

**Parliamentary Track of the  
Open Government Partnership Global Summit**  
May 29-30, 2019

Shaw Centre  
Address: 55 Colonel By Dr, Ottawa, ON K1N 9J2

  **#ParlAmericasOPN**

**Note: Parliamentarians registered for Open Parliament Day will automatically be registered for the Parliamentary Track of the OGP Global Summit.**

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) brings together government officials and civil society leaders to create action plans that make governments more inclusive, responsive and accountable. Since its launch in 2011, the OGP has grown from eight founding governments to 79. Each OGP government partners with civil society to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to improve governance and make their governments more effective and responsive to citizens.

The sustainability of open government initiatives requires multi-partisan support, and parliament has an active role to play as many relevant reforms require new legislation or legislative amendments. Through their role of representation and oversight, parliamentarians also have a responsibility to promote and engage in public policy issues that affect their constituents.

This Summit will focus on participation, inclusion and impact, and will provide an opportunity for parliamentarians to exchange with peers, civil society actors and other open government stakeholders on important policy issues of relevance today, such as disinformation, beneficial ownership transparency, gender equality, participatory and inclusive policy making, public sector innovation, anti-corruption, artificial intelligence and access to justice, among others.

**Wednesday May 29, 2019**

16:00 – 16:30      **Transportation to Shaw Centre**

16:30 – 17:30      **Reception offered in collaboration with the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas (by invitation)**

Location: Trillium Ballroom, Shaw Centre

*Parliamentary delegations are invited to apply the knowledge sharing from the Open Parliament Day sessions to dialogue with visiting ministers and other high-level delegates from OGP member countries about the importance of parliamentary participation in the accompaniment and oversight of how governments are advancing transparency, accountability, ethics and probity, and citizen participation working through the Open Government Partnership.*

- 18:00 – 20:00      **Opening Ceremony of the Open Government Partnership Global Summit**  
 Location: Shaw Centre
- Parliamentary delegations are invited to attend the opening ceremony of the OGP Global Summit.*
- 20:00                **Transportation from Shaw Centre to Official Hotel**
- Free Evening***  
*Parliamentary delegations are invited to attend the following receptions.*
- 20:00 – 21:00 OGP Welcome Reception (open)**  
 Location: Trillium Ballroom, Shaw Centre
- 18:00 – 20:00 CARICOM Reception (by invitation)**  
 Location: Adam Room, Fairmont Chateau Laurier

**Thursday May 30, 2019**

- 08:30 – 09:00      **Transfer of participants from Delta Hotel, Lord Elgin Hotel, Arc the Hotel and Alt Hotel to to Shaw Centre**
- 09:00 – 10:20      **OGP Summit Plenary Session: Threats to Democracy**  
 Location: Canada Hall, Shaw Centre
- Threats to democracy are continuously evolving and need a coordinated response from the open government community. Governments and citizens are increasingly aware of an array of new threats to democracy, including disinformation campaigns online, digitally propelled polarization, attacks on civic space and transnational flows of dark money into media and politics. As OGP seeks to be a positive global movement for openness and democracy, it must confront these trends and become a stronger collective coalition against these threats.*
- 10:30 – 11:50      **Parliaments as Partners for Open Government Reform**  
 Location: Canada Hall, Shaw Centre
- Parliamentarians want to engage you: as an individual, a representative of civil society, the private sector, academia, government, media or otherwise, in a dialogue to identify new ways in which it can support open government reforms across various thematic sectors. Parliaments can be formidable champions of OGP principles and values and pivotal partners in advancing the open government agenda. More specifically, parliamentarians can (1) contribute to setting the national agenda and lend political weight to openness initiatives, (2) guarantee the sustainability of these efforts across electoral cycles by building multi-partisan support, (3) oversee their government’s openness commitments and hold them accountable, (4) develop, review and adopt relevant legislation and (5) lead by example, by opening the institution of parliament, among others. This session will provide an opportunity to discuss parliament’s role in advancing such reforms nationally with open government stakeholders. It will take place in the form of a*

*panel discussion with parliamentarians who have been leading open parliament initiatives in their respective countries, and various civil society representatives who will take turns to participate in the discussion through a rotating “hot” seat.*

12:00 – 13:20

**OGP Summit Sessions Block 2**

Location: Shaw Centre

*Parliamentary delegates are invited to attend any OGP session of interest. Delegates who signed up to attend sessions with a small group will be supported by one or more staff members of organizations within the Open Parliament e-Network (OPeN).*

13:20 – 15:00

**Lunch**

Location: Canada Hall 1, Shaw Centre

15:10 – 16:30

**From Transparency and Openness of Data to Effective Anti-Corruption Strategies: Comparing Lessons from the Open Parliament and Open Government Communities**

Location: Room 210, Shaw Centre

*When governments and parliaments commit to greater transparency and openness of data, but don't address broader issues of corruption, it leaves parliaments, and OGP more generally, open to allegations of open-washing. Transparency in its own right has not led to increased accountability to the needs of the broader population of citizens, particularly marginalized groups such as women and ethnic minorities, who are more likely to be negatively impacted by high levels of impunity and corruption. This session is intended to explore areas where parliaments and governments have sought to link transparency and openness of data more directly to greater accountability and anti-corruption. Specifically, it is intended to explore whether there are lessons to be shared between the experience of governments, parliaments, and anti-corruption agencies in framing commitments. Are there success stories in terms of open government commitments that might inform better framing of open parliament commitments?*

16:40 – 18:00

**OGP Summit Plenary Session on Inclusion**

Location: Canada Hall, Shaw Centre

*With a primary focus on gender, this discussion will highlight practical examples of how we can all be ‘role breakers’ and what works to bring diverse voices into open government.*

18:00 – 18:30

**Transportation from Shaw Centre to the Delta Hotel, Lord Elgin Hotel, Arc the Hotel and Alt Hotel**

**End of Official Parliamentary Program**

**Optional: Delegations may choose to attend the OGP Global Summit on Friday, May 31.**

**Friday May 31, 2019**

The OGP Global Summit Agenda is available at this link for additional information:  
<https://ogpsummit.org/en/summit-program/agenda/>

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| 09:00 – 16:30 | <b>OGP Global Summit Plenary Session on Participation</b><br>Location: Shaw Centre                     |
| 16:40 – 18:00 | <b>Closing Ceremony</b><br>Location: Shaw Centre   |
| 19:00 – 00:00 | <b>Closing Reception</b><br>Location: Canadian Museum of History, 100 Laurier Street, Gatineau, Quebec |

Note: This preliminary agenda is being continuously updated in coordination with the OGP Summit Agenda and other activities taking place on its occasion.



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