

**OGP Steering Committee**  
**Governance and Leadership Subcommittee Retreat**  
**March 21 and 23, 2017**  
**Paris, France**

**Attendees**

**Civil Society Steering Committee Members**

Manish Bapna	World Resources Institute (WRI)
Mukelani Dimba	Open Democracy Advice Centre (ODAC)
Alejandro Gonzalez	GESOC
Zuzana Wienk	Fair Play Alliance (Co-Chair, PLS Sub-committee)
Nathaniel Heller	R4D* (Co-Chair, Criteria and Standards Sub-committee)
Mark Robinson	World Resources Institute (WRI - SC second for Manish Bapna)

**Government Steering Committee Members**

Jean-Vincent Placé	France, Secretary of State for State Reform and Simplification
Laurent Dutheil	France, Ministry of State Reform and Simplification
Boris Jamet-Fournier	France, Ministry of State Reform and Simplification
Laure Lucchesi	France, Etalab
Amélie Banzet	France, Etalab
Dylan Gelard	France, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Aleksandre Baramidze	Georgia, First Deputy Minister of Justice
Zurab Sanikidze	Georgia, Ministry of Justice
Qinisile Delwa	South Africa, Department of Public Service and Administration *
Radu Puchiu	Romania, Prime Minister's Office (Co-Chair, Criteria and Standards Sub-committee)
Thom Townsend	UK, Cabinet Office (Co-Chair, PLS Sub-committee)
William Gerry	UK, Cabinet Office (Co-Chair, PLS Sub-committee)
Patrick Hynes	UK, DFID
Tessa MacArthur	UK, DFID

**Open Government Partnership Support Unit**

Sanjay Pradhan	Support Unit
Paul Maassen	Support Unit
Jaime Mercado	Support Unit
Joe Powell	Support Unit
Abhinav Bahl	Support Unit *
Alonso Cerdan	Support Unit *
Meghan Higginbotham	Support Unit*

\* Remote participation

## Agenda

### Tuesday March 21, 2017 - Working Level

*In attendance: GL working level members, troika members (Alejandro and Govt of South Africa) and co-chairs of other OGP subcommittees*

#### **10.00am - 10.30am**

##### **Welcome and review of the agenda**

- Desired outcomes from this retreat
- Scene-setting update on Strategic Refresh

*Guiding questions:*

- Anything to add to the day's agenda?

#### **10.30am - 12.30pm**

##### **OGP's geopolitical positioning and global advocacy strategy**

- Review of objectives and activities of the global advocacy strategy
- Identifying ways in which the Steering Committee could lead and support different elements within this effort - such as Paris Declaration follow up
- Political strategy around leadership and succession in OGP (incl new govt and CSO SC members, new co-chairs)
- Recruiting Ambassadors/ Role of OGP Envoys

*Guiding questions:*

- How could the global advocacy strategy be shaped to strengthen OGP's geopolitical positioning as a countervailing force to citizen distrust?
- What would the political strategy for galvanizing new leadership in the OGP look like?
- When should OGP speak out on open government issues in individual countries?

#### **12.30pm- 1.30pm**

##### **Lunch: Follow-up on Paris Declaration, co-chair declaration and collective actions**

- Review list of leads for each action
- Collect ideas for integrating the Paris Declaration work firmly into OGP

#### **1.30pm - 2.30pm**

##### **Country level support: What will OGP do to support priority countries in 2017?**

- Review successful country support methods - and the emerging menu of services
- Discuss how SC will support priority countries, including new countries

- Progress on MDTF and support on implementation of commitments

*Guiding questions:*

- How will the Steering Committee support countries more effectively in 2017?

**2.30pm - 4.00pm**

**Key SC Decisions: Rules of the Game**

- Rules of the game
  - What problems are we trying to solve?
  - What role in solving do the 'Rules of the Game' play
  - Priority issues include participation in OGP and country review rules, response policy review, co-creation guidelines

*Guiding questions*

- How can we ensure a smooth SC decision-making process in the run up to the September ministerial SC?
- What is the appropriate level of input from the full SC, the wider community and Ministers?

**4.00pm - 5.00pm**

**Peer learning and support**

- Update on PLS agenda for 2017, including review of working groups
- How to galvanise the Steering Committee to take peer learning forward?

*Guiding questions*

- What do we need to galvanise the SC to better support peer learning and targeting of reformers?

**5.00pm - 5.30pm**

**Review Steering Committee key decisions for 2017**

- Review Steering Committee calendar and key decisions for the year

*Guiding questions*

- Do we have an ambitious and achievable agenda for the Steering Committee this year?

**5.30pm - 6.30pm**

**Review Support Unit implementation plan and budget**

- Summarize key points emerging from the day's discussions to be integrated into revised work plan
- Seek GL endorsement on that basis

## **Thursday March 23, 2017 - Ministerial Level**

*In attendance: Current GL ministerial level members*

**8.15am - 8.30am**

**Welcome and review of the agenda**

**8.30am - 9.00am**

**Reasserting OGP in today's geopolitical context - ideas for raising OGP's political profile**

- Building a new coalition of political leaders for OGP
- Strategic use of events and communications opportunities

**9.00am - 9.30am**

**Priorities for current OGP co-chairs until Sept 2017 - and role of Ministers to achieve these**

- Discussion led by Minister Placé and Manish Bapna

**9.30am - 10.00am**

**Discussion of potential priorities for Georgia and Mukelani Dimba as in-coming co-chairs**

- Discussion led by First Deputy Minister, Mr Baramidze, and Mukelani Dimba

**10.00am - 10.30am**

**Report on France and Georgia visits to Azerbaijan**

- Presentation by First Deputy Minister, Mr Baramidze, and Minister Placé on findings from Azerbaijan trip
- Discussion of next steps

**10.30am - 10.45am**

**Wrap up and next steps**