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