

The Executive Yuan Open Government National Action Plan Taskforce

1st Meeting – Minutes

- **Meeting time: 10:00 am, Wednesday, October 28, 2020**
- **Venue: VIP room, Executive Yuan**
- **Chairperson: Minister Without Portfolio and convenor Audrey Tang,
National Development Council Minister and joint convenor Kung Ming-
hsin,
WeatherRisk Explore Inc. President and joint convenor Peng Chih-ming,**
- **Chairperson's Remarks: omitted Minute taker: Yang Yi-jun**
- **Introductory report: omitted**
- **Comments by members and agencies: for verbatim transcript, see the
following website:**

<https://sayit.pdis.nat.gov.tw/2020-10-28-%E8%A1%8C%E6%94%BF%E9%99%A2%E9%96%8B%E6%94%BE%E6%94%BF%E5%BA%9C%E5%9C%8B%E5%AE%B6%E8%A1%8C%E5%8B%95%E6%96%B9%E6%A1%88%E6%8E%A8%E5%8B%95%E5%B0%8F%E7%B5%84%E7%AC%AC1%E6%AC%A1%E6%9C%83%E8%AD%B0>
- **Meeting conclusions:**
- This taskforce appointed a joint convenor from civil society, chosen by

representatives from civic society during the meeting. WeatherRisk Explore Inc. President Peng Chih-ming was chosen as the joint convenor.

- Taiwan's first Open Government National Action Plan runs from January 2021 to May 2024. It has five major categories of commitments, namely "Promote Open Data and Freedom of Information," "Expand the Public Participation Mechanisms," "Increase Gender- and Ethnic Group- Inclusive Dialogues," "Enhance Integrity Policies," and "Implement Anti-Money Laundering (AML)." It also includes 19 commitments (see attachment 1).
- The 19 commitments were formulated and proposed by the government, civil society representatives and members, with 12 commitments put forward by the government and six by civil society. One commitment was added during the meeting at the suggestion of member Lin Zi-lun -- Information Disclosure Relating to the Environment (provisional name). The proposal will be drawn up and submitted to the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) at a work group meeting.
- All responsible government agencies are requested to establish work groups at the deputy leader level through collaboration between government and civil society and hold work group meetings in November to complete formulation of their commitment; this will be passed to the National Development Council (NDC) and submitted to the 2nd Taskforce meeting in December which will draft an Open Government National Action Plan to be submitted to the Executive

Yuan.

- Civil society members will be asked to comment on “Follow-up participation in work group,” “Recommend agencies (central or local government) and civic groups (groups or individuals) for participation in work groups,” and “Proposed commitments” before November 4 (Wednesday) to be referenced in follow-up discussions of commitments by each work group.
- In terms of the opinion of attending representatives, the Operational Guidelines for work groups added the provision that work groups can also write down their suggestions or discuss through online meetings. The revised Operational Guidelines are in attachment 2.
- At the 2nd meeting of the Taskforce, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) was asked to report on planning for Taiwan’s participation in the Open Government Partnership.
- **End of meeting: 12:30 pm (noon)**

Attachment 1

Taiwan’s Open Government National Action Plan Commitments and

Responsible Government Agencies

	Commitments	Responsible Government
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		Agency
Promote Open Data and Freedom of Information		
1	Complete Government Open Data and Data Sharing Mechanism	National Development Council
2	Establish an Open Dataset Platform for Value-added Use	Ministry of Science and Technology
3	Strengthen Digital Privacy and Personal Data Protection	National Development Council
4	Enhance Information Access in the Freedom of Government Information Law	Ministry of Justice
5	Information Disclosure Relating to the Environment	Environmental Protection Administration
Expand the Public Participation Mechanisms		
6	National Referendum Electronic Joint Signatures	Central Election Commission
7	Youth Policy Participation	Ministry of Education
8	Establish a Regional Revitalization Interactive Platform	National Development Council
9	Facilitate the Formation of Labor Unions	Ministry of Labor

10	Incorporate the Concepts of Open Government into Civics and Society Courses, Subjects and Teaching, and Enhance Teachers' Related Knowledge and Skillsets	Ministry of Education
Increase Gender- and Ethnic Group- Inclusive Dialogue		
11	Promote Gender-Inclusive Dialogue and Participation	Department of Gender Equality of the Executive Yuan
12	Empower Immigrants to Engage in Public Participation and Develop Their Potential	Ministry of the Interior
13	Increase Indigenous Peoples' Cross-Domain Participation and International Linkage	Council of Indigenous Peoples
14	Promote Public Participation on Hakka Issues	Hakka Affairs Council
Enhance Integrity Policies		
15	Enhance Political Donation Transparency	Ministry of the Interior
16	Establish and Improve the Government Procurement Integrity Platform	Ministry of Justice
17	Legislation of the Whistleblower Protection Act	Ministry of Justice

Implement Anti-Money Laundering (AML)		
18	Beneficial Ownership Transparency	Ministry of Justice
19	Policies on Financial Transparency of Religious Groups to Close AML Loopholes	Ministry of the Interior

Attachment 2

Executive Yuan Open Government National Action Plan

Taskforce Operational Guidelines for Work groups

- These Guidelines establish groups under the Taskforce in accordance with Point 6 of the Guidelines for the Establishment of the Open Government National Action Plan Taskforce (hereafter referred to as “Taskforce”). They seek to facilitate discussion and completion of commitments by relevant agencies responsible for the commitments to formulate Taiwan’s Open Government National Action Plan.
- The main mission of the work groups is to formulate, confirm and complete the content of each commitment with the collaboration between the government and civil society.

The aforementioned collaboration means the agency responsible for the commitment should in principle convene meetings and solicit opinions from group members face to face or online; and consult the public opinion to the proposed commitment online and through other channels if needed.

- Each work group has one convenor, a position held by the deputy leader of the responsible agency; a joint convenor shall be appointed as required, with the position filled by a member of a non-government agency appointed by the

convenor.

In principle, half of the members of groups should be from government agencies and half from non-government agencies, including the following persons:

- Representatives of the lead implementing agency and co-organizing agency for related commitments
- At least one Taskforce member from civil society.
- Representatives of citizen groups, civic organizations or related industry organizations with a long-term interest in issues related to the commitment.
- Academics and experts familiar with commitment related issues.
- Academics and experts familiar with the open government initiatives, policies or operations of related international organizations.

Although group members will receive no remuneration, non-government agency members will receive attendance and transportation fees according to regulations.

- Group meeting decisions will be made by consensus, but where consensus is impossible decisions must be passed by a majority of attendees.

Each work group should keep minutes of meetings and records of consultations (including in writing) to be handed over to the NDC for review.

- The Open Government National Action Plan commitment should be completed according to the following principles:
 - Commitments should be ground-breaking, forward-looking and challenging,

showcasing the determination of the government to promote open government.

- The connection of commitments to the core values of the Open Government Partnership (transparency, participation, accountability) as well as their contribution to solving public problems should be clearly explained.
- Commitments should have quantifiable or verifiable year by year indicators. The execution period is January 2021 to May 2024.
- Detailed information on civil society groups and non-government or work teams participating in the formulation of commitments should be provided.
- Each work group should complete its responsible commitment before November 30, 2020
- The funding for each work group shall come from the budget of each responsible agency.
- Notifications for work group meetings should be copied to the office of the Minister Without Portfolio Audrey Tang and the NDC's Department of Social Development.