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DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
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CIRCULAR LETTER

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To : All Heads of Departments, Agencies, Other Executive Offices, Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs)/Government Financial Institutions (GFIs), and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in the Executive Branch; Local Government Units (LGUs); and All Others Concerned

Subject : **ENCOURAGING SUPPORT TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE PHILIPPINE OPEN GOV WEEK (OGW) 2025**

- 1.0 Section 47¹ of the General Provisions of the FY 2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA), (Republic Act No. 12116) prescribes that departments, bureaus, offices and instrumentalities of the National Government, including Constitutional Offices enjoying fiscal autonomy, SUCs, GOCCs, and LGUs, shall adopt the open government partnership values of transparency, accountability, citizen participation, and leveraging on technology in the implementation of their programs, activities, and projects, as institutionalized under Executive Order No. 31, s. 2023.²
- 2.0 The Philippines is one of the eight (8) founding countries of the Open Government Partnership (OGP),³ a multi-stakeholder initiative established in 2011 by innovators and democratic players who believe that a government whose doors are open to its people is a government that is trustworthy and is responsive to the needs of its people. The Philippine OGP (PH-OGP) is responsible for overseeing and implementing the country's commitment to the OGP.
- 3.0 The PH-OGP Steering Committee, chaired by the undersigned, is a multi-stakeholder forum composed of government and non-government representatives constituted to stand as a policy and decision-making body for the PH-OGP. Among others, the Steering Committee is tasked to integrate open and inclusive government principles in governance processes and develop an advocacy plan focused on PH-OGP processes and goals.
- 4.0 As an active member of the OGP, the country joins the rest of the open government community globally in the annual celebration of Open Gov Week (OGW).⁴ OGW 2025

¹ <https://www.dbm.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/GAA/GAA2025/VolumeIB/GENPRO/GENPRO.pdf>

² <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2023/06/20/executive-order-no-31-s-2023/>

³ <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/>

⁴ <https://opengovweek.org/about/>

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| ORLANDO E. MANUEL PhD., CESO V Schools Division Superintendent | | | |
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is an opportunity to turn ideas into action through the Open Gov Challenge⁵, a call to all stakeholders to commit to ambitious, concrete steps that strengthen communities and make governance more participatory and accountable. By bringing together diverse perspectives and fostering cross-sector collaboration, we aim to translate open government commitments into impactful reforms.

- 5.0 The PH-OGP celebration of OGW 2025 on May 19 – 23, 2025 is a series of sessions led by the PH-OGP Steering Committee and various government agencies with their civil society organization partners as they facilitate dialogue and collaboration in tackling challenges in the reform areas in the Open Gov Challenge.
- 6.0 The full support and cooperation of all concerned is encouraged in the OGW 2025 through the following, among others:
- a. Participation in the partner-led sessions available via <https://bit.ly/OGW2025-Agenda>;
 - b. Posting of the OGW 2025 social media cards and announcements in the websites, social media pages, and bulletin boards, as applicable; and
 - c. Cross-posting of livestream sessions, as applicable.
- 7.0 To share the information and/or announcement on the OGW, the following PH-OGP website pages are accessible: <https://ogp.dbm.gov.ph/>; <https://www.facebook.com/opengovPH> ; <https://x.com/opengovPH>.
- 8.0 For consideration.

AMENAH F. PANGANDAMAN
Secretary



⁵ <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/the-open-gov-challenge/>



SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

| Time | Session Title | Organizers | Registration Link | Venue |
|-------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| May 19, 2025 (Monday) | | | | |
| 9:00 AM – 12:00 NN | Open Gov Week 2025 Opening Ceremony | Philippine Open Government Partnership Project Management Office (PH-OGP PMO) | https://bit.ly/OGW2025-Opening-Ceremony | 5 th Floor, Celestial Ballroom, Luxent Hotel |
| 1:00 – 4:00 PM | Second Quarter PH-OGP Steering Committee Meeting | | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Autumn Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 8:00 – 4:00 PM | Engaging for Impact: Open Governance, Infinite Possibilities Part I | DILG XII, DBM XII, Mahintana Foundation Inc, and selected LGUs of the region | Invite Only | DBM Region XII Office |
| May 20, 2025 (Tuesday) | | | | |
| 8:00 – 4:00 PM | Engaging for Impact: Open Governance, Infinite Possibilities Part II | DILG XII, DBM XII, Mahintana Foundation Inc, and selected LGUs of the region | | DBM Region XII Office |
| 8:00 – 12:00 NN | Restoring Dignity, Delivering Justice: The Tri-City Justice Sector Coordinative Response to OSAEC | Supreme Court of the Philippines | https://forms.office.com/r/a4tLtkFuBH | 5 th Floor, Winter and Spring Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 12:00 - 5:00 PM | Co-creating the OGP Localization Program: Building Blueprint for a Stronger Global Affiliate Network | DILG-SLGP and OGP Support Unit | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Summer Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 1:00 - 4:00 PM | Government Data and the Development of Local Data Markets | University of the Philippines Institute of Government and Law Reform | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Autumn Hall, Luxent Hall |

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| 1:00 - 4:30 PM | Cost of Compliance: Implications on People's Rights | Council for People's Development and Governance (CPDG), Defend NGOs Alliance, and CODE NGO | https://tinyurl.com/CostOfCompliance | 5 th Floor, Zenith Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 4:00 - 6:00 PM | Ceremonial Signing of Memorandum of Understanding for the Digital Information for Monitoring and Evaluation (DIME) Project with UP-NOAH | DBM Office of the Chief Information Officer and UP-NOAH | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Spring Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| May 21, 2025 (Wednesday) | | | | |
| 9:00 AM - 12:00 NN | Peoples' Land Movements and Open Agrarian Reform | Task Force Mapalad | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Summer Hall, Luxent Hall |
| 9:30 - 11:30 AM | Bata, Kabataan, Bukas: A Children & Youth Summit on Participatory Governance | Quezon City LGU and World Vision Development Foundation Inc. | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Zenith Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 10:00 - 12:00 NN | Local Voices and Shared Vision: Expanding the Civic Space in Local Governance | Department of Interior and Local Government - CAR | https://tinyurl.com/OpenGovCAR25 | Online Session |
| 10:00 - 12:00 NN | CSO Government Collaboration in the Justice Sector | European Union Delegation and EU GOJUST PROGRAMME | https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKnVCzN5u5JOksso26DRTXvDpGNquUyTJZP47XEbnEji_7wQ/viewform?usp=dialog | 5 th Floor, Winter Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 9:00 - 12:00 NN | Transparency and Beneficial Ownership in Public Procurement: Strengthening Integrity and Data Disclosure for Inclusive and Accountable Governance | United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Procurement Service - DBM | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Spring Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 1:00 - 3:00 PM | Capacitate to Collaborate: Empowering Stakeholders for Participatory and Accountable Governance | Quezon City LGU and Department of the Interior and Local Government - National Capital Region | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Meridian Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 1:30 - 3:00 PM | Opening the Vote: The COMELEC Register Anywhere Program (RAP) and Its Role in Promoting Accessibility and Participation | Commission on Elections | https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kUheqJqsciuOKc5aSX0JRcEk1Ckb528ZzEOqCvgSbF0 | Online Session |

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| 1:00 - 5:00 PM | Budgeting With the People: Advancing Inclusive & Equitable Education and Health | Civil Society Network for Education Reforms (E-Net Philippines), Inc. and Social Watch Philippines | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Autumn Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Macroeconomic Insights for National Action: An Economic Dialogue with Civil Society | Department of Budget and Management - ACES Group | | 5 th Floor, Winter Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 3:00 - 5:00 PM | Women Rising | Unang Hakbang Foundation Inc. and Gota de Leche | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Spring and Summer Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 3:00 - 5:00 PM | Headway to Resilient Governance: Building the Resilience and Withstanding Risks of National Capital Region through Multi-Stakeholder Solutions | Department of the Interior and Local Government - National Capital Region | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Meridian Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 4:00 - 6:00 PM | Local Voices Shared Choices: Advancing Participatory Budgeting in Local Governance | Local Government of Quezon City | https://bit.ly/OpenGovWeekParticipatoryBudgeting | 5 th Floor, Zenith Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| May 22, 2025 (Thursday) | | | | |
| 8:00 - 12:00 NN | Effectiveness of Participation of Civil Society Organizations in the Local Budget Process | Department of Budget and Management - Cordillera Administrative Region and DILG CAR | Invite Only | Online Session |
| 8:00 - 12:00 NN | Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation for Meaningful Integration of National Government-Local Government Unit Agenda (SECMINA) | DBM Local Government and Regional Coordination Bureau | https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/XWjnYdHvxN | 5 th Floor, Autumn Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 9:00 - 11:00 AM | Forging Pathways for a Just, Inclusive, and Equitable Energy Transition | Center for Empowerment, Innovation and Training on Renewable Energy - Responsible Energy Initiative Philippines (CentRE - REI Ph) and Responsible Energy Initiative Philippines (REI Ph) | https://bit.ly/RTD-Pathways4InclusiveEquitableJET | 5 th Floor, Spring and Summer Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 9:00 – 2:00 PM | OpenGov Hackathon 2025: Good Vibes, Great Governance -- Building Trust through Data, AI, and Citizen Voices | Department of Information and Communications Technology | | 5 th Floor, Meridian Hall, Luxent Hotel |

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| 10:00 - 12:00 | Mabuting Pamamahala para sa Mabuting Pamumuhay | GoodGovPH | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Winter Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 9:00 - 12:00 NN | Citizens as Watchdogs over Government's role as duty-bearer and service provider | Caucus of Development NGO Networks | https://bit.ly/CitizensAsWatchdogs | Ground Floor, Marigold, Luxent Hotel |
| 12:00 NN - 3:30 PM | Making Spaces: Children Driving Change for Open Governments | UNICEF, DBM, Positive Youth Development Network, and Council for the Welfare of Children | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Zenith Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 1:00 - 3:00 PM | Catalyzing Open Government for Gender Equality and Inclusive Participation in Climate Action | National Anti-Poverty Commission | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Spring and Summer Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 1:00 - 3:00 PM | Open Governance from the Bottom: The Stories of Galing Pook-Awarded Barangays | Galing Pook Foundation, DILG-NBOO, and Liga ng mga Barangays | https://forms.gle/fSPNGeEQpeijtXNk9 | 5 th Floor, Autumn Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| 1:30 - 3:30 PM | Universities as Catalysts: Advancing Open Government Principles through Knowledge Partnerships | La Salle Institute of Governance | Invite Only | De La Salle University |
| 1:00 - 4:00 PM | Ensure a User-Centered Approach to Beneficial Ownership Transparency Reforms | Securities and Exchange Commission, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and Open Ownership | https://forms.gle/xhNyHDXCbkiBpXyw9 | 5 th Floor, Winter Hall, Luxent Hotel |
| May 23, 2025 (Friday) | | | | |
| 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Partners and Stakeholders Reception | PH-OGP PMO | Invite Only | 5 th Floor, Celestial Ballroom, Luxent Hotel |