



General Services Administration

**Open Government Secretariat &
Open Government Roundtable
Civil Society Meeting**

February 5, 2024

General Announcement



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Agenda

- Greetings, Introductions, and Purpose
- Ice Breaker - Three Words
- News from GSA
- Improving the Co-Creation Process - Miro Board Activity
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- ReCap - Improving the Co-Creation Process - Read Out & Discussion
- How to Engage the Public Now - Miro Board Activity
- Closing Remarks & Announcements

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US Government Roles



**WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF
SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

Policy Leadership



**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION**

Domestic Implementation
Management



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

&

USAID

International Implementation
Management



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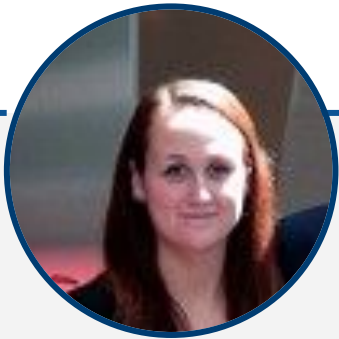
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**MEET
THE GSA
TEAM**



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What We Do

The GSA Open Government Secretariat serves three primary roles:

1

Nation Action Plan [\(NAP\) 5 Implementation](#): Coordinate with federal partners to track and report progress on NAP commitments.

2

Nation Action Plan (NAP) 6 Development: In coordination with White House OSTP, Department of State, and USAID, co-create the 6th US Open Government NAP with Civil Society Organizations through an open and transparent process and which advances the ideals of a more inclusive, responsive, and accountable Government.

3

Stakeholder Engagement: Coordinate with federal government and public stakeholders groups:

- Federal Stakeholder Engagement
- Public Stakeholder Engagement
- Host & Maintain an Open Government [public website](#)

Why We are Here

Listening, Learning, Collaborating, Trust Building



Image credit: <https://www.deeprootcenter.org/blog/collaboration-listening-learning>

A Message from GSA Legal

Navigating the Public Input Process



“The purpose of this engagement session is to encourage broad public input. However, GSA does not intend to use any individual or collective opinion expressed in this forum as a guideline in the formulation of any agency policy or regulation.”

Ice Breaker

Three Words Ice Breaker

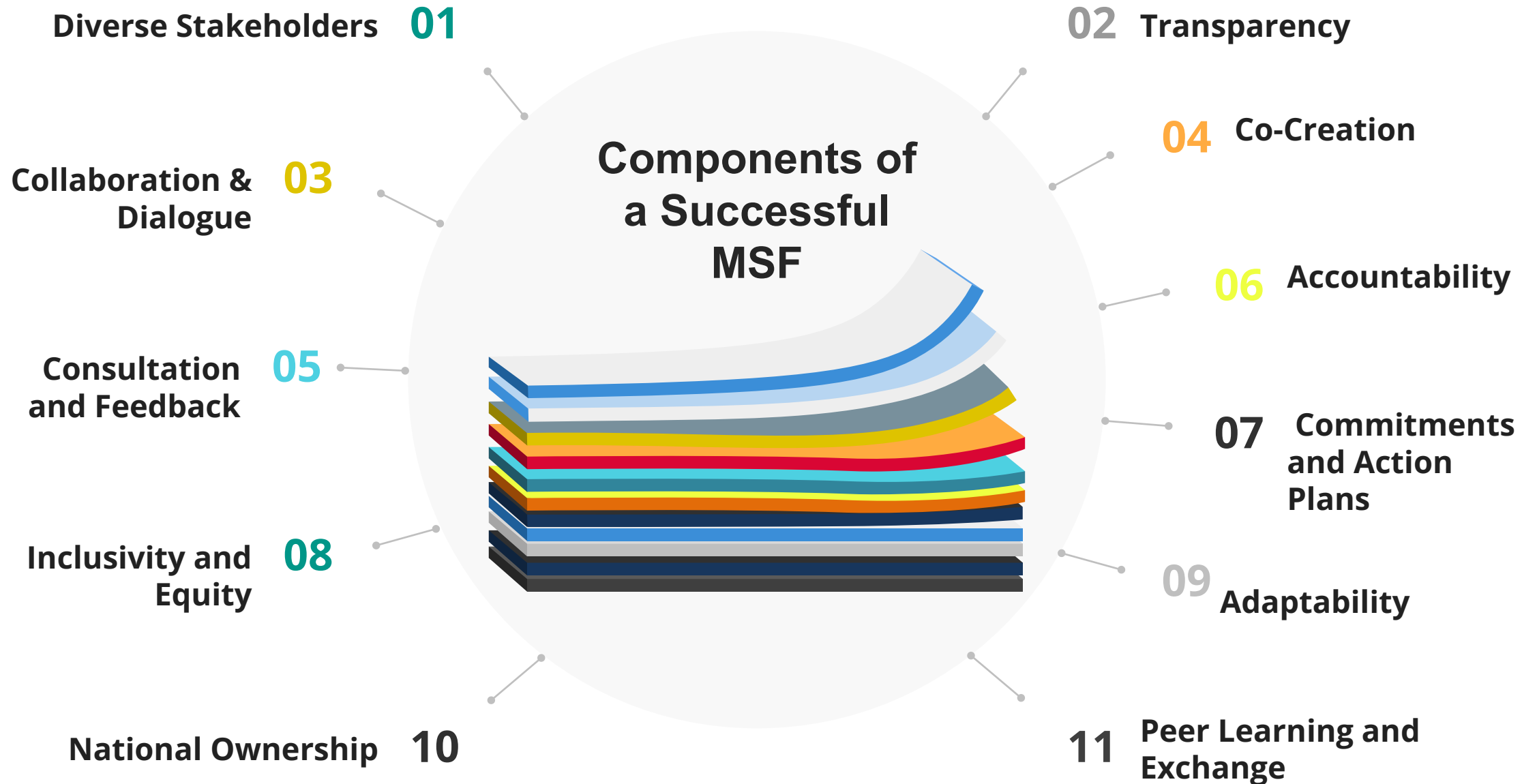
Lightning Round Introductions!



- We will go around the room, in a lightning round, and ask you to provide the following information:
 - Name
 - Organization
 - 3 words to describe yourself or what you're passionate about
- Virtual attendees: Please input the above information into the chat

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News From GSA



Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF) Investigation

We are currently working through an 'Investigate' phase where we identify and gather information on various MSF Structures / Processes.



MSF Alternatives Analysis

The team developed a high level **Alternatives Analysis and Decision Paper** for GSA leadership to consider.

This analysis weighs the following possible options to reinvigorate the U.S. **Multi-Stakeholder Forum** within the U.S. legal and regulatory framework:

- Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)
- National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA)
 - Has FACA Exemption
- Organized by a Public University
- Civil Society Self-Organizes

Dedicated ListSerts

Streamlining Communication

The Open Government Secretariat has decided to streamline our communication platforms, transitioning from multiple communication platforms down to **two dedicated listserts**:

- Communication **Within** Government
 - Only available to .gov and .mil email address
- Communications **Outside** Government (More info on how to join is coming soon)
 - Open to the public, anyone can join

Federal Agency Open Government Community of Practice

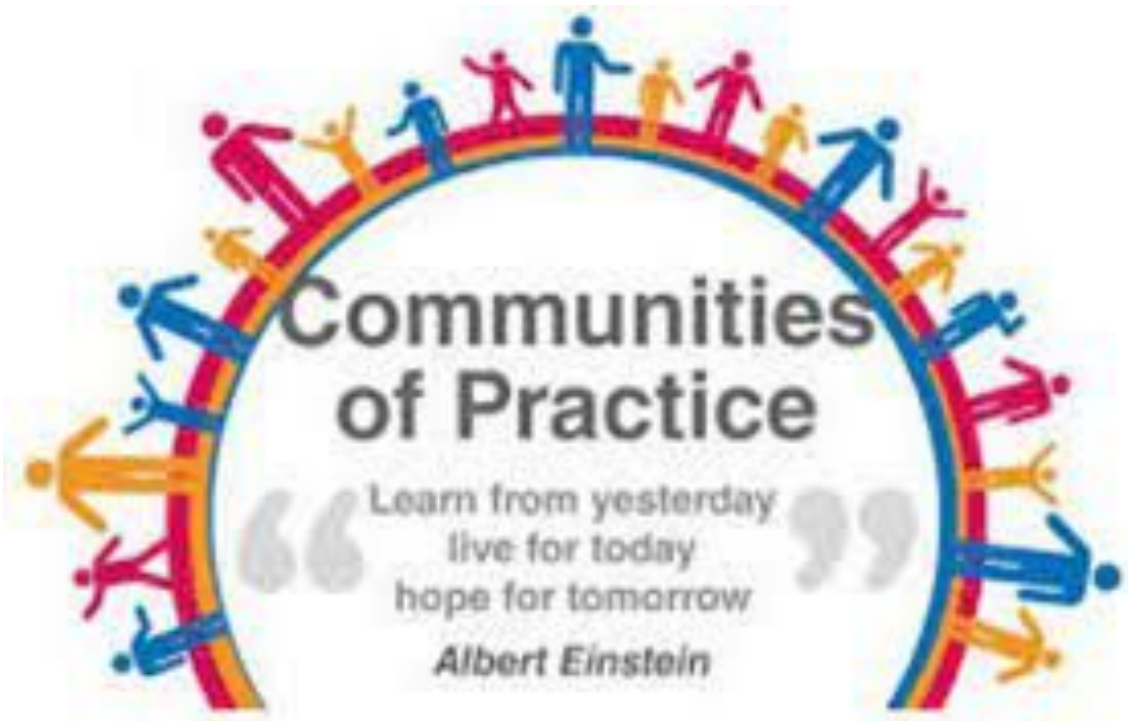
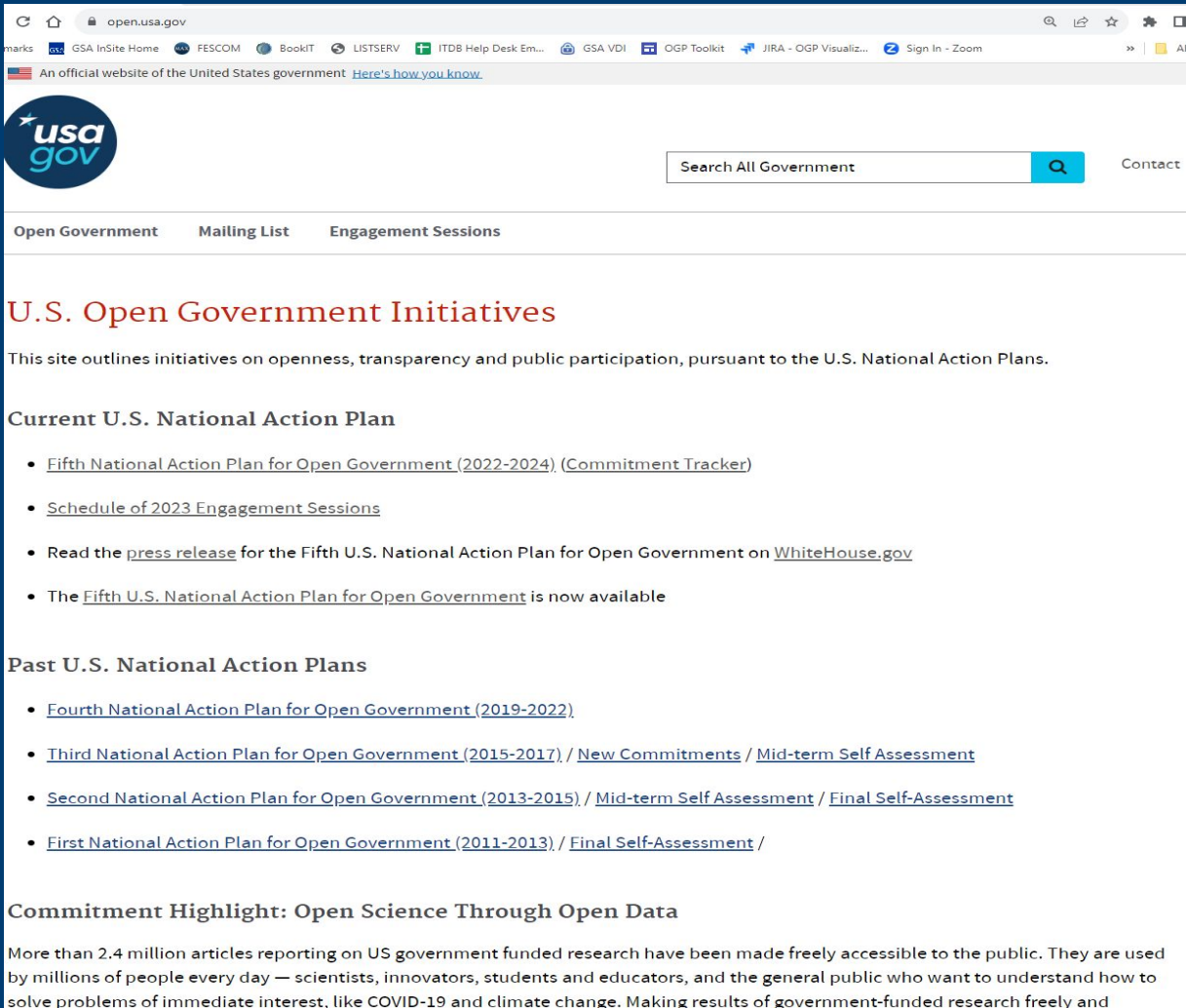


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The Open Government Secretariat is reinstating the **Federal Agency Open Government Community of Practice**, which met for the first time in quite a while last Tue Jan 30, 2024. It is only open to all federal agencies and personnel with a .mil or .gov email address, and plans to meet every other month with the goal of **sharing knowledge, capacity building, and enhancing collaboration.**

Open.usa.gov Migration



The screenshot shows the Open.usa.gov website. At the top left is the USA.gov logo. To its right is a search bar labeled "Search All Government" with a magnifying glass icon. Further right is a "Contact" link. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with three items: "Open Government", "Mailing List", and "Engagement Sessions". The main content area is titled "U.S. Open Government Initiatives" in red. Below this title is a paragraph: "This site outlines initiatives on openness, transparency and public participation, pursuant to the U.S. National Action Plans." There are two sub-sections: "Current U.S. National Action Plan" and "Past U.S. National Action Plans". Each sub-section contains a list of links to various reports and documents. At the bottom, there is a "Commitment Highlight: Open Science Through Open Data" section with a paragraph of text.

Open Government Mailing List Engagement Sessions

U.S. Open Government Initiatives

This site outlines initiatives on openness, transparency and public participation, pursuant to the U.S. National Action Plans.

Current U.S. National Action Plan

- [Fifth National Action Plan for Open Government \(2022-2024\)](#) ([Commitment Tracker](#))
- [Schedule of 2023 Engagement Sessions](#)
- Read the [press release](#) for the Fifth U.S. National Action Plan for Open Government on [WhiteHouse.gov](#)
- The [Fifth U.S. National Action Plan for Open Government](#) is now available

Past U.S. National Action Plans

- [Fourth National Action Plan for Open Government \(2019-2022\)](#)
- [Third National Action Plan for Open Government \(2015-2017\)](#) / [New Commitments](#) / [Mid-term Self Assessment](#)
- [Second National Action Plan for Open Government \(2013-2015\)](#) / [Mid-term Self Assessment](#) / [Final Self-Assessment](#)
- [First National Action Plan for Open Government \(2011-2013\)](#) / [Final Self-Assessment](#) /

Commitment Highlight: Open Science Through Open Data

More than 2.4 million articles reporting on US government funded research have been made freely accessible to the public. They are used by millions of people every day — scientists, innovators, students and educators, and the general public who want to understand how to solve problems of immediate interest, like COVID-19 and climate change. Making results of government-funded research freely and

We're combining our expertise in **human-centered design** and **customer experience** to migrate the Open.USA.gov site to the GSA.gov platform to make the website easier to use and ensure it is a source of timely, effective and accurate communication on U.S Open Government Initiatives.

Sneak Peak

To-Be Open Government Website

The first version of the new Open Government Secretariat page is easier to use, and will include current Open Government resources, links to past U.S. NAPs, a reimaged commitment tracker displays, and much more!

The screenshot shows the GSA website's 'Open Government Initiative' page. The header includes the GSA logo, 'U.S. General Services Administration', a 'Per Diem Lookup' button, and a search bar. A navigation menu lists categories like 'Buy through us', 'Sell to government', 'Real estate', 'Policy and regulations', 'Small business', 'Travel', 'Technology', and 'About us'. The main content area features the title 'Open Government Initiative' and a sub-header 'Key strategies for a more inclusive, responsive, and accountable government'. Below this, there are six strategy cards: 'Foster public participation', 'Increase transparency', 'Counter corruption', 'Embrace digital innovation', and 'Engage with the global community'. A right-hand sidebar contains a 'Join our mailing list' button and a section titled 'Open Government Secretariat upholds global commitments' with a detailed paragraph about the Biden-Harris administration's Fifth Open Government National Action Plan.

Open Government Initiative

Key strategies for a more inclusive, responsive, and accountable government

Explore the strategies outlined in the U.S. government's Open Government National Action Plan to engage citizens, increase transparency, and improve overall government effectiveness.

Foster public participation
Actively engage citizens in government policymaking by encouraging involvement, gathering input, and ensuring their inclusion in discussions.

Increase transparency
Improve public access to government data, research, and information to enhance transparency, accountability, and equitable outcomes.

Counter corruption
Put measures in place to detect and prevent corruption within government operations and ensure integrity and accountability to the public.

Embrace digital innovation
Transform service delivery, improve decision-making, and promote efficiency and effectiveness in government operations through modernization efforts and innovative technologies.

Engage with the global community
Strengthen global ties through partnership and collaboration with fellow member nations. Exchange ideas and innovative practices to enhance the U.S.'s commitment to open government values, fostering a government that is accountable to its citizens and transparent in its operations.

Join our mailing list

Open Government Secretariat upholds global commitments

In 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration unveiled the U.S. government's [Fifth Open Government National Action Plan](#), prioritizing inclusivity, responsiveness, and accountability in U.S. government initiatives.

Under the leadership of the General Services Administration, the newly established **Open Government Secretariat Program Management Office** takes charge of overseeing all domestic aspects within the **international Open Government Partnership**. This includes addressing existing [commitments](#) outlined in the U.S. Fifth Open Government National Action Plan, conducting [engagement sessions](#) with members of the U.S. government and civic society, and actively collaborating with the public to shape the next U.S. Open Government National Action Plan.

<https://www.gsa.gov/governmentwide-initiatives/open-government-initiative>

NAP 5 Commitment Tracker

Meeting the Community's Needs

The Open Government Secretariat is in the process of collecting and posting updates to the 56 'in progress' NAP 5 Commitments / Sub-Commitments, on the legacy open.usa.gov website. This update will include 'stacked' updates and additional information.

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NAP 5 Commitment Overview

By the Numbers as of the Aug 2023 Update

Number of Commitments
spanning 70 sub-commitments

36

**Number of Agencies or
Components**
leading a sub-commitment

5

Number of Themes
into which commitments are
divided

25

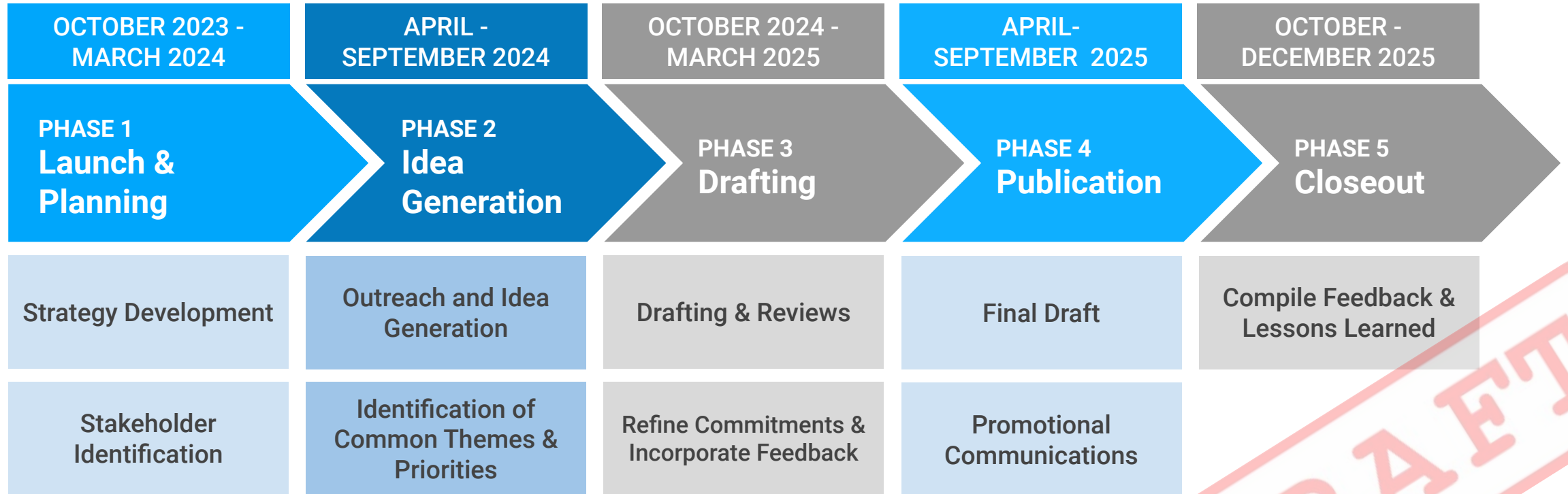
**Percentage of Fully Completed
Sub-Commitments** as of halfway
through NAP 5's implementation

20%

**Number of Completed or On-Track
Commitments** as of halfway
through NAP 5's implementation

30

NAP 6 Tentative Timeline



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Summit for Democracy

Democratic Renewal in Action



The Republic of Korea will lead the third Summit for Democracy in March 2024 under the theme, “Democracy for Future Generations.” It will feature a three-day program of events in Seoul with representatives from governments and authorities, civil society, private sector, and other stakeholders.

Discussion

Improving the Co-Creation Process - Miro Exercise

Past Co-creation Approaches

Exploring Past Processes

- Open government in the 2008 transition
- 2009 Open Government Directive and plans
- Online ideation platforms
- OpenGov@ email and roundtables
- White boards and posters for in-person workshops
- Github and in-person workshops
- Virtual forums, forms, and documents

Miro Board Instructions

Live Demonstration

First, please navigate to the following link to access the Miro Board:

https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVNytHJak=?share_link_id=470719355651

Second, we will conduct a live instructional demonstration on using the tool

Miro Board Activity

Improving the co-creation process with civil society

- Using the same Miro Board [link](#) from our ice breaker navigate to the **second activity section**.
- Assign one person from your table (or breakout room) to be the scribe.



**Break - 10
Minutes**

Co-Creation Activity Recap

Opportunities for Immediate Engagement

How Can GSA's Open Government Secretariat Help?



- At your table, or in your breakout room, **using the Miro board found [here](#)**, please add sticky notes to the Activity 3 area around the following topics:
 - Are there any events coming up GSA's Secretariat should know about or participate in?
 - What type of standard or regular meetings would be helpful for civil society?

Closing Remarks & Announcements

Closing Remarks



Partner with Us!

Planning for the Next Event

A large thank you to the Open Government Roundtable for their part in planning and facilitating this meeting!

Do you have ideas for future events? Are you interested in helping with the next one? Let us know at

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Thank You!



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