New Zealand’s OGP Action Plan

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Action Plans

• Member countries must develop Action Plans.
• Living documents that cover two year periods.
• Requirements:
  – Address four OGP principles
    ➢ Accountability
    ➢ Transparency
    ➢ Technology and innovation
    ➢ Citizen-participation
  – Address minimum of two of five OGP grand challenges
    ➢ Improving public services
    ➢ Increasing public integrity
    ➢ More effectively managing public resources
    ➢ Creating safer communities
    ➢ Increasing corporate accountability.

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• Focusses on 3 of the 5 OGP grand challenges as well as four principles.
• The commitments are
  – BPS Results programme
  – Government ICT Strategy and Action Plan to 2017
  – Kia Tūtahi Relationship Accord

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• Key agencies
  – DIA, LINZ and SSC
• SSC plays a coordinating role to ensure commitments will be met.
• Agencies manage their own stakeholder engagement processes
• SSC will lead other engagement work with stakeholders on OGP issues

Next steps

• We’ve got a very tight timeframe.
• First big milestone for New Zealand:
  – Delivering a self-assessment report to the OGP in September 2015
**Next steps**

- As well as a self-assessment, the OGP conducts an independent review.
- New Zealand’s independent review will be conducted by Steven Price, School of Law, Victoria University of Wellington.
- New Zealand’s Independent Reviewer will contact stakeholders for input into the report.

**Our engagement plan**

- To meet OGP commitments we will be setting up a stakeholder advisory group.
- Range of views from a various sectors including:
  - Civil society, business, local government, academia and the media.
- Stakeholder Advisory Group will:
  - provide advice and feedback which will feed into the self-assessment report
  - consider the stakeholder feedback we received earlier in the year
  - Consider initiatives for future Action Plans

**Our engagement plan**

- Where possible, we will also identify opportunities to speak at any relevant public events that others may host.
- We are also looking to set up an online engagement channel through Govt.NZ for New Zealanders to join in the discussion.

**More information**

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