



# Meeting summary

## Open Government Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)

- Date / time:** 1 September 2015, 1.00 – 5:00 pm
- Venue:** State Services Commission, L10 No 2 The Terrace
- Present:** Fuimaono Tuiasau (Chair), Dave Henderson, Karaitiana Taiuru, Miriam Lips, Michael Macaulay, Colin James.
- Attending:** Isabel Evans (MSD), Gareth Ellis (OAG), Gary Bulog (OPC) Andrew Ecclestone (OMB), Andrew Royle, Tim Blackmore, Manjula Shivanandan, Chris Lloyd, Karen Ross (SSC)
- Apologies:** Bridget Hewson (OMB), Malcom Alexander (LGNZ), and Miriam Lips, Isobel Evans and Colin James (for lateness).

### Agenda Items

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- 5 Review of agency presentations
- 6 NIS report
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### Meeting summary

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#### 1. Welcome

The Chair opened the OGP Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting welcoming participants, with a mihi provided by Karaitiana Taiuru.

#### [2. Minutes Previous Meeting](#)

Approved minutes 29 July 2015 meeting.

#### [3. Stakeholder Advisory Group – Terms of Reference \(TOR\)](#)

Members agreed the TOR needed refining as presented by the Chair and Secretariat. The meeting noted the agreed changes and clarified the media position.

These include: removing unnecessary content; refining the outcomes model objectives; defining membership headings including electing a Deputy Chair; agenda papers and information availability and timing, and media policy.

Motion - that Miriam Lips be elected as Deputy Chair Evans/Tuiasau.

#### **4. Meeting the State Services Commissioner**

Iain Rennie joined the meeting, welcomed by the Chair.

The Commissioner was grateful for the opportunity to meet the SAG members and encouraged members in their endeavours to establish a forward agenda of work for the Group. The Commissioner:

- noted the appointment of the SAG as a key milestone in the New Zealand Open government journey and acknowledged the importance of the OGP work
- recognised the opportunity New Zealand's OGP involvement provided to share with international colleagues the strong integrity and transparency model New Zealand operates to the world
- mentioned the ongoing obligation for the work of government and civil society in New Zealand to coalesce to meet the OGP commitments together
- reflected upon the SAG and New Zealand obligation to honour not only the formal obligations of OGP but the spirit and core ideas behind the OGP
- invited purposeful engagement and a commitment to being bold and ambitious in the OGP field.

He concluded his address with an invitation for the SAG members to engage with him regularly on the key insights and development objectives for progressing New Zealand's OGP obligations, and the group's emerging work programme.

Comments and questions to the Commissioner by the membership covered:

- an update on the intended New Zealand representation at the upcoming OGP Summit in Mexico – Ministerial representation and an attending delegation was planned, with the opportunity to present in OGP fora and benefit from peer engagement acknowledged
- the opportunity for New Zealand to conduct and engage in peer support for Pacific Island nations, building on New Zealand's reputation in good governance and open government
- membership attendance at the pending OGP regional and Summit meetings was acknowledged – Michael Macauley and Fuimaono Tuiasau are to attend the Pacific/Asia region summit in Manila and Michael Macauley is attending the OGP Summit in Mexico. (These members will report back to the group on meeting outcomes, in advance of Summit preparations).

#### **5. Review of agency presentations from the previous meeting:**

##### **Comment and feedback**

The presentations by agency leads were acknowledged. The Chair asked that a note of thanks to the presenters be recorded in the Minutes. The Group valued the insights provided by agency presenters, noted the time taken to prepare the information briefings, and welcomed the background and perspectives provided by presenters and the opportunity to engage directly.

The meeting noted that approval would be sought to publish agency presentations from agency leads, as part of meeting minutes and papers.

The group also noted the supplementary slide that was provided by Mike Smith on the ICT Strategy and that this be included in the release.

Building on the helpful open data presentation and ICT presentations, a further presentation on the data futures work would be welcomed.

Members discussed some further points of clarification with respect to the presentation on the Review of the Kia Tūtahi Accord:

- It was noted that the findings of the survey, while helpful and indicative, were based upon a relatively small sample size, and relied predominantly on an online survey, and that caution was needed in interpreting results.
- Balance was needed in reflecting the better practice and positive outcomes emergent from the review and areas for improvement and development.
- There were further positive examples from the review findings that may helpfully be included in the self-assessment report as vignettes. Dave Henderson proposed to discuss this opportunity for inclusion with Internal Affairs, and report back to the Group Chair and Secretariat.

The SAG noted that the content of the final Kia Tūtahi Accord Review document may contain many good examples of better practice approaches to community engagement that may be helpfully recorded for the community sector.

## **6. NIS Report**

Chris Lloyd delivered a presentation. *Responding to Transparency International's National Integrity System Report*. Members noted the presentation and the intent to report to the Minister on recommendations and next steps later in September.

SAG asked if the report to the Ministerial paper identified joint SSC and TINZ projects, a mechanism to agree an anti-corruption strategy, and key work achieved to date.

In advance of Ministerial consideration of the NIS report, the OGP mid-term self-assessment report may reflect the general themes from the report findings, supplemented by a summary of public achievements to date.

Michael Macaulay thanked Chris Lloyd for her work on this project and with TINZ, and noted the significant progress that New Zealand had made with many of the TINZ recommendations, and the further work to be done.

## **7. Overview of mid-term self-assessment obligations and consideration of the draft report**

Manjula Shivanandan introduced the draft self-assessment report explaining the OGP guidelines used to influence report content. She also commented on the current state of the draft.

Group feedback on the draft report was as follows:

- Further work is required to the draft to expand commentary on the how the relevant government programmes activities meet relevant OGP Grand Challenges and principles, giving examples, and providing evidence of claims of contribution, progress and achievement.

- Such improvements should focus on grouping and summarising main recommendations in programmes included in the Action Plan. With respect to the NIS reporting, for example, genuine progress with the Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Bill, OGP establishment and improvements in evidence based policy making, should be referenced.
- There are lessons learnt that can be incorporated in the report about strengths and weaknesses in consultation and development of the Action Plan, that can be reflected upon when considering further development of the OGP National Action Plan, and the end of term assessment.
- The Government ICT Strategy and Action Plan to 2017 section should reflect how the strategy is a core enabling factor contributing to openness and public integrity in New Zealand. The section should reflect the considerable achievement against the current initiatives, and the broad scope of the government's intent to refocus and refine the strategy.
- The report should be reviewed to consider the multiple audiences involved, with further use, or reference to case studies and examples. Summary narrative should include a description of why open government matters, accessible to all audiences.
- There should be sections in the report that summarise impact of achievement relevant to OGP goals.
- Treaty of Waitangi and benefits to Māori should be addressed in a substantive and material way as aspect of indigenous issues linked to civil society. There needs to be an Iwi voice in the New Zealand open government message, relating to Māori entrepreneurship and open data and BPS societal outcomes that are particularly relevant to Māori. This may be an important focus for the next action agenda, as well.
- The current use of BPS data should be replaced with a wider narrative and linkage to particularly relevant case studies. More generally, it is suggested that where possible the report should minimise the need to repeat information in the public domain by use of cross referencing, with clear navigable referencing and timelines.
- There may be unintended consequences associated with particular BPS measures where attribution or effect are counter-intuitive, or where a target has been revised downwards. These matters need to be taken into consideration when presenting BPS claims.

Some inconsistency in OGP guidance was identified, with a lack of clarity in consultation expectations evident between Independent Review Mechanism (IRM) and OGP Support Unit guidance. Clarification with the International OGP Secretariat was needed to ensure that respective expectations were mutually consistent for future assessments. This matter was to be taken up with the International OGP Secretariat, to ensure consistency of expectations and to confirm appropriate arrangements and consistent guidance for the end-of-term assessment, for New Zealand.

It was noted the mid-term self-assessment report consultation obligations were assessed in terms of the OGP Support Unit's guidance as opposed to the manual provided to the IRM.

## **8. Meeting with Steven Price**

Steven Price, Independent Reviewer for the OGP IRM for New Zealand attended the meeting.

He outlined his intended independent review processes and obligations. Steven proposes to conduct a series of independent interviews and meetings in advance of developing an October draft independent review report, consistent with the IRM guidance and template for reporting and consultation.

## 9. Update on communications and engagement

At the date of the meeting 19 submissions had been received through the consultation process at govt.nz. Most centre on the Trans Pacific Partnership, and considerations of openness in trade negotiations. There is one substantive submission on OGP commitments. Current consultation input will be posted online, shortly.

The govt.nz consultation process concluded on 28 August 2015. However the channel remains open until June 2016 to allow for feedback for the final self-assessment report.

The Chair questioned a 300 word limit in the online feedback form, it was noted an email address is included for expanded comment, but that further work on survey offerings and survey design is to be considered.

## 10. Member Induction

The Secretariat advised of the opportunity for the Chair and SAG Group Members to receive some induction briefings and support, if desired. Panel members may contact the Secretariat directly on particular needs. A general briefing can be provided at a following SAG meeting, as needed.

## 11. Other Business

Future meeting dates. The Secretariat will circulate dates for the next 2015 SAG meeting, aligned to upcoming milestones and commitments. Further 2016 dates to be confirmed.

It is intended that the next group meeting will focus on developing future Action Agenda for the SAG and New Zealand's OGP programme.

Meeting closed at 5.00pm

Action Items (Note Agenda item number)	Implementation	Proposed Timing
A2 Publish approved meeting notes and papers for SAG 29/7/2015	Secretariat to publish July 29 meeting notes	Immediately, as notes now approved by the Group.
A3 SAG terms of reference	Group members to consider revised terms of reference	Item for approval at the next SAG meeting.
A5 Agenda items for next meeting - presentations on: digital online engagement and the data futures work	Digital online engagement, presentation: DIA Data Futures: Miriam Lips.	Future meeting For next meeting
A6 Schedule a presentation from the OMB of OIA review	To be confirmed with the Ombudsman's Office	For next meeting
A7 Presentation to the group on GOES, from DIA.	Secretariat to invite a presentation	Future meeting
A7 Revised draft report to be circulated by week of 6 September	Email provision by Secretariat, response and comment by the group	Revised draft to be finalised by 10 September (Completed)

A7 Communications planning for release of the self-assessment report to be undertaken, to supplement the release.	Secretariat	Undertaken prior to 30 September release of draft self-assessment.
A11 Induction support to be provided to SAG members, as desired.	To be coordinated by the Secretariat	As desired.