

**OGP Civil Society Steering Committee
Monthly Call: September
Key points of discussion and action items
September 13, 2016**

Civil Society SC members in attendance:

Manish Bapna, Helen Darbshire (incoming Steering Committee member), Aidan Eyakuze, Nathaniel Heller, Warren Krafchik, Mark Robinson (second for Manish), Zuzana Wienk

Absent:

Sugeng Bahagijo, Veronica Cretu, Mukelani Dimba, Alejandro Gonzalez, Suneeta Kaimal, Martin Tisné

Support Unit:

Tonu Basu, Paul Maassen, Joe Powell

1. Introduction to kick off work on WRI's options paper on revised SC rotation/election process

Discussion highlights:

The WRI team, led by Carole Excell and Elizabeth Moses, briefed the Steering Committee members on the draft scoping options paper on improving Steering Committee communications, engagement, and accountability.

The Steering Committee were requested to give their feedback and comment on the scope of the paper, and whether the questions posed to frame the paper were the rights ones to raise. The questions, revised after discussion included:

1. How can the civil society SC members increase transparency about the work of the committee?
2. What options are there for selecting people for the SC e.g. election, selection or a combination?
3. What options exist to increase interaction, engagement and representation of the broader CS community views by the CS steering committee members?

The idea of the paper emerged from the retreat of the civil society members, where they explored questions around how the Steering Committee can function in a more accessible way and have deeper engagement with the OGP community. Based on the questions above, the paper is scheduled to be prepared by the OGP Summit in Paris.

Action items:

- Members of the Steering Committee to volunteer to be on the Working Group to guide the development of the paper, as well as advise on implementation.
- Those Steering Committee members not on the call to provide comments and feedback.

2. Quick round of initial impressions from the online community conversations

Documents for review: [Highlights from community conversations](#)

Discussion highlights:

Four community conversations as part of the “OGP Strategy Dialogue” series were convened between July and September 2016. These included an in-person conversation in Manila (on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific meeting convened by Asian Development Bank) and three online conversations curated by OGP. For the online conversations, close to 200 people registered and about a 100 joined the different conversations. The French call eventually had no participants joining - seven had originally registered, of which several of them did join other calls in English.

Action items:

- Highlights from these and subsequent conversations will be captured, and along with being shared with this group will be shared for the strategic refresh and with the community more broadly. Notes from the conversations will also be shared with the consultants conducting the Mid Term Review.

3. UNGA-related OGP events and conversations scheduled for that week

The last three items on the agenda pertained to the OGP UNGA events, including:

- A run-down of the week's agenda, including the Steering Committee meetings
- Questions or feedback on the agenda, including specific discussions like the one on the resolution on Turkey