD, MBIE, IRD, DIA, MoE, Justice SNZ, and Treasury.

Action: Secretariat to consider appropriate arrangements for further discussions with relevant agencies, to confirm future commitments.

4 National Action Plan Development

4.1 Confirmation of desired themes and possible commitment language

Emergent NAP Themes

A summary note on emergent NAP themes was tabled. The following themes were considered appropriate for further development: social inclusion; citizen-centric public service; refinement of BPS; open data; data futures; peer to peer development; open parliament (subject to Clerk of the House consideration); social investment approaches response to the review of the Official Information Act, with other possible themes being: local government; democratic openness; civics education initiatives; deepening inclusivity; local community governance and international leadership.

The potential interdependency of themes was discussed.

Members also discussed current and additional desired themes:

- With regards to the Open Parliament theme, members concurred that it would be best to engage with the Clerk of the House to help gauge what interest there might be.
- Members considered that the UN2030 sustainable development goal focus could be incorporated into other themes, where relevant.
- Fuimaono indicated that Transparency International New Zealand (TINZ) had been conducting work regarding bribery and corruption and were interested in other aspects of the National Integrity Review recommendations, and subject to further developments, whether these matters may be incorporated as future actions.
- On or before the next meeting, a list of themes with indicative commitment language is to be confirmed for possible inclusion in a discussion document draft. A draft of the discussion document and engagement strategy will need to be completed for review by April.

Action: Secretariat and Members to provide refined theme and draft commitment text for incorporation into a draft discussion document.

Consultation and Engagement

An outline of the core deliverables for a consultation and engagement plan was tabled for discussion. It was confirmed that engagement with regional interests was appropriate and that a post-consultation document would need to be developed.

Members also discussed:

- The need for an integrated method for gathering feedback and that the consultation process would accommodate submission development and analysis.
- The recommendation from OGP is that the consultation process will take a minimum of 2 – 3 weeks.
- The face to face events should be established in advance with some awareness raising requiring people to register to ensure a suitable venue is selected. Participant feedback would be recorded, with opportunity for wider submission to be provided online.
- Further expert advice would be needed on design of the consultation approach and the various components.

A draft timeline for National Action Plan development was tabled for discussion.

This summary timeline provides the basis for further development of a consultation process to provide formal input into a draft National Action Plan Agenda.

Action: Secretariat to report back on with more detail of proposed deliverables for consultation and consultation plans and resources in March.

5 Other business

5.1 Future SAG meetings were proposed for mid to late March and April / May to consider and support initial engagement plans, review and provide input into discussion document development and review input for establishment of a draft National Action Plan.

Action: Secretariat to confirm with Chair, proposed future dates for meetings.

Action Items (Note Agenda item number)	Implementation	Proposed Timing
<p>A2 Secretariat to investigate and report back on agency themes for inclusion as OGP commitments including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Social Inclusion</i> • <i>BPS Results</i> • <i>Citizen Centric Public Services</i> • <i>Open Data</i> • <i>Data Futures</i> • <i>Peer to Peer Developments</i> • <i>Open Parliament</i> • <i>Social Investment approaches.</i> 	<p>Secretariat to provide a further report back to SAG, following further senior engagement with relevant agencies.</p> <p>With indicative commitments / themes for inclusion in a discussion document.</p> <p>For confirmation back to the next SAG meeting.</p>	<p>March meeting.</p>
<p>A2 Members to make further contributions to theme development by:</p> <p>Summarising the theme and developing indicative commitment language for consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Michael Macaulay:</i> inclusiveness strategy, local government and civic education • <i>Fuimaono Tuiasau:</i> (in concert with SCC officials) citizen-centric state services • <i>Colin James:</i> potential opportunities following from the Official Information Act review • <i>Malcolm Alexander:</i> local government and options and initiatives for progressing open government in local and regional bodies • <i>Fuimaono Tuiasau and Karaitiana Taiuru:</i> Māori and open government. 	<p>Members to provide a further report back to SAG Chair with indicative commitment / theme descriptions for inclusion in a discussion document.</p>	<p>March meeting.</p>

A3 Secretariat and Members to consider how Keitha may best provide contribution to the SAG.	For confirmation back to the next SAG meeting. Possible input as an expert to QA engagement and consultation plans and commitment development.	Report back to March SAG on outcomes.
A3 – SAG Chair to extend invitation to CSO Asia Pacific Rep to visit New Zealand.	To confirm availability and possible arrangements back to the group.	Report back to March SAG on outcomes.
A3 Secretariat to consider appropriate arrangements for further discussions with relevant agencies, to confirm future commitments.	Proposed governance to be developed.	Report back to March SAG on initial outcomes.
A3 - Emma Leach to arrange meeting with Ombudsman's Office.	To be confirmed with the Ombudsman's Office, in February.	Report back to March SAG on outcomes.
A4 Refined theme and commitment text to be provided. (See A2 action item above).		
A4 Secretariat to report back on wider timeline and proposed deliverables for consultation and consultation plans and resources	For confirmation back to the next SAG meeting.	March Meeting.
A5 Secretariat to confirm with Chair, proposed future dates for meetings.	As identified above – March and April /May.	Confirm intersessionally.
A5 Notes from Teleconference to be approved by SAG for next SAG meeting.	For next SAG meeting.	March Meeting.