

Open Parliament Day and OGP Global Summit Action Points

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During [Open Parliament Day and the Parliamentary Track of the Open Government Partnership Global Summit](#), the following action points were highlighted:

1. Participate more actively in national open government efforts by promoting existing Action Plans and raising ambitions, or promoting the participation of your government in the [Open Government Partnership](#).
2. Build multi-partisan support for openness principles to guarantee the sustainability of Action Plans across electoral cycles.
3. Develop, review and adopt legislation that increases transparency, accountability, citizen participation and ethical standards for public office holders, in support of Action Plan commitments (i.e. lobby regulation, access to information, asset declarations, participation regulation, etc.)
4. Co-create, implement, monitor and evaluate Open Parliament Action Plans with civil society, to commit to key priorities to transform the interaction between parliament and the public towards more inclusive and effective legislation and oversight of public policies to ensure they meet citizens' needs.
5. Establish spaces for citizen participation to contribute to a more exhaustive and inclusive debate around important national policy issues going beyond openness in general (i.e. climate change, pension reform, anti-corruption bills, etc.), and to co-create solutions to these issues.
6. Take advantage of technology to complement in-person spaces for participation and create platforms that reach more citizens through an easy and convenient process.
7. Ensure that all participative spaces established are inclusive to women, indigenous peoples and other historically marginalized groups, so that they can be used to bring the voices of the under-represented to the table.
8. Adopt measures to facilitate communication between the parliament and civil society to justify decision-making and explain how input received was taken into consideration.
9. Implement institutional capacity building programs for youth, teachers, and civil society in general, to raise awareness on the role of parliaments and avenues for citizen engagement.
10. Promote transparency and access to information from the executive branch to strengthen the parliament's ability to effectively oversee the government as well as to foster public accountability.
11. Contribute to national and international debates to identify policy solutions to tackle disinformation and fake news while respecting freedom of expression, especially during electoral campaigns, which can have an important impact on the public discourse and trust in public institutions.
12. Adopt legislation and oversee policies to promote a strong, safe and inclusive civic space allowing both civil society organizations and the media to operate freely and independently to undertake their respective roles which are critical for all democracies.
13. Contact partner organizations of the [Open Parliament e-Network](#), which include [ParlAmericas](#), [Directorio Legislativo](#), [National Democratic Institute](#), [Westminster Foundation for Democracy](#), [Latin American Network for Legislative Transparency](#), [OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights](#) for support to advance open parliament initiatives.