

Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
Open Government Unit

Consultations Report:

**Public commenting period under phase IX of
the general consultancy process for developing
Jordan's OGP fourth National Action Plan
(2018-2020)**



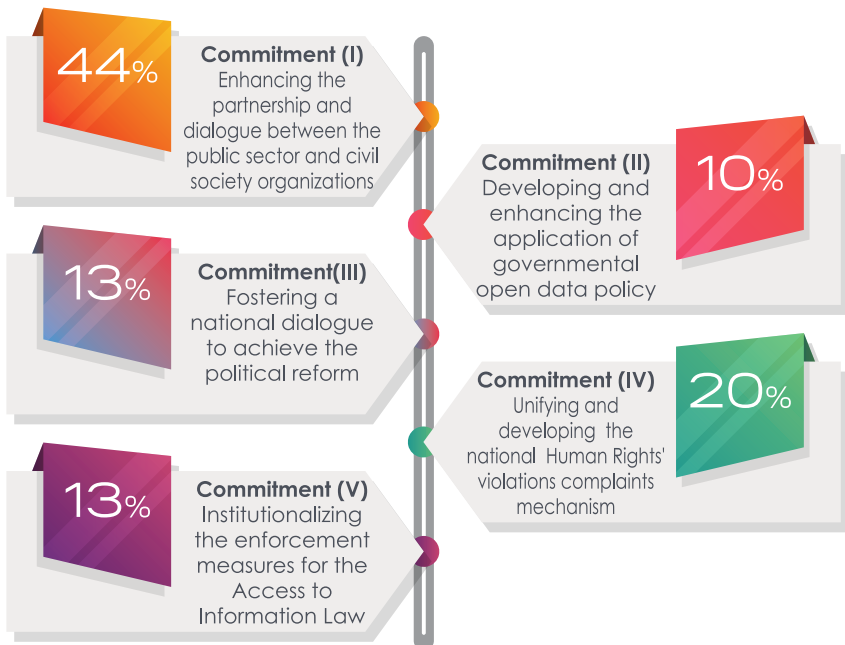
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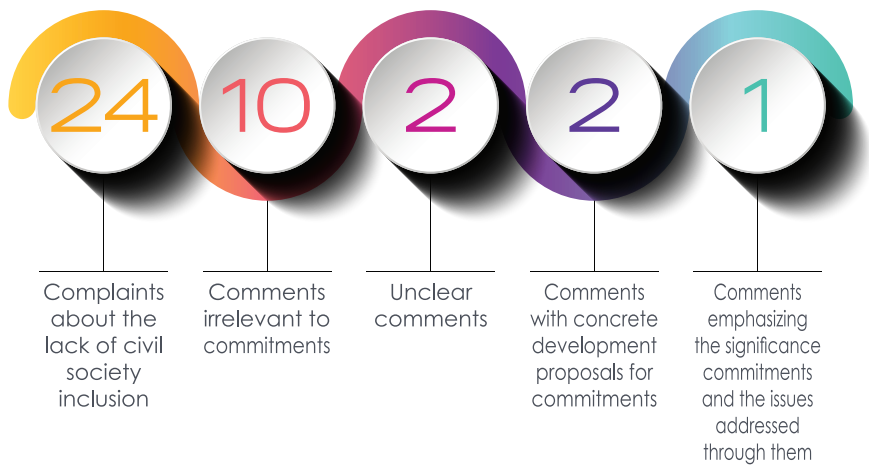
Based on the requirements of phase IX of the consultative approach, adopted for the formulation of Jordan's OGP fourth National Action Plan (NAP) 2018-2020, the draft NAP was published and opened for public commenting, during the period 2-16\10\ 2018. The Open Government (OG) unit at the Jordanian Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC) has received a total of 39 comments on the various commitments included in the draft. Below is a summary on the outputs of the consultative process:

First: Distribution of comments over commitments

A total of 39 comments were received, and the chart below shows their distribution over commitments:



Second: Public Comments - Overall Summary



The topics covered by the received public comments were grouped into five main categories as shown in the chart below. One of the received comments addressed the lack of inclusivity in the formulation of the draft plan. It should be noted here that all stages of the plan's formulation, including the development of the consultative methodology, were transparent, inclusive and widely publicized, including open invitations for all relevant activities. Subsequent publication of all activity outputs took place in a timely manner, in order to enable the public to view and provide feedback. The OGU encourage stakeholders to visit all published materials and the plan document, which explains the outlines of the drafting methodology, and the communication mechanisms that have been utilized. As for comments containing specific proposals for the development of commitments, the third section of this document details each and the subsequent measure taken for its consideration.

Third: Public Comments - Content Analysis

10 Comments with concrete development proposals for commitments were received. The following table outlines each and the measures taken for its consideration:

No.	commitment	proposed	measure
1	Commitment (I): Promoting complementarity and dialogue between the public sector and civil society organizations	1. Emphasizing the need for eliminating the discretionary powers in enforcing legal frameworks.	The objective of this commitment is to limit discretionary powers. Therefore, the existing milestones address this comment.
2	Commitment (IV): Unifying and developing the mechanisms for Human Rights' complaints	1. limiting the number of official bodies that receive citizen complaints, and reviewing the legal framework of each. 2. Categorizing the types of complaints based on the receiving entities and according to their significance and anticipated necessary measures to be taken. 3. A legislative regulation (bylaw/ executive instructions) should be enacted, establishing a centralized system for receiving complaints about governmental services.	The commitment has been modified on the basis of these proposals. The detailed comments will also be shared with the implementing entities during the implementation process.
3	Commitment (I): Promoting complementarity and dialogue between the public sector and civil society organizations	1. The necessity to ensure the compatibility between the nature CSOs' work and their registration type (linking registration category with the nature of activism).	This proposal will be shared with the implementing entities for this commitment during the implementation process for consideration.
4	Commitment (I): Promoting complementarity and dialogue between the public sector and civil society organizations	1. Adding "governmental -CSO cooperation should be done in the shadow of international best practices".	The language of the commitment has been modified based on this proposal
5	Commitment (IV): Unifying and developing the mechanisms for Human Rights' complaints	2. Coordinating with the National Center for Human Rights (NCHR), and utilizing its experience in this field	This proposal will be shared with the implementing entities for this commitment during the implementation process for consideration.
6	Commitment (II): Developing and supporting the enforcement of governmental open data policy in Jordan	1. Establishing an independent body, inspired by the Open Data Law in Dubai.	This proposal will be shared with the implementing entities for this commitment during the implementation process for consideration.

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7	Commitment (IV): Unifying and developing the mechanisms for Human Rights' complaints	1. The necessity of coordination with NCHR.	This proposal will be shared with the implementing entities for this commitment during the implementation process for consideration.
8	Commitment (V): Institutionalizing the enforcement measures for the Right to Information Law	1. Grant a mandatory status for the decisions made by the Information Council, and referring complaints and appeals related to the access to information to the Office of the National Coordinator for Human Rights. 2. Amending the provisions issued under the Internal Audit Regulation and its amendments No. 3 for the year 2011, to include the monitoring of the enforcement of the Right to Information Law in governmental institutions. 3. Pre-disclosure of information 4. Including an FAQ section at all governmental websites. 5. Publishing documents and information -benefiting public interest- that have been previously requested by governmental institutions on their websites.	This proposal will be shared with the implementing entities for this commitment during the implementation process for consideration.
9	Commitment (II): Promoting complementarity and dialogue between the public sector and civil society organizations	1. Governance standards should be linked to a set of monitoring measures to assess adherence to them.	This proposal has been added to the commitment.
10	Commitment (III): Fostering national dialogue to achieve the political reform package	1. Activating the role of Governorate Councils in decision-making, so that planning takes place in a bottom-up fashion. This could be achieved through five-year local strategies, and comprehensive development plans, formulated through monthly consultations in local Cultural Centers, to receive their comments, suggestions and perceptions on performance.	This proposal will be shared with the implementing entities for this commitment during the implementation process for consideration.



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