

Terms of Reference
Appointing two Steering Committee Envoys
July 2017

On June 27-28, the Steering Committee convened for an in-person meeting in Washington D.C. and discussed **i)** the events that transpired in the lead up to, and since a letter of concern was submitted to the Steering Committee, including a) what type of support and guidance the Steering Committee can provide to government and civil society aligned to OGP values; and **ii)** the importance of having a task force on rapid response on situations that come up in OGP countries, and that require the Steering Committee to provide support to those actors involved in order to come up with the best possible solution, including how the Steering Committee can respond to such situations in the future. *The GL subcommittee is exploring options to address the call for a rapid response task force, which is being undertaken independently from this specific call for OGP envoys.*

Objectives

The Steering Committee resolved to appoint two representatives, one from government and one from civil society, to serve as OGP envoys to engage with Mexican stakeholders with the objectives to:

- Meet with government and civil society representatives to gather an update of events since the June Steering Committee meetings. Provide a report back to the full Steering Committee at the September SC meetings.
- Explore what support the Steering Committee and OGP international community could provide to each of the actors.
- Explore how to best take forward Mexican representation on the OGP Steering Committee.

The envoys are expected to conduct a visit to Mexico in August/September. Given that the **Response Policy has not been triggered**, the role and engagement of the two Steering Committee envoys will be **limited to information gathering** through conversations with all stakeholders engaged. **They will not play an investigatory role.**

The outcomes and information that derive from the visit will only serve for the purposes considered as appropriate by all the Steering Committee members.

All members interested to volunteer are encouraged to express their interest in writing to the GL subcommittee by August 4. The envoys will be approved by GL on a no objection basis by August 9th.