

## **NZ OGP and the Tiriti o Waitangi**

### ***Statement of purpose***

All OGP commitments will reaffirm government's commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles. This will be a corner stone of New Zealand OGP principles across all OGP commitments and will ensure there is consideration of what impacts any OGP action or plan has on the Treaty and to Maori. All efforts will be made to ensure positive outcomes and information are included.

### ***Data and information***

Data and information by and about Maori is a taonga and therefore is recognised under the Treaty of Waitangi. Therefore, all knowledge and data held by government departments about Maori should be made open in recognition of the Treaty partnership principles.

Open access to government held information and data about Maori ensures government is being proactive in recognising its Treaty obligations by allowing communities to identify the economic and social issues and be proactive in collectively addressing these areas.

### ***Te Reo Maori***

Government invest heavily in Maori language resources development and distribution. OGP will identify and unlock resources to enable all citizens' access and use of Te Reo as a taonga recognised under the Treaty and by law.

Large resources are invested into creating new terminology which is then not made public meaning that the majority of Maori language speakers cannot access these resources. If these resources were made available in the public domain, there would be more promotion and usage of these resources.

### ***Whenua***

Increasing Maori land owners' easy access to the scientific and resource information about the land would enable Maori to create more wealth and opportunities for all.