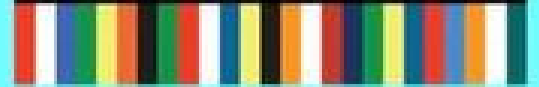


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COMMITMENT 1: Legislation on Access to Information

This proposal looks at the drafting of Access to Information Legislation in compliance with s 51 (3) of the Constitution of Papua New Guinea. This has been a commitment that other OGP Member countries have also taken. The Department of Justice and Attorney General with the Department of PM & NEC have been identified as the lead Implementing Agencies.



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COMMITMENT 2: Integrated Government Information System (IGIS)

This commitment seeks to increase the government use of its internal information sharing platform IGIS. It is hoped that by fully implementing IGIS, that the ease of access to information will be increased leading to greater fiscal transparency as well as public service delivery. The Departments of PM & NEC and Communication & Information are key agencies.



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COMMITMENT 3: Open Data Portal

Centralization of publicly accessible datasets is necessary for public participation in public service delivery; its absence is detrimental to the integrity of government. This commitment aims to Centralize public datasets into an open data portal accessible to the public by a web browser. It is envisioned that the DNPM could give access to its data sets to the public and also facilitate relevant government bodies doing likewise.



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COMMITMENT 4: **Voice to the Informal** **Sector**

The objective is to create communication networks, associations and coalitions for participants to express their concerns. Relevant state entities including city authorities should recognize the mechanism as an important tool for inclusive development. Agencies involved include, Department of Community Development & Provincial and Local Government





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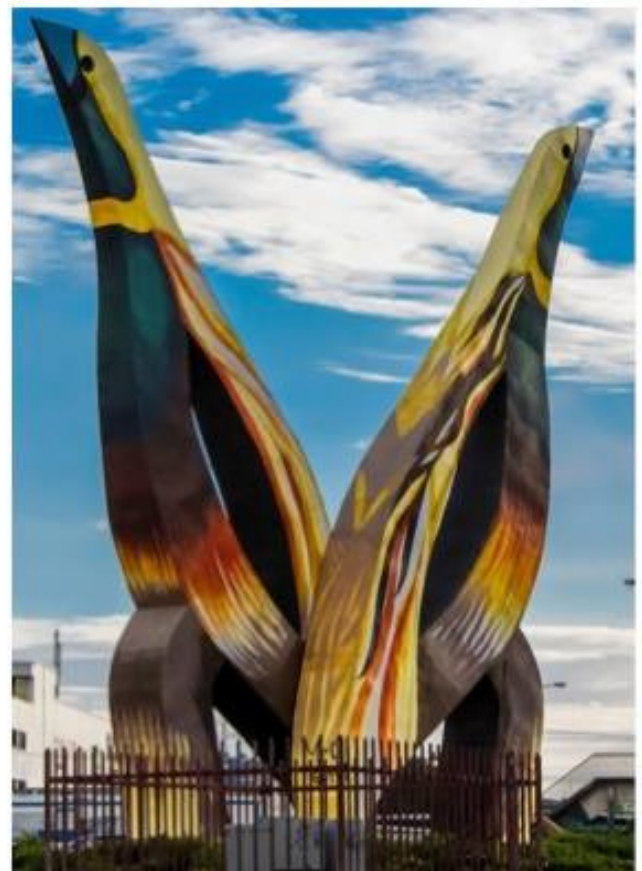
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COMMITMENT 5: **Public Participation in** **Planning in Budget**

The commitment would facilitate active engagement of citizens in planning and budgetary processes. There is very little or no participation by citizens in government planning and budgetary processes in PNG. Despite the fact that it is captured in the PNG's Constitution . Key agencies are National Planning, Community Development and Provincial & Local Government.



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COMMITMENT CLUSTER: FISCAL TRANSPARENCY

This cluster seeks to enable the public to engage meaningfully in the budget process, from its preparation stages through to contributing to holding the government accountable, at national and local levels, for the efficient use of public funds in the public interest. Full transparency in public procurement and other contracting are also critical to effective and accountable government operations.

COMMITMENT 6: Provision of accurate, timely and accessible fiscal data

State agencies have not been submitting timely financial statements to the Department of Finance to then submit to the Auditor General for audit and presentation to Parliament, thus resulting in PNG's annual audit reports not being made available to the public in a timely manner. This commitment addresses that issue.



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COMMITMENT CLUSTER: EXTRACTIVE RESOURCES TRANSPARENCY

This commitment cluster aims to ensure that the reporting entities will be more compliant and citizens will be better informed of how the extractive sector is managed in the country. Issues covered in this cluster include Transparency in Extractive Sector Payments, Civil Society Voice in the Extractive Sector, Contract transparency, lack of access to data in the Extractive Sector.

COMMITMENT 7: Support and sustain EITI Process

By March 2019, PNG to have a national policy vehicle and an enabling legislation on EITI; Legal Establishment of an EITI Statutory Authority. By introducing the EITI policy and legal framework, PNG will meet its OGP commitments by fostering an enabling environment for civic participation, open and transparent government and a more accountable extractive sector.

