



Meeting summary

Open Government Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Group

Date / time:	29 July 2015, 12:00 noon - 2.40 pm
Venue:	Treasury, 1 The Terrace
Present:	Fuimaono Tuiasau (chair), Dave Henderson, Karaitiana Taiuru, Miriam Lips, Colin James.
Attending:	Malcolm Alexander (LGNZ), Isabel Evans (MSD), Gareth Ellis (OAG), Gary Bulog (OPC) Andrew Royle, Manjula Shivanandan, Tim Blackmore (SSC)
Apologies:	Bridget Hewson, Michael Macaulay

Agenda items

- 1 Welcome and introductions
- 2 Background of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and New Zealand's Action Plan
- 3 Key dates and milestones

Meeting summary

Welcome

The chair opened the inaugural OGP Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting welcoming participants, with a Mihi provided by Karaitiana Taiuru. Participants and attending officials were introduced.

Background of the Open Government Partnership and New Zealand's Action Plan

SSC officials provided an overview of the OGP and New Zealand's Action Plan. New Zealand's OGP Action Plan includes the following government programmes and initiatives:

- Better Public Service results programme
- Government ICT Strategy and Action Plan to 2017
- Kia Tūtahi Relationship Accord; and
- Responding to Transparency International New Zealand's 2013 National Integrity System Assessment Report.

SSC provided members an OGP calendar of key events and milestones to December 2015 which was reviewed by members.

Members noted:

- The current action plan themes and undertook to further review the background material provided.
- That the OGP national self-assessment process seemed comprehensive and was well-supported in the New Zealand circumstance by the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) headed by Steven Price.

- Members sought advice from SSC officials on the lead agencies contributing to New Zealand's Action Plan as well as details on how and current and future updates on progress were provided.
- An OGP-provided self-assessment template is used by SCC to collect information from agencies on progress against Action Plan commitments. This is collected periodically with and agencies will provide one further written update before the self-assessment report is submitted to the OGP on 30 September.

Members agreed that:

- Following a review of the OGP programme material, the group should consider a New Zealand definition of open government and agree on criteria that may define open government objectives in the New Zealand circumstance.

The OGP [Articles of Governance](#) provide some guidance on the OGP principles and grand challenges that countries are expected to work towards. The [Open Government guide](#) also provides guidance on international practices. While there is international guidance available, the group noted that each country will have its own set of institutions and background that will affect how openness is defined.

Members noted:

- The history and background of the Kia Tūtahi relationship accord.
- That the accord is a significant OGP Action Plan commitment.
- There was interest in New Zealand Civil Society representation at the Summit.
- SSC officials advised that pre-registration on the [Summit website](#) provided the opportunity for members to apply for OGP travel support to attend.

Key dates and milestones

The chair noted that he is happy with the Terms of Reference in its current form and will not seek to make changes to the document. SSC provided background on the press statement that would announce the Stakeholder Advisory Group and the [online engagement](#) channel on the Department of Internal Affairs' website.

Members noted:

- The tight timeframe for meeting OGP deadlines and providing effective comment and input on the mid-term self-assessment report.

SSC officials agreed to forward draft self-assessment report papers including meeting agendas at least a week in advance of input sought from the group.

SSC officials also advised that OGP lead agencies are aware of the OGP deadlines and were recently informed that a further progress update would be sought from them in August, and that this update will be incorporated in the draft self-assessment report to be shared with the Group.

- Briefings from OGP Action Plan leads to the group were required. SSC officials advised that they would request agency leads attend the next Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting to provide an overview of their work to the group.

Other follow up actions:

- SSC will invite the Independent Reviewer to give an overview of his role at the next Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting.

- The next Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting will be scheduled for either 27 or 31 August. The date and time will be confirmed after Michael Macaulay has been consulted.
- SSC will provide members with a set of resources and references to assist with future work, including:
 - OGP [website](#)
 - OGP member action plans, self-assessments and independent reviews can be found under each country listed on [this page](#)
 - Self-assessment guidance and template
 - The OGP online engagement questions.