

NAP 4 Co-Creation Timeline

The below NAP 4 Co-Creation Timeline was originally shared with the public on Aug 2, 2017 on the [open.usa.gov](https://www.open.usa.gov). Links to websites that are no longer active have been removed.

The U.S. Government is co-creating the fourth National Action Plan for Open Government (NAP 4) with civil society and the public. NAP 4 will include public commitments to advance transparency, accountability, and public participation across government.

We need your help!

- Share your ideas for NAP 4 by commenting on an issue below posted on GitHub, or, propose a new commitment by following the guidance and creating a new issue.

How do I join the conversation?

- If you do not have a GitHub account, you may create an account for free.
- If you prefer not to create an account, please email suggestions to nap4@gsa.gov and your contributions will be posted on your behalf.
- Attend our upcoming [co-creation events](#).

NAP 4 authors will review and consider all suggestions and feedback through GitHub, email, and in-person meetings although not all suggestions will necessarily receive a written response. All contributions are governed by our Public Engagement Guidelines. We look forward to moving forward on key issues together.

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Guidance for Commitments

We look forward to your valuable contributions as we co-create the United States' fourth National Action Plan (NAP 4).

This year marks an important transition for U.S. commitments to open government, as we move towards a smaller set of targeted, impactful and elevated commitments from broader sets of initiatives that have characterized past NAPs.

In light of our goal, we encourage our civil society and Federal agency partners to work closely together to:

- Identify and deepen initiatives that are working and you want to see more of in the NAP 4;
- Develop meaningful and ambitious commitments for the NAP 4 that reflect a spirit of clear accountability to U.S. citizens and demonstrate American leadership in promoting transparency and good governance.

The NAP 4 will cover the two-year period between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2020. All commitments should be:

- Achievable within this timeframe;
- Ambitious and measurable per the template below;

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Commitment Template:

Suggested Title

Topline Description - One sentence “elevator pitch”

Key Objective(s) - Describe how this initiative creates a more transparent, participatory, or collaborative government

Paragraph Description - For examples, please review paragraphs from past National Action Plan commitments

Ensuring Metrics are Measurable:

- *Ensure we can quantify, verify, monitor, and report progress*
- *Provide timelines when possible as work should be completed by August 2020*

You can find all submitted commitments, goals, and feedback on GitHub.

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Ways to Participate in Co-Creation:

- Join the conversation on GitHub
- Sign up for upcoming [co-creation events](#)
- Join the public mailing list for regular updates and discussion

Timeline

2017

- August 14: Preliminary deadline for agencies to submit NAP 4 commitments
- August 14 – Sep 22: Iterate with agencies, polish and finalize agency-level clearances
- September 6: Open Gov Interagency & Civil Society Quarterly Meeting
- September 6: Open Gov webpage — Open.USA.gov/NAP4 launches for public input
- September 8: NAP 4 co-creation event at GSA with civil society — Emerging Tech and Open Data for a More Open and Accountable Government
- September 15 – October 13: Iterate with civil society and agencies, polish and finalize final clearances
- September 22: Final deadline for agencies to submit NAP 4 commitments
- September 23: National Day of Civic Hacking in DC for NAP 4 co-creation with civil society at the Johns Hopkins Sibley Innovation Hub
- September 29: Open Government National Action Plan Co-Creation Workshop at NARA Innovation Hub - Request an invitation by emailing nap4@gsa.gov.
- October 2: Open.USA.gov/NAP4 site closes to public feedback
- October 31: The U.S. Government notifies OGP of a delay in the publication of the 4th NAP
- November 2017 - June 2018: Reformulation of co-creation strategy

2018

- January 18: United States moves from "odd year" to "even year" in the OGP cohort; the deadline for publication of NAP 4 is now August 31, 2018.
- May 29: OpenGov Interagency and Civil Society Working Group convenes at which the launch of the NAP 4 co-creation process is launched

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- June 6: Open.USA.gov/NAP4 is re-opened for public feedback.
- June 14: Co-creation event #1
- June 21: Co-creation event #2
- July – August: reasoned response process, further consultations and collaborative commitment drafting. Updates to follow post-co-creation workshops.
- August 31: revised NAP 4 submission deadline