

# Open Government Success Stories

## *Selected Countries from around the World*

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# The Kingdom of Sweden

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- The foremost country in open government;
- Initial steps toward openness and transparency since 1766 – parliamentary democracy;
- Laws on publishing, press, and access to information led to an open and inclusive society;

# The Kingdom of Sweden

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## Open Aid - 2009

- transparency
- share ideas
- find better ways to invest development assistance funds

## Transparency Guarantee - 2010

- all public documents, information and data available online
- financial spending
- results

## Swedish Parliament - 2010

- Act (2010:566) on the Re-use of Public Administration Documents
- 300,000 documents and information from 1971

## Online platform - 2011

- OpenAid.se
- data and info available online for public use

# The Kingdom of Sweden





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- In 2011 → OGP membership;
- The second national plan for open government (2014) → furthering e-Government along with improving access to information.
  - Develop a citizen-oriented public sector;
  - Enhance the re-use of public administration documents;
  - Achieve aid transparency.

# Sweden and the Open Government Index

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Ranked **first** in the world by the Open Government Index in 2015;

	<b>Dimension</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Global Rank</b>
	Publicized laws and government data	0.66	11
	Access to information	0.86	1
	Civic participation	0.9	1
	Complaint mechanism	0.83	3

Source: WJP Open Government Index. <http://data.worldjusticeproject.org/opengov/>

# The United States of America

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- Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government (2009) → beginning of open government;
  - transparent,
  - collaborative;
  - participatory;
- One of the founding members of OGP (2011);

# The United States of America

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- In 2015 the Government issued the third national plan for open Government.
  - improve public services,
  - enhance access to information,
  - improve public participation,
  - increase fiscal transparency,
  - strengthen Government integrity,
  - provide better support for open Government at the sub-national level and employ it to support sustainable development.



# USA and the Open Government Index

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In 2015 the United States of America was ranked **eleventh** on the Open Government Index:

	Dimension	Score	Global Rank
	Publicized laws and government data	0.62	15
	Access to information	0.7	14
	Civic participation	0.8	10
	Complaint mechanism	0.77	10

Source: WJP Open Government Index. <http://data.worldjusticeproject.org/opengov/>

# Indonesia

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- In 1998 Indonesia experienced a regime change; after 32 years of authoritarian rule → an era of reformation → changes in the political process.
- Democratic and open political scene.

# Indonesia

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## Public Information Disclosure Law - 2008

- Law No. 14/2008
- access Government information
- openness within Indonesian society

## Nurturing Government Culture of Openness

- called for at the presidential level
- answer the demands of people
- improving the clarity of procedures
- avoid and prevent mistrust

## Open Government Indonesia - 2011

- established as an entity;
- core team: representatives of ministries, agencies and Civil Society Organizations
- development of the national plans (next 16-17)





# Indonesia – Implementation Model

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- In 2011 - one of the founding members of OGP,
- Adaptable implementation model → adapted as demands change.
- Phase I – breakthrough:
  - initiating open government: roll-out and learn about strategies;
  - innovation and breakthrough: involve more organizations and encourage innovative initiatives;
  - expanding and deepening public participation;
  - strengthening the foundations towards the beginning of → **Phase 2**.
- Phase II – update.

# Indonesia and the Open Government Index

In 2015 Indonesia was ranked **32<sup>nd</sup>** globally and **7<sup>th</sup>** in the East Asia and Pacific region, making it the highest ranking developing country in its region.

	<b>Dimension</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Global Rank</b>
	Publicized laws and government data	0.49	39
	Access to information	0.56	46
	Civic participation	0.68	31
	Complaint mechanism	0.57	45

Source: WJP Open Government Index. <http://data.worldjusticeproject.org/opengov/>

# 2015 Open Government Index

	Country	Rank	Index	
Case study ←	Sweden	1	0.81	} Top 5
	New Zealand	2	0.81	
	Norway	3	0.81	
	Denmark	4	0.78	
	Netherlands	5	0.76	
Case study ←	United States	11	0.73	
Case study ←	Indonesia	32	0.58	
Top Arab Country ←	Tunisia	59	0.51	

# Thank you



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