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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 : **ENJOINING SUPPORT TO THE PHILIPPINE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (PH-OGP) 2024 AND SUCCEEDING YEARS' CELEBRATIONS OF THE OPEN GOV WEEK (OGW)**

- 1.0 Section 49¹ of the General Provisions of the FY 2024 General Appropriations Act (GAA), (Republic Act No. 11975) 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.

¹ <https://www.dbm.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/GAA/GAA2024/Volumel/GENPRO.pdf>

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

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

- 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 2024 brings together government and civil society reformers around the world in public debates, assemblies, hackathons, webinars, sharing stories and good practices to accelerate solutions to their most pressing problems and advance democracy by protecting the right to information, fighting corruption, guarding civic space, combating climate change, improving digital governance, opening up budgets, including all voices, expanding access to justice, ensuring media freedom, and enhancing public participation.
- 5.0 Centered around the theme “Meet the Moment. Raise Ambition. Rise to the Challenge.” PH-OGP celebration of OGW 2024 on May 27 – 31, 2024 is a series of sessions led by the PH-OGP Steering Committee and the different 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.⁵
- 6.0 The full support and cooperation of all concerned is enjoined in the 2024 OGW and succeeding years through the following, among others:
- a. Participation in the partner-led sessions;
 - b. Posting of the OGW social media cards and announcements in the websites, social media pages, and bulletin boards; 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 compliance.



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⁴ <https://opengovweek.org/about/>

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