



Member States Questionnaire (MSQ) for the United Nations E-Government Survey 2020

The objective of this questionnaire is to gather information from the Member States in preparation of the United Nations E-Government Survey 2020. Please note that these responses do not directly affect the UN E-Government Development Index (EGDI), which is a composite index of Online Service Index (OSI), Telecommunications Infrastructure Index (TII) and Human Capital Index (HCI). UNDESA¹ assesses national portals with the assistance of independent researchers to construct OSI, requests data from the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to construct TII and HCI respectively. For any questions about this questionnaire, please contact dpidg@un.org.

Bahamas

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I/We hereby authorize UNDESA to publish my/our responses as deemed necessary.

I. Institutional Framework

1. What is the official **e-government² portal** at the national level? If more than one, please list all.

www.bahamas.gov.bs

2. Please also provide **URLs** for below **specific portals**, if exists:

- a. E-services³:

www.bahamas.gov.bs

- b. [E-participation⁴](#):

<https://suppliers.gov.bs/>

- c. [Open government data](#):

Click or tap here to enter Links.

- d. Public procurement:

Click or tap here to enter Links.

- e. Other major portals at the national level:

Click or tap here to enter Links.

¹ This questionnaire is conducted by the Division of Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) of the UNDESA.

² **E-government or digital government** will be used interchangeably in this survey and is defined as delivering services online and engaging people by using Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)

³ A specific portal where you can see the list of all online services available for the public

⁴ **E-Participation** is about fostering civic engagement and open, participatory governance through Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs).

3. Please provide **name(s) and URL(s)** of the government agency/department/ministry at the national level in charge of e-government.

Modernization Unit, Office of The Prime Minister (OPM) & Department of Information Technology

4. Does your country have a **Chief Information Officer (CIO)**⁵ to manage national cross-agency e-government programs/strategies?

Name: To be announced

Title:

Organization:

E-mail:

Phone:

5. Please provide **names and URLs** of the government agencies/ministries/departments at the national level in charge of the following:

- a. Planning and Development

<http://www.bahamas.gov.bs/finance>

- b. Education

<http://www.ministryofeducationbahamas.com/>

- c. Health

<http://www.bahamas.gov.bs/health>

- d. Social Protection and Welfare

www.bahamas.gov.bs/socialservices

- e. Employment and Decent Work

<http://www.bahamas.gov.bs/labour>

- f. Environment

<http://www.best.gov.bs>

- g. Energy/Water

<http://www.bahamaselectricity.com/> & <http://www.wsc.com.bs>

- h. Finance/Taxation

<https://inlandrevenue.finance.gov.bs>

⁵ CIO or a similar senior official with a leadership role, sometimes referred as Chief Technology Officer (CTO) or Chief Digital Officer (CDO)

i. Industry/Trade

<http://www.bahamasministryoffinancialservices.com>

II. Strategy and Implementation

6. Is there a **national development strategy** incorporating the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)?

To be developed under the “Government Digital To Strengthen Competitiveness”, See BH-L1045 IDB project

7. Is there a **national e-government strategy/digital readiness strategy** or equivalent?

To be developed under the “Government Digital To Strengthen Competitiveness”, See BH-L1045 IDB project

8. Please check whichever applies.

National e-government strategy or equivalent:

- has an implementation plan.
- is aligned with the national development strategy
- is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- is aligned with sub-national/local digital development strategy.
- has an emphasis on digital-first principle
- has an emphasis on digital by default; digital by design; mobile-first principle
- has an emphasis on once-only (data) principle
- has an emphasis to ‘leave no one offline’ or to ‘leave no one behind’; or other specific measures to ensure e-government is accessible by the most vulnerable groups⁶
- makes specific reference to e-participation, digital inclusion and/or engagement.
- makes specific reference to the use of social media in the government.
- makes specific reference to the use of new technologies⁷ such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, big data

If any checked, please explain further (Max 250 words).

⁶ Poor, immigrants, older persons, persons with disabilities, women, youth, indigenous people

⁷ Also referring to emerging technologies

III. Legal Framework

9. Is there any legal framework on:
- access to information such as Freedom of Information Act
 - personal data protection including digital security
 - open government data
 - digital identity
 - digital certification/signature
 - e-procurement
 - digitally publishing government expenditure⁸
 - data interoperability
 - digital government as a right

Freedom of Information Act

Data Protection(Privacy of Personal Information) Act

IV. Usage of online services

10. Do you collect usage statistics of e-government services?
 Yes No
11. If yes, do you publish results online and share those with the public institutions concerned?

Please explain further (Max 250 words).

V. User satisfaction

12. Do you measure satisfaction of citizens on e-government services?
 Yes No
13. If yes, do you publish results online and share those with the public institutions concerned?

Please explain further (Max 250 words).

VI. Social Media

14. How does your government use social media at the national level to interact with and engage people in e-government activities? Please also explain if there were any guidelines for government officials on the use of social media.

⁸ Related to SDG Indicator 16.6.1

A number of agencies have Facebook pages and use WhatsApp to disseminate information. Some agencies use WhatsApp for persons to report issues, e.g potholes in the road

There are no guidelines for government officials on the use of social media

VII.

New Technologies

15. Does your government have a **specific national strategy** on one or more of following new technologies?

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Blockchain Big data Smart cities
 Robotics Internet of Things (IOT) Quantum computing Virtual reality
 Augmented reality Other:

Please explain further including relevant **links** (Max 250 words).

16. Does your government have any government body⁹ at the national level working specifically related to the new technologies?

Please explain further including relevant **links** (Max 250 words).

VIII. Indicators

17. What is the percentage of the population¹⁰ satisfied with their last experience of online public services?

Unavailable

18. What percentage of your GDP is allocated for ICT investment in the public sector?

19. What is the proportion of persons employed in central government organizations routinely using ICTs?

Less than 1% based on the number of IT devices issued and eMail accounts

20. What is the proportion of persons employed in central government organizations routinely using the Internet?

Less than 1% based on number of devices issued

21. If any, what kind of indicators do you collect/use to track digital literacy at the national level?

None

⁹ This can be an agency, cabinet, commission, committee, initiative etc.

¹⁰ Related to SDG Indicator 16.6.2 Proportion of population satisfied with their last experience of public services. See for all indicators: https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/Global%20Indicator%20Framework%20after%20refinement_Eng.pdf

IX. International and Regional Cooperation¹¹

22. Is your government part of any sub-regional, regional or international cooperation on e-government?

ITU. OAS. Red GEALC

23. Is your government offering (or planning to offer) support to other countries in the area of e-government?

Yes. The Bahamas is active in the Network of e-Government Experts in Latin America and the Caribbean

24. Are there any ongoing public-private partnerships and multistakeholder partnerships, focusing on e-government?

Yes. Ease of Doing Business Committee was formed and has a focus on e-Government

X. Contact and Additional Information

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1. Please select whichever applies:

- A group of government agencies responded to the questionnaire collectively.
- I am authorized and fully knowledgeable to respond to this questionnaire.
- I did not have the full information to respond to this questionnaire
- I mostly provided my own opinion/assessment rather than official information.
- Other:

Please explain further (Max 250 words).

2. How did you hear about this questionnaire?

- Directly from UN DESA
- From the Mission of my country to the United Nations
- United Nations E-Government Survey website

¹¹ WSIS Action Line C.11 - International and regional cooperation - <https://publicadministration.un.org/ws10/WSIS-Action-Lines-and-Facilitators>

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- LinkedIn
- Facebook
- Other:

Please explain further (Max 250 words).

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the Member States Questionnaire (MSQ) 2020.
We appreciate your participation.