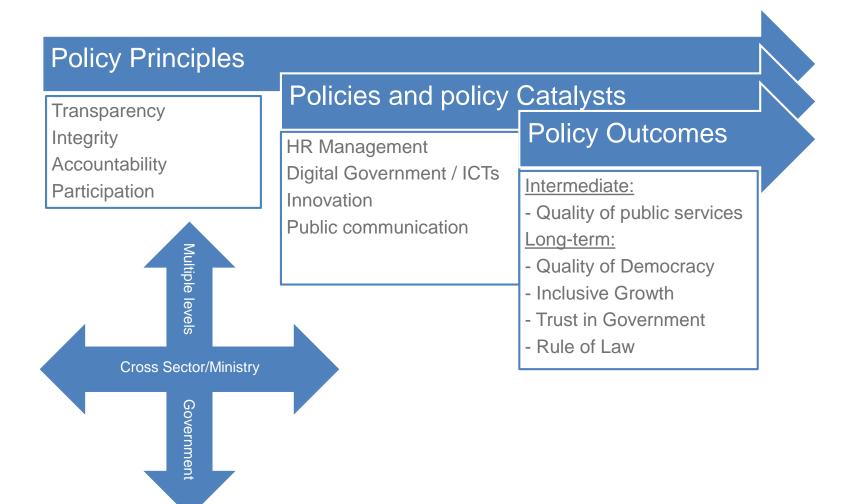


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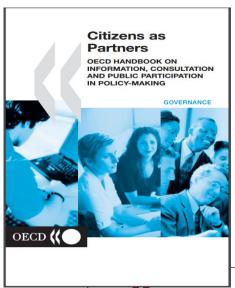
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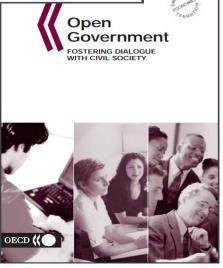


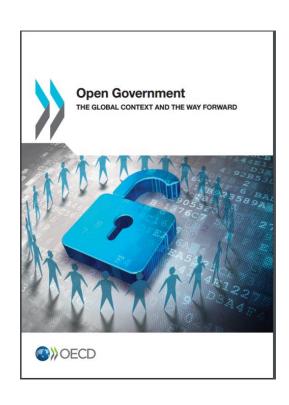


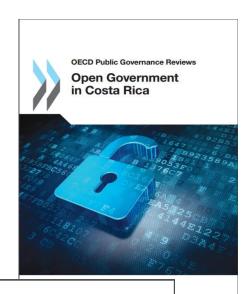


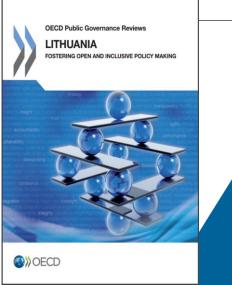
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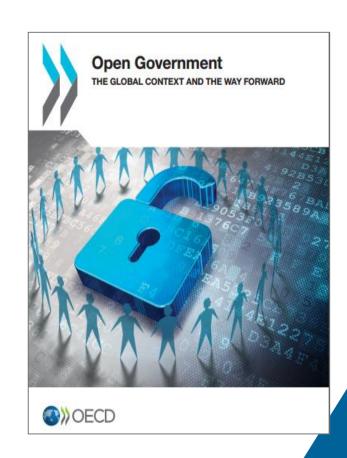






Global Report: The global context and the way forward

- Findings based on the 2015 OECD Survey on Open Government Coordination and Citizen Participation in the Policy Cycle
- Analysis based on evidence submitted by 53 countries including OECD countries and non-members from Latin America and the Caribbean, MENA, Central Europe and South East Asia.
- 3 MENA countries featured (Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia)





2014

Towards an OECD Recommendation of the Council on Open Government Timeline

1st OECD Global Forum on Open Government 2014

Launching of the OECD Survey on Open Government Co-ordination and Citizen Participation in the Policy Cycle

November 2016:

54th PGC: Presentation of the Global Report and Establishment of the Expert Group on Open Government



Development of two technical papers by the OECD Secretariat:

1) "Towards the development of an OECD Recommendation of the Council on Open Government"

2) "Towards Open Government Indicators"

December 2016 OECD Global Forum on Public Governance

• Launch of the OECD Report on Open Government: The Global Context and the Way Forward

 Ministerial Roundtable: 30 Ministers and 50 Heads of Delegations, organized in collaboration with the Government of France and the Open Government Partnership

- Open Government: the Global Context and the Way Forward:

Morocco is the first MENA and non-**OECD** country to adhere to the Recommendation.

March 2017:

1st Meeting of the **Expert Group**



April 2017:

55th PGC: Discussion with the PGC on the draft Recommendation and the technical paper **Towards Open Government Indicators**

2017

2nd Meeting of the **Expert Group** (back-to-back with PGC 55)

July 2017: 3rd Meeting of the **Expert Group**

July 2017:

Launch of the online public consultation on the draft Recommendation

September 2017:

Closing of the online public consultation

October 2017:

Updated text shared with the Expert Group and 4th Meeting of the group

December 2017:

Adoption of the OECD Recommendation of the Council on Open Government

2018

March 2018: Meeting of the Expert Group

July 2018:

6th Meeting of the Expert Group (at the sidelines of the OGP Summit) & updates on the OECD Toolkit and Indicators



Definition and Pillars of the OECD Recommendation of the Council on Open Government

Definition:

"A culture of governance that promotes the principles of transparency, integrity, accountability and stakeholder participation in support of democracy and inclusive growth."

Enabling Environment

Provisions 1, 2, 3,
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Implementation Framework

Provisions 4, 5, 6, 9
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Measuring Open Government

ELEMENTS OF DIRECT SUPPORT TO OG STRATEGIES & INITIATIVES

- Policy / Strategy/ OG definitions
- Clear mandate&responsibilities
- Allocated budgets
- Dedicated HR

INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION

- Coordination inside central government
- Coordination between branches of government
- Coordination between levels of government (subnational)
- Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms
- Promotion of Open Government literacy in civil service

COLLABORATION WITH NON-GOV STAKEHOLDERS

- Participation & co-creation mechanisms
- Involvement of diverse stakeholders
- Promotion of OG literacy in society
- Communication
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CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT PRACTICE

- Increased collaboration between levels and branches of government in designing and implementing OG agenda
- Increased transparency of government processes, including digitally enabled
- Increased and more diverse stakeholder participation,
- Increased open, useful and reusable government-held data

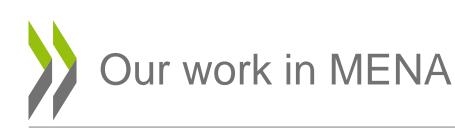
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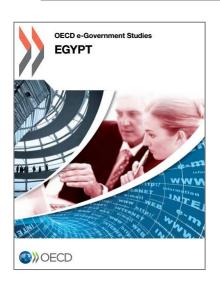
The <u>MENA-OECD Governance Programme</u>: A strategic partnership between MENA and OECD countries to share knowledge and expertise & disseminate standards and principles of good governance

- Supported adherence of Morocco, Tunisia, and Jordan to the Open Government Partnership (OGP)
- Implementation support for National Action Plans & OG initiatives

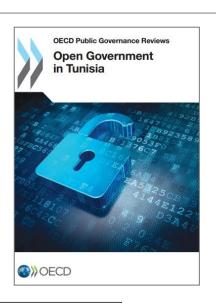


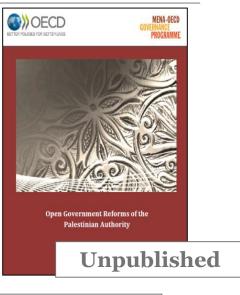


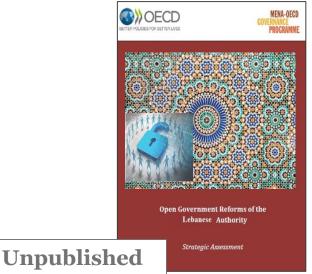
A selection of MENA OG publications















MENA – OECD Working Group II on

Open and Innovative Government

- A platform promoting regional exchange and dialogue between MENA and OECD high-level public officials **since 2005**.
- Chaired by the UAE and co-chaired by Korea & Italy
- 13th Annual Meeting (Dubai, Feb 2018).
- **Joint Meeting with ECSWA** (2017)
- **Driving the OG agenda:**
- Providing evidence based analysis on what works and what doesn't
- Sharing best practices and identifying solutions
- Bringing new topics on board such as open government at the local level, public communication etc.







Key challenges for OG in MENA

- Political crises and insecurity means competing priorities for governance reforms
- Weak/slow implementation of existing legal frameworks (due to weak institutional setting, low priority in political agenda etc) coupled with mounting citizen frustration

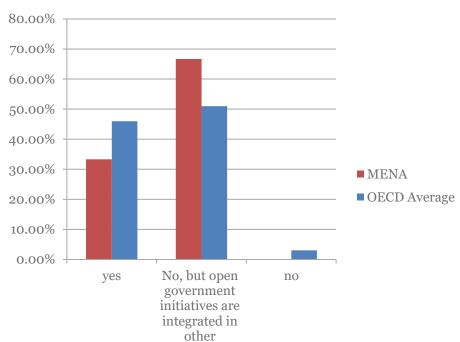


Findings from the Global report

Is there an office responsible for horizontal coordination of open government initiatives?

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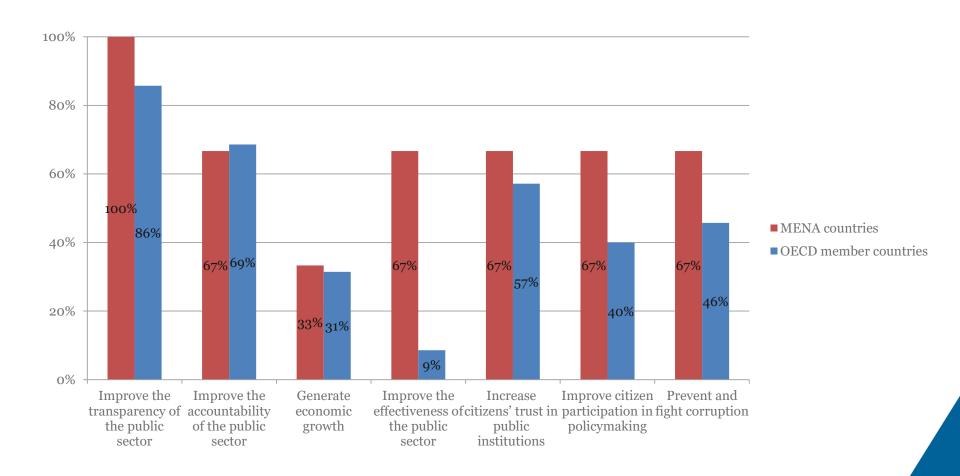
Does your country have a single national Open Government Strategy?



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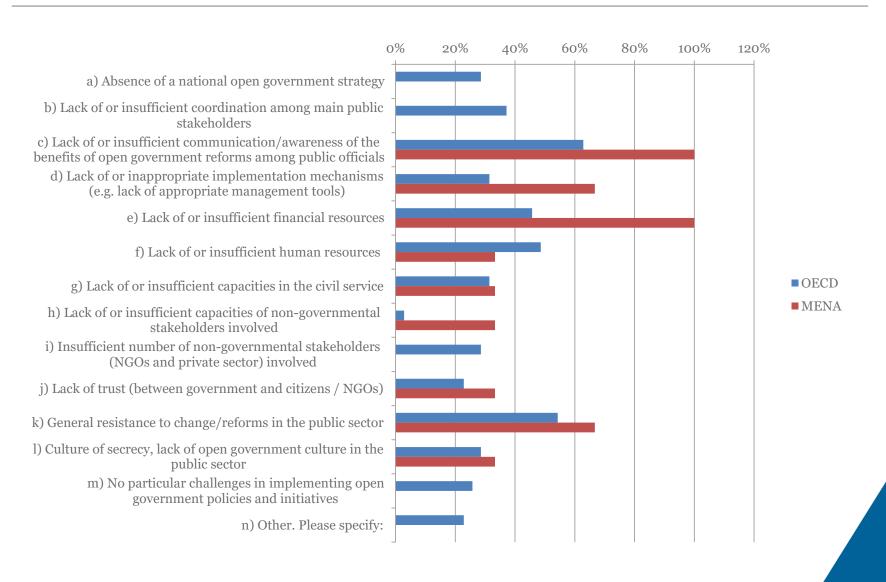


What are the national policy objectives that your Government intends to achieve by implementing open government initiatives?



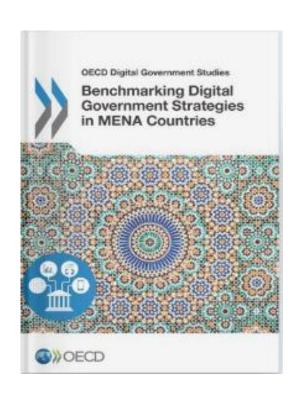


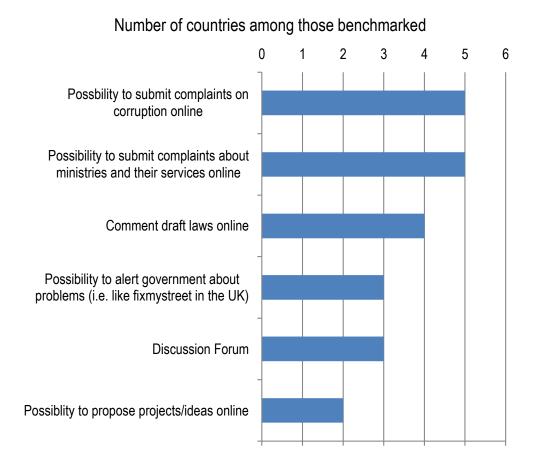
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Use of digital tools for engagement in MENA countries



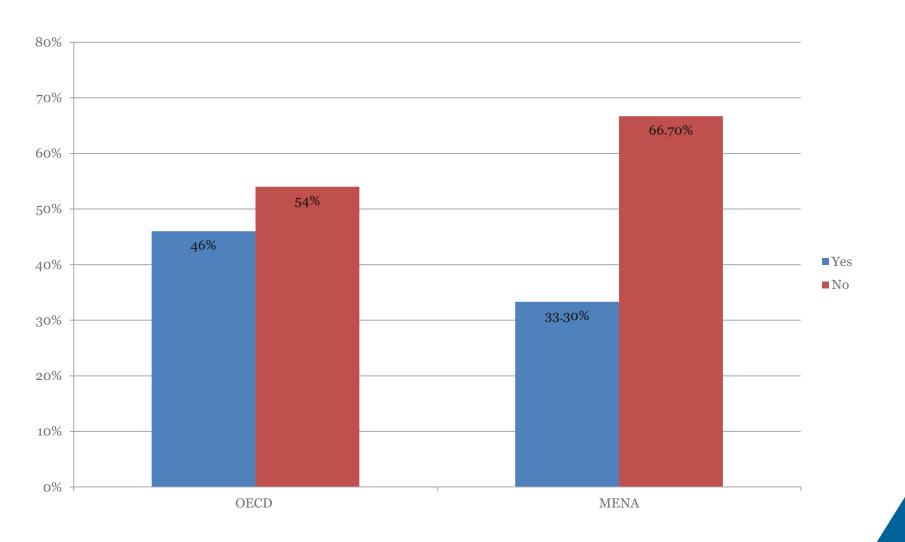


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Responses from: Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates

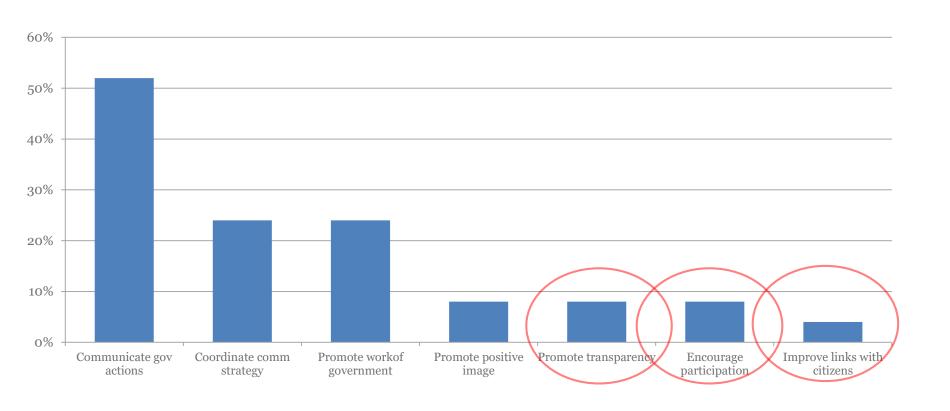


Does your Government have an overarching document for participation?





What are the 3 main objectives of your communication strategy? Results for OECD countries



Participation as a priority of communication strategies? In less than 20% of OECD countries, 16% in Morocco, 8% in Tunisia



Key opportunities for OG in MENA

- ATI
- Participation
- Effective service delivery

Constitutional reforms

Decentralisation reforms

- Increased accountability
- Bottom-up approach
- Inter-institutional ional dialogue

OGP Platform

- High visibility
- Effective platform for collaboration with CSOs

Post-Arab Spring

- Anti-corruption reforms
- Foundations for a thriving civil society



Thank you!



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