



Open Government in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities

May 21st, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (GMT+1)

CONCEPT NOTE

On the occasion of OpenGov week 2021 and in an effort to gather and stimulate the African community of the Open Government Partnership ; the Department of Administration Reform of the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Administration Reform of the Kingdom of Morocco, will organize in collaboration with “Impact for Development” an event entitled: “Open Government in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities”, on May 21th 2021

Background

The mobilization and momentum sparked by the community of 14 African Member States to promote the principles of Open Governance is evidenced by the co-creation of hundreds of commitments spanning across various themes. This regional dynamic showcases the successful efforts of both governments and civil society actors to promote and galvanize the principles of open governance as a lever for the achievement of an inclusive and sustainable development.

In this context, strengthening of South-South ties between the OGP African community is key to not only enabling the exchange of diverse expertise in this field but also to building on the regional progress and ensuring the further growth of the Open Governance momentum.

Objectives

This event seeks to gather the African OGP community to create an ecosystem and space dedicated to the promotion of the principles of Open Governance to address the challenges faced by the African continent.

The event particularly aims to:

- Highlight the growing momentum around the Open Governance Agenda in Africa
- Discuss the different ways in which open government initiatives and tools can be leveraged to address the challenges faced by Africa.
- Create an ecosystem for the strengthening of South-South partnerships and cooperation in the area of Open Governance.

Participants

This event will include Open Government Partnership representatives, as well official and potential members of the African OGP community, which will be represented by OGP points of contacts of each Member State.

Format

This event will be held remotely. The event will be divided into the following sections : opening segment, statements from the official and potential members of the OGP African community, pre-recorded videos from civil society actors and a closing segment, which will present the outcomes of the event and its resulting recommendations. A report containing a summary of the statements and recommendations presented during the gathering will be circulated after the event.