

**Open Government Partnership
Criteria and Standards Subcommittee Call**
Thursday, January 31, 2019

Attendees

- Government of Croatia
- Government of South Africa
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza
- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo
- Marie Lintzer, Natural Resources Governance Institute (NRGI)
- Lucy McTernan, University of York
- OGP Support Unit

Apologies

- Government of Nigeria
- Government of Italy

Call Summary

I. 2019 C&S Work Plan Overview

The Support Unit (SU) presented the 2019 C&S work plan for the endorsement of the subcommittee. Key feedback and inputs received from the group include:

- Regarding the countries that failed to deliver an action plan (and therefore have shifted to the 2019-2021 cohort), additional attention should be given to Bojonegoro, Paris and Ontario since it has been particularly difficult for OGP to reestablish contact with these governments.
- Regarding the issue of action plans not submitted in English (in the Rules of the Game section of the work plan), C&S suggested that the SU explores potential translation services that could be used to address this issue (i.e. UN translation services).
- For the IRM Charter Refresh (Addenda F of the AoG), C&S suggested that the revisions to the charter should consider the participation of local governments in OGP.
- C&S suggested that the finalization of the Rapid Response Mechanism review be added to C&S Big Wins for 2019.

Decision: The C&S endorsed the 2019 work plan which has been published on the OGP website and can be accessed [here](#).

II. Final version of the Articles of Governance (AoG)

During the December 2018 Steering Committee (SC) meeting, C&S presented a revised version of the AoG that was undertaken in coordination with the Support Unit and an external legal consultant in 2018. The SC [endorsed the proposed direction](#) of travel but requested additional time to review the revisions to the AoG before they are fully endorsed. The Support Unit received further suggested changes from the SC following the December meeting, and worked to integrate them into the AoG during January.

The SU presented a revised version of the AOG to the C&S which included minor changes (e.g. sentence structure, word choice, formatting) directly incorporated into the text. Substantial proposed changes were outlined in a table at the bottom of the document for future discussion and review by the SC. The latter type of changes will not be incorporated in this round of review.

Decision: The C&S endorsed the revised AoG and the list of items to be addressed in the next review of the AoG. As agreed during the December 2018 SC meeting, the SU will send this version of the AoG the full SC for approval on non-objection basis before putting the AOG up for public comment.