**Four Working Group Top Action Points and Themes**

**Accountability Top 5**

1. 1.03 Measures to improve accountability in the financial sector
2. 1.02 Enhance powers and remit of C & AG – and sanctions for waste of public funds
3. 1.06 Measures to ensure transparency of accountability mechanisms and financial and political independence of accountability institutions
4. 1.07 Ireland’s implementation plan for UNCAC – esp re citizen engagement and awareness
5. 1.01 Standards of accountability should be set at high level –tribunal recomms, AGs advice, ethics reforms

**Accountability Themes:**

Rebuilding public trust in government - promote public confidence in oversight institutions, esp in financial sector

Strengthen powers of accountability/watchdog/oversight bodies and make them more transparent

Promote public accountability – talking the talk and walk the walk

**Citizen Participation Top 5**

1. 2. 11 Participatory budgeting in local government
2. 2.04 Referendum to allow Citizen’s Initiatives at local, regional and national level
3. 2.19 Aarhus Convention – raise public awareness and empower local authorities
4. 2.16 Citizen Participation legislative process
5. 2.10 Make official data user-friendly

Ivan add:

2.02 – Hotspots for cultural change  
2.06 Promote first time voting  
2.07 Train civil servants & citizens in OGP and CP  
2.15 Ref on Bill or Rights  
2.17 Publicise and promote EU consultations  
2.19 Raise public awareness of Aarhus  
2.21 Institutionalise Constitutional Convention  
2.22 New Vision for dynamic citizenship post 2016

**Citizen Participation Themes:**

Putting people before the economy and fostering active citizenship

Allow citizens to participate in complex decision-making, act as an active check and balance on the legislature.

Involve citizens in local decision making

**Technology Top 5**

1. Identify data sets for release & publish data in a central online catalogue
2. Release of reference spatial data under open licences
3. Standardise data in machine-readable non-proprietary formats
4. Adopt G8 Open Data Charter
5. Ensure timely and predictable release of data

**Technology Themes**

Unlock the potential of open data to:

* drive innovation and economic growth,
* improve public services and
* strengthen democracy by creating a culture in which government information is widely accessible and useful.
* Increase knowledge to empower citizens who can help improve governance
* Ensure international standards met and drive e-government

**Transparency Top 5**

1. Abolish FOI fees
2. Equality impact assessments
3. Improve budget data transparency, timeliness and detail
4. Improve transparency in local government esp in relation to budgeting
5. Measures to increase legislative transparency (similar to citizen participation)
6. Consolidated material on public policy – clear statements on what is policy

**Transparency Themes**

Access to information as a means to hold government to account, ensure better use of resources (promote public interest)

Budget data transparency – opening up economic policy making to better scrutiny

Proactive and meaningful disclosure - enabling citizens and other stakeholders to better participate in decision-making at national and local level.

Transparency as a means towards accountability – need information to enable robust and informed public discussion and analysis

Better use of taxpayers’ money/improved local services