

Thematic Leadership Subcommittee
Bi-monthly Call Summary
2 May 2019 | 08:00-09:00 GMT-4

Attendees

- Government of France: Amélie Banzet
- Government of Romania: Larisa Panait
- Government of South Korea: Yujin Lee
- Helen Darbishire, Access Info Europe
- Delia Ferreira Rubio, Transparency International
- Giorgi Kldiashvili, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information
- Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, Asia Democracy Network
- Zuzana Wienk, Fair Play Alliance

- **Regrets:** Government of Georgia, Government of Mexico

Call Summary

1. Steering Committee Collective Actions and Upcoming Ottawa SC Meeting

The TLS discussed the key activities for the collective Call to Action for the Ottawa Summit with the goal of: 1) identifying key issues that are linked to the Grid activities for several SC members; 2) determining the type and level of support for the OGP Support Unit (SU) and partners to provide to member countries and local governments to advance these commitments in the lead up to and beyond the Ottawa Summit; and 3) identifying how TLS can collectively support the institutionalization of the priorities that come from the Call to Action after the Ottawa Summit. Following this discussion, the SU will communicate these comments to the Government of Canada.

Some of the key inputs by TLS members include:

- The Government of Canada should share the commitments submitted from the Call to Action with the broader SC. This would allow SC members to: 1) identify any opportunities to leverage the global fora at the Summit to advance key thematic priorities; and 2) identify and target potential synergies from the other initiatives and/or actions that were submitted that could be harnessed to advance the conversation and sustain momentum post- Ottawa Summit.
- The Call to Action needs to translate diplomatic commitments into action. The ultimate goal to keep in mind in the lead up to and after the Summit is the implementation of these commitments into current or future action plans.

2. TLS-led webinar sessions

The Support Unit presented a draft calendar of the guiding themes for the webinar sessions for the second half of 2019. Based on the input received from the previous TLS subcommittee call, the specific webinar sessions were scheduled depending on

upcoming events with an open invitation for any relevant partners, governments and TLS members to speak.

Some of the key inputs by TLS members include:

- A basic selection criteria needs to be established for selecting webinars. A key item that should be included as part of the criteria is that the proposed webinar is a topic of interest in the wider OGP community where OGP has strong supporting partners.
- The planning process for these webinars needs to happen well in advance. This would allow both the Support Unit and TLS to: 1) target and invite specific groups that are deeply involved and knowledgeable on the webinar topic; and 2) invite key supporting partners, governments and other members of the OGP community to circulate these webinars throughout their networks to maximize attendance.

As next steps, the Support Unit will use the selection criteria (mentioned above) to further shape the webinar schedule and will revert back to TLS for further input and comment.

3. Upcoming Events

The Support Unit invited the TLS members to share any upcoming events that they are planning on attending and called on the TLS to share any major findings, learnings and outcomes from these meetings with the full Steering Committee.

4. AOB

The TLS co-chairs, Zuzana Wienk and the government of France, provided an overview of the TLS subcommittee priorities for 2019. These priorities are the following:

- **TLS Strategic Oversight Role** - identifying the best entry points for TLS to come into the strategic conversation on thematic priorities and monitoring the uptake and implementation throughout the partnership. The Support Unit and TLS will work on a design draft that would be tabled for SC endorsement during Q3/Q4 2019.
- **Re-establishing the Open Government Awards**

As next steps, the TLS co-chairs called on fellow members to send their feedback and comment in advance of the June subcommittee call. A specific section for the June call will be dedicated for the IRM to present and inform TLS on: 1) key opportunities and areas where TLS has traction; 2) problematic areas for the TLS subcommittee; and 3) suggestions on tools and approaches that are needed and how TLS can structurally address the problematic areas.