



Invitation to the Public to comment on the draft Tanzania Open Government Plan Deadline: 31January, 2012

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The OGP was launched in New York on September 20, 2011 by US President Barack Obama and President DilmaRousseff of Brazil. To join, countries have to meet basic transparency criteria in accordance with internationally recognized measures. In Africa Tanzania was one of only six countries that qualified.

Under the leadership of President Kikwete, Tanzania joined the OGP in September 2011. Our participation reflects the commitment of the Tanzania government to be more open and responsive to its people, and to increase opportunities for citizen feedback and participation.

Tanzania has prepared a **draft Country Plan** which has been submitted to the OGP Secretariat. (The Kiswahili version will be posted here soon.) Consistent with the principles of open government, Tanzania invites the public and interested parties to submit concrete ideas and inputs to strengthening the Plan:

Deadline for submission:	Monday 31 January, 2012
Structure for submission:	See next page, limit submission to 5 pages maximum
Languages:	Kiswahili or English
Format:	To enable compilation and sharing please submit electronically
Exceptions:	Where electronic not practicable, hard copies can be accepted
Address:	ogp@ikulu.go.tz and opengovtz@gmail.com
Or if by post:	Attn: OGP-Mmbando, Ikulu, PO Box 9120, Dar es Salaam

The comments received will be placed online by February 2012 for the public to know. Thank you for your inputs. We will use them to help strengthen the Tanzania Open Government Plan.

Format for commenting on the Tanzania Open Government Plan

Name:

Title:

Organization:

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Telephones:

Date of submission:

Submitted on behalf of individual _____ or organization _____

Please review the draft plan dated 15 December, 2011. Then answer the following questions. Be as specific and concrete as possible. Please limit your overall submission to 5 pages maximum.

1. What aspects of the Plan do you **like**, and why?
2. Which aspects of the draft plan needs to be **improved**, how and why?
3. What 2-3 **new commitments** should Tanzania make? Be as specific as possible. How will these help the citizens of Tanzania? Why should they be prioritized?
4. Overall, what should be the top three priorities for the plan and why?
5. What specifically can you contribute to make open government succeed in Tanzania? Please be as specific as possible.
6. Any other comments?

Please keep your submission to **maximum 5 pages**. Please send your submission, in Kiswahili or English, to ogp@ikulu.go.tz and opengovtz@gmail.com by **31 January, 2012**. Thank you.