

Meeting of Civil Society members of the OGP Steering Committee

March 22-23 2017 | Paris, France

Civil Society Steering Committee Members

Manish Bapna	World Resources Institute (WRI)
Maria Baron	Directorio Legislativo
Helen Darbshire	Access Info Europe
Mukelani Dimba	Open Democracy Advice Centre (ODAC)
Aidan Eyakuze	Twaweza
Alejandro Gonzalez	GESOC
Nathaniel Heller	Results for Development
Robin Hodess	Transparency International
Suneeta Kaimal	Natural Resource Governance Institute
Zuzana Wienk	Fair Play Alliance

Alberto Alemanno	Steering Committee second for Helen Darbshire
Branislav Klesken	Steering Committee second for Zuzana Wienk
Marie Lintzer	Steering Committee second for Suneeta Kaimal
José Marin	Steering Committee second for Robin Hodess
Mark Robinson	Steering Committee second for Manish Bapna

Open Government Partnership Support Unit

Tonu Basu	Support Unit
Alonso Cerdan*	Support Unit
Brittany Lane*	Support Unit
Paul Maassen	Support Unit
Jaime Mercado	Support Unit
Joe Powell	Support Unit
Sanjay Pradhan	Support Unit

Other attendees* will be joining remotely for specific sessions

Elisabeth Moses*	World Resources Institute (WRI)
Carole Excell*	World Resources Institute (WRI)

Agenda

Wednesday March 22, 2017

10am - 11am

Welcome and scan of “2017 SC key decisions” document (*Manish Bapna*)

- Desired outcomes from this retreat
- Looking back and looking ahead: Snapshot of what worked in 2016
- Introduction and check in on the SC Key Decisions note, as a frame for the retreat agenda

Guiding questions

- Feedback and suggestions on the role of CS SC members as outlined key SC decisions note and SU workplan
- Zooming out from the SU + IRM workplan - what elements that could feed into the big picture strategy areas for this group?

11am – 1.00pm

OGP’s geopolitical positioning and global advocacy strategy (*Mukelani Dimba*)

- Review of objectives and activities of the global advocacy strategy
- Political strategy around leadership and succession in OGP (incl new govt SC members, new govt co-chair, new CS co-chair)
- Recruiting Ambassadors/ Role of OGP Envoys
- Identifying ways in which the Steering Committee could lead and support different elements within this effort around specific themes and regions.

Guiding questions:

- What are the priorities for the global advocacy strategy to strengthen OGP’s geopolitical positioning as a countervailing force to rising populism and citizen distrust?
- What would the political strategy and priorities for galvanizing and supporting new government and civil society leadership in the OGP look like?
- What are the thematic and regional priorities for civil society engagement?
- Which elements of this strategy will CS members lead on vis-a-vis the full SC?

1.00pm-1.30pm LUNCH

1.30pm - 5.30pm

Rules of the Game (*Suneeta Kaimal, Helen Darbishire*)

- Rules of the game (priority issues include participation in OGP and country review rules, response policy review, co-creation guidelines)
 - What are the main priorities and what are the big risks for the priority issues identified by CS SC members?
 - What role should the CS SC play (vis-a-vis the full SC) in solving the 'Rules of the Game'?
 - What should the political strategy for this look like and who will lead?

Guiding questions

- Suggested format: breakout groups for more in-depth discussions. For each issue focusing on:
 - Key challenges/problems
 - Concrete actions
 - Role that the SC can play, contribution of CS members

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Dinner (potential for continuation on rules of the game or global advocacy strategy as needed)

Thursday March 23, 2017

9am – 11.30am

Bolstering implementation support to countries (*Aidan Eyakuze, Alejandro Gonzalez*)

- Discussion on country-level challenges to implementation
- Priority country support and thematic leadership (including how to advance the Paris Declaration)
- Initiatives for broader implementation support (small group discussions)
 - Menu of services for implementation devised by the SU
 - Leveraging partners

Guiding questions:

- For the SC members who have engaged with OGP process in-country, what are some of the challenges you see that block implementation?
- Are the priorities for country support and thematic leadership the right ones?
- What are the gaps that remain and what are efforts that need to be prioritized on implementation support for countries?
- How will the CS members of SC support SU's work around implementation and impact? What elements could different SC members lead on?

11.30-12.15 **Introduce key issues for parallel sessions (session leads)**

12.15-1.00pm **LUNCH**

1.00pm-2.30pm **Parallel sessions**

Key SC Decisions: Discussion of Potential Subnational next steps (*Nathaniel Heller, Mark Robinson*)

- Update on the subnational pilot program
- Objectives and Activities for 2017 subnational program
- Options and proposals on future growth and expansion

Guiding questions

- What are your thoughts on the initial outcomes from the subnational program?
- What are your thoughts on the proposed options for the Leader's Tier and the Pioneers?
- What should the political strategy for this look like and who will lead?
- How can CS SC help advance the integration of subnational perspective into their current work with OGP?

Key SC decisions: Discussion on parliaments and private sector engagement (*Maria Baron, Mukelani Dimba*)

- Update on parliamentary engagement activities so far across OGP countries, including progress on the open parliament action plans

Guiding questions:

- How can the parliament and government work more closely together in OGP countries to help boost ambition and implementation of OGP National Action Plans?
- How can we build on the experience of the first five years to sharpen entry points for private sector engagement?
- Who will lead this work going forward?

2.30-4.00pm Parallel sessions

Key SC decisions: Peer learning activities across the partnership (*Zuzana Wienk, Robin Hodess*)

- Objectives and elements of a broader set of peer exchange efforts following the Strategic Refresh (strengthening thematic leadership efforts and taking forward the Paris Declaration)
- Role and objectives of PLS and how other sub-committees can support their efforts

- Re-thinking the role of the Working Groups

Guiding questions:

- What would some of the new things around peer exchange and learning that this group would want to prioritize, and what would be needed to make these things more concrete?
- Do you support the Working Group proposals?
- What do members of this group want to lead on?

Walk the Talk: Deepening civil society SC engagement with the community *(Mark Robinson, with Carole Excell and Elizabeth Moses)*

- Recommendations for deepening engagement with the civil society community

Guiding questions:

- What recommendations and actions would this group categorize as low, medium, high priorities, based on available resources and political capital? What are the priorities for the next 6 months?
- Who will lead on the implementation of these priorities?

3.45 – 4.15pm Report back from Breakouts

4.00-4.30pm Break

4.30pm - 5.30pm

Next steps: Review and agreement on CS SC 2017 workplan, actions and recommendations
(Manish Bapna)