

## Frequently asked questions

What is Canada's National Action Plan on Open Government (NAP)?

- Since 2012, the Government of Canada has been a member of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which brings together governments and civil society experts from around the world who are committed to advancing open government initiatives. To remain a member of the OGP, the Government of Canada must work with civil society and the public to develop and carry out a National Action Plan on Open Government every two to four years. Each National Action Plan on Open Government includes commitments and milestones to make the Government of Canada more open, transparent and accountable to those it serves.

How are Canada's National Action Plan's on Open Government created?

- Each National Action Plan is created in collaboration with civil society and the public, and in partnership with the Multi-stakeholder Forum (MSF). The MSF is a working group composed of civil society and government members who participate in the development and implementation of the National Action Plan. The consultation for Canada's National Action Plan on Open Government is designed to be broad and inclusive, allowing for both online and in-person participation in the development of Canada's National Action Plan through various platforms.

What is the objective of the consultation for Canada's 6<sup>th</sup> National Action Plan on Open Government?

- The objective of the consultation for Canada's National Action Plan is to reach as many people as possible and hear what the public from across the country want to see in Canada's next National Action Plan on Open Government. The feedback received during consultation is then used to inform the themes, milestones, activities and commitments of Canada's National Action Plan.

How long will the consultation period for Canada's 6<sup>th</sup> National Action Plan on Open Government last?

- Consultation for the 6<sup>th</sup> National Action Plan on Open Government began in March 2024 through the launch of an online engagement survey, which concluded in May 2024. Since then, Canada's Open Government team has begun hosting in-person engagement sessions across Canada. These in-person consultation sessions will continue into spring 2025. Online consultation sessions will begin in spring 2025 and continue through the summer. If you are interested in participating in the consultation for Canada's 6<sup>th</sup> NAP, information on future engagement sessions and

an online idea board to share your thoughts and ideas is available through the 6th National Action Plan Engagement Platform.

How can I participate in the consultation for Canada's 6<sup>th</sup> National Action Plan on Open Government?

- All are invited to participate in the ongoing consultation for Canada's 6<sup>th</sup> NAP. The 6th National Action Plan Engagement Platform (LetsTalkOpenGovernment) provides information concerning upcoming consultation sessions if you would like to participate in a consultation session taking place near you. If you cannot attend a consultation session but would still like to participate in the development of the 6<sup>th</sup> NAP, the 6th National Action Plan Engagement Platform also provides an online idea board for you to share your thoughts, ideas and feedback. Alternatively, you can also take part in the engagement process by emailing the team at [open-ouvert@tbs-sct.gc.ca](mailto:open-ouvert@tbs-sct.gc.ca).

What will happen to the ideas and comments I share during consultation sessions?

- The comments, ideas and feedback you shared online or in-person during the consultation period will be reviewed by the open government team and utilized to inform the milestones, commitments and themes of the 6<sup>th</sup> National Action Plan on Open Government. As a member of the Open Government Partnership, Canada is required to publish both a National Action Plan on Open Government as well as a What We Heard Report, which contains an overview of the feedback we received from the public during consultations, and how we addressed this feedback. The ideas and comments shared during consultation are entirely.

How will my information be collected and used by the Government of Canada?

- Participation in the consultation process is voluntary and can take place through any of the tools listed on this website. Should you choose to post to the online idea board available through the 6th National Action Plan Engagement Platform anonymously, you may choose to do so anonymously, however, the comments you provide will be posted publicly by default. Should you choose to participate in the Let's Talk Open Government Consultation and register for an account, you will be required to provide a username and email address and agree to Publivate's Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. When you register to participate in the engagement process, you may optionally provide us with demographic information, such as your province/territory, and your industry/stakeholder type. The registration information you provide to participate in the consultation will be used to create an account to

allow you to participate in the consultation process. The personal opinions and feedback you provide will be used to help inform possible areas of opportunity for the Open Government team.