

# Working together for our communities

## Implementing the Cross-Government Principles

### Tips and links to get started

#### Principle 1 Shared Vision

- Review annual and strategic plans of [local government councils](#) and [NTG agencies](#) to find and strengthen alignment. Note: under the *Local Government Act 2019*, councils are required to have an annual area plan.

#### Principle 2 Collaborative Decision-Making

- Attend regional coordination committees, local service delivery committees, regional economic growth committees, local council and local authority meetings.
- LGANT hold two conventions each year. Most council CEOs and many elected representatives attend these [events](#)
- Use council key contacts, NTG agency champions and DCM regional executives to identify opportunities, meeting schedules and to add agenda items.

#### Principle 3 Improving the Wellbeing of all Northern Territory Residents

- Partner across governments on community identified priorities, including local organisations to maximise resources and build community capacity to deliver services.
- Include key NTG agencies and local government councils in joint planning, service implementation and reviews.
- Use the [NT Social Outcomes Framework](#) to assist alignment with local priorities and identify success.
- Use [Closing the Gap](#) outcomes to support innovation and program development.

#### Principle 4 Shared Information, Knowledge and Data

- Share / present authorised agency data at joint meetings to enhance shared planning, priority-setting and reviews.
- Include key NTG agencies and local government councils in joint planning, service implementation and reviews.
- Continue the commitment to work to the [principles of open data](#).



#### Principle 5 Meaningful and Accessible Community Engagement

- Partner on community consultations and surveys to share opportunities, avoid duplication and deliver results to communities.
- Find out about [local council committees and local authorities](#) – they offer opportunities to engage with key leaders and local experts.
- Undertake Territory-focused [remote engagement training](#)

#### Principle 6 Appropriate Timelines

- Share project schedules across governments and update at council, local authority and regional coordination meetings.

#### Principle 7 Agreed Communication and Engagement Protocols

- Identify project or program key contacts in local councils and NTG agencies, be clear on their authority and delegation.
- Use [Aboriginal Interpreter Services](#) and provide information in local languages (written and oral) to enhance consultations.
- Know who the local Traditional Owner groups are and how to engage appropriately. Land Councils can provide advice:

[Northern Land Council](#)

[Central Land Council](#)

[Anindilyakawa Land Council](#)

[Tiwi Land Council](#)