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# Transparency, accountability and open governance initiatives

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# Content

- Principles
- Legal framework
- Working processes
- Activities

# Open governance principles

- Transparency;
- Integrity;
- Accountability;
- Stakeholder participation.
- Governing culture that enhances access to government information and proceedings, openness and engagement of civic society

# Open governance principles

- Government transparency is understood as the disclosure and subsequent accessibility of relevant government data and information
- Public integrity refers to the consistent alignment of, and adherence to, shared ethical values, principles and norms for upholding and prioritising the public interest over private interests in the public sector.



# Open governance principles

- Accountability refers to the governments' responsibility and duty to inform its citizens about the decisions it makes as well as to provide an account of the activities and performance of the entire government and its public officials.
- Stakeholder participation as: all the ways in which stakeholders can be involved in the policy cycle and in service design and delivery, including through the provision of information, consultation and engagement.

# How to do it

- Internal and external activities
- Training and awareness
- Legal framework and formal proceedings
- Working processes within government entities
- Evaluation and feedback

# Training and awareness

- Training of government officials
- Training of civic society
- How to engage
- How to be engaged and participate



# Legal framework

- Law on access to information
- Disclosure of public officials assets and interests
- Anti-corruption laws and lobbying rules
- Formal requirement for participation and public consultation

# Working processes and technical solutions

- Public registries
- Disclosure of public documents
- Disclosure of opinions of civic society and feedback
- Due process and sufficient time
- Technical solutions

# Thank you!

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