

Ontario Government (Open Government Office) - Detailed Submission on Draft Plan

- Great to see they are highlighting the opportunity to approach OG as a joint effort between different levels of government. I wonder if they can add more specifics about what that might look like, such as federating data and info portals etc.
- Like the description of what it means to Open by Default
- In section A they speak about service standards. Will they share those service standards and how? What about performance measures?
- Excellent detail in commitment 1 about updating the Access to Information Act. Do they plan to digitize the process end to end?
- In addition to facilitating easier access to one's own personal information, the government should consider making it clear to the public what personal information it holds, why it collects it and what it does with it.
- Commitment 4 (open information) is great but a bit vague. What other kinds of information besides publications will go in the portal? How will they decide upon the scope?
- The OG PM Framework is excellent and something that Ontario has already done. Cross jurisdictional here would be ideal and we would support the creation of a community of practice around this.
- All around, a really impressive, concrete and ambitious plan!

Commitment 3: Expand and Improve Open Data

- How are they determining which datasets are 'quality'? Are they having a voting tool or are they pulling stats from FOI requests?
- What will be the translation requirements for federal data? If we want to ensure the data is well understood by Canadians, will it be translated?
- Are they distinguishing between data and information? They mention information in the body of the commitment, but the commitment itself is focused on data.
- We think it would be a good idea for them to keep in mind Key Performance Indicators related to Open Data, just like we in the OPS do. It helps them determine if they're actually making progress in terms of enhancing transparency, enabling better services to Canadians, facilitating innovation and informing public participation. They've listed a lot of deliverables, but no

performance indicators.

- We would suggest they do a government-wide Data Inventory similar to what Ontario is doing (where all departments are included in one master inventory – that could be what they mean by “departmental inventories” maybe, but to me that sounds like individual inventories and not one big consolidated one). They could release the government-wide Data Inventory as an open data set, as well as re-vamp their Open Data Catalogue to just a Data Catalogue (whereby all data is searchable, open or not)...

Commitment 16: Align Open Data across Canada (Open Data Canada)

- We like this commitment – no comments

Commitment 19: Engage Civil Society on Open Government

- Ontario will share their Public Engagement Framework with the Government of Canada. The Government of Canada is looking to design a mechanism to support constructive ongoing dialogue – this may be an opportunity to align our Frameworks.

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