



# Western Balkans OGP Convention 2015

Open Government, Engaged Citizens: A Learn-and-Show Initiative  
to Push Open Government Partnership Reform

Tirana, Albania | 11-12 September 2015

## Draft Agenda



## Day 1: 10 September 2015

19:00

Reception hosted by Albanian OGP National Coordinator / Minister of Innovation and Public Administration

## Day 2: 11 September 2015

### Opening Plenary “OGP Reform in the Western Balkans”

*Orthodox Church Tirana*

10:00 – 10:15

Opening Speech – Albanian Prime Minister

### Panel Dialogues: Do you speak open government?

*Moderated by leading journalists*

10:15 – 11:00

#### **Panel I**

Government representative – Montenegro, BiH

CSO Representatives / MP / Local Governance / Private Sector – Macedonia, Serbia, Kosovo

11:00 – 12:30

#### **Bright Spot Presentation** (best experiences/best practices)

Government Representative – Kosovo, Macedonia, Serbia

CSO Representatives / MP / Local Governance / Private Sector – Montenegro, BiH

12:30 – 14:30

Lunch at Hotel International Tirana

### Show Window “Innovative Tools to Opening Up Governments

*Tirana International Hotel Hall / Room Akernia*

12:30 – 14:30

A Show-Window on innovative tools and ideas on how to promote Open Government Partnership will be organised as part of the Convention. Regional and International governments /organisations / private companies will be invited to present their innovative ideas and tools in promoting open government. Approximately 5-6 corners / booths will be dedicated to innovative presentations. A sandwich lunch will be provided, and Convention participants will be able to walk around the Hotel Hall / Room Akernia and listen to the presentations/ communicate with presenters and network.



## Day 2: 11 September 2015 [contd.]

### Core Elements of OGP – Parallel Sessions

*Tirana International Hotel*

- 14:30 - 16:15      **OGP and the EU accession process** – how to make the connections and combine the processes to bring about essential reforms
- Facing Corruption** - Managing state-owned enterprises and increasing transparency in privatisation
- Open Parliaments** - Enabling citizens to provide input into the legislative process
- Open Data** - Workshop: Open Data – Key for Progress
- 16:15 - 16:45      Coffee Break

### Peer-2-Peer Learning – Parallel Sessions

*Tirana International Hotel*

- 16:45 - 18:00      **Improving Public Services** - Case study: Quality and Cost of Healthcare Services
- Management of Natural Resources**
- Committed towards Safer Communities**
- Increased Corporate Accountability**

### Dinner Sessions – Country Experiences: Sharing of Best Practices

*Two working dinners will be organized, whereby participants in an informal environment will discuss two thematic OGP areas. Dinner sessions will be hosted by OGP CSO National Networks from the region. Participants that will not attend Dinner Session will receive a dinner coupon at Hotel Tirana International.*

- 19:30 - 22:00      **Thematic Dinner Working Session I**, hosted by Albanian OGP Working Group / CSOs
- Thematic Dinner Working Session II**, hosted by .... (tbc)



## Day 3: 12 September 2015

### Working Breakfast Sessions

Two working breakfast sessions will be organised, whereby best country experiences from outside the region (tentative UK and USA) with regard to OGP implementation will be shared. One of the working sessions will be dedicated to the relationship between CSOs and Independent Reporting Mechanisms. Participants that will not attend Breakfast Session will receive a breakfast coupon at Hotel Tirana International.

08:30 - 10:00

**Working Breakfast I:** Public-Private Partnership and World Bank best practices on OGP

**Working Breakfast II:** Independent Reporting Mechanism - how both governments and civil society can make maximum use of country IRM reports in strengthening OGP implementation

### Peer-2-Peer Learning – Parallel Sessions

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10:00 - 11:15

**Peer-to-peer learning at governmental level** – a new model for regional cooperation among OGP contact points in Western Balkans

**Introduction to the OGP for newcomers** – Action Plans, civil society engagement, Independent Reporting Mechanism

**Local government forging open dialogue with communities** – how CSOs and local government can work together

**Planning and use of the State Budget**, including public procurement and Citizen's Budget initiatives

11:15 – 11:45

Coffee break

### Peer-2-Peer Learning – Parallel Sessions

*Representatives from countries – government, civil society and IRM researchers – will have an honest dialogue with each other and with actors from other countries on what works, what doesn't, and the challenges they face.*

11:45 - 13:00

**Session I:** Serbia, Macedonia, UK

**Session II:** Albania, Kosovo, Georgia

**Session III:** Montenegro, BiH, Croatia

**CSO Session:** Civil Society Opportunities: How CS can make the most of OGP (Participation of CS in policy making, monitoring of OGP Action Plan implementation, and challenges / opportunities of free access to free information)

13:00 – 14:15

Lunch



## Day 3: 12 September 2015 [contd.]

### Closing Plenary “OGP in the Western Balkans: A New Chapter in Regional Co-Operation”

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14:15 – 14:30	Official Launch of OGP Regional Commitment Introduction to OGP Regional Commitment
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Closing Panel – OGP Regional Commitment: What’s in it for me?</b> Country Representative of Montenegro Country Representative of Macedonia Country Representative of Serbia Country Representative BiH Country Representative Kosovo Country Representative Albania
19:00	*(Country representative might be either government, local government, CSO, MP or private sector) Dinner in Durrës (for the remaining participants)



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