

Thematic Leadership Subcommittee
Bi-monthly Call Summary
28 February 2019

Call Summary

Attendees: Delia Ferreira, Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, Zuzana Wienk, Government of France, Government of Romania, Government of South Korea

Apologies: Government of Georgia, Government of Mexico, Helen Darbishire, Scott Miller, Giorgi Kldiashvili

- I. **2019 TLS work plan** - The Support Unit presented an overview of the 2019 TLS work plan and calendar of key events. Some of the key inputs provided by the TLS members were:
- **Each TLS member on the call highlighted 1) thematic areas they are focusing on and 2) strategic areas of the workplan they would like to be involved in. These efforts will in turn be linked to their individual SC grid and support of the 2019 implementation plan overall.**
 - Zuzana and Government of France shared ideas and examples of efforts they were undertaking around BOT and digital governance, and how TLS members could play a leadership role.
 - Government of South Korea shared that the Asia Pacific regional meeting was very helpful to help them explore new partnership and themes. Something they are keen on leading and supporting other countries on is building networks on youth and inclusion. They would be happy to provide more substantive guidance to other OGP members on this where useful.
 - Government of Romania shared that they will be working on emerging priorities related to digital democracy and inclusion and gender.
 - Delia mentioned that TI and she are committed to continuing the partnership with OGP on BOT. In addition, it will be good to work more closely on gender and corruption, especially to take forward their efforts to embed this into the G20 anti-corruption agenda.
 - Delia is also a member of the WEF global council on technology and blockchain - and will be happy to join the dots with those efforts.

Action items:

1. TLS members will divide themselves into sub-groups to lead on the following TLS work plan areas:
 - a. Leadership on thematic priorities + frontier issues, including:
 - Anti-corruption (Delia Ferreira and Zuzana Wienk)
 - Digital threats to democracy/ digital governance (France and Delia Ferreira)
 - Gender and inclusion (South Korea, Romania and Tur-Od Lkhagvajav)
 - b. Strategic oversight of thematic progress in the partnership

- To be identified
 - c. Collective - OGP Summit and strategic events
 - All TLS members, along with rest of the SC
2. OGP will work with individual TLS members and Co-Chairs to identify opportunities for SC members to support and engage in these areas, including providing feedback to SU thematic products and strategy papers, leading learning webinars for the OGP community, sharing commitments they are implementing, and supporting countries who are implementing some of these commitments.
 3. The SU is requesting TLS endorsement of the 2019 work plan on **no-objection basis by March 15**. Upon endorsement by the full TLS, the Support Unit will publish the 2019 TLS work plan on the OGP website.

II. **Upcoming strategic events in March (Open Gov Week, OECD Integrity Forum)**

- The TLS members discussed ways that they can support the OGP-OECD breakfast meeting on beneficial ownership transparency, on the sidelines of the OECD Integrity Forum (see [concept note](#) and [invitation](#)).
- Government of South Korea also suggested that OGP SC members could advance OGP's positioning at the OECD's Public Governance Committee (PGC) where several of them are represented. The next meeting of the PGC is in April 2019.
- TLS members shared plans for activities they had planned for Open Gov Week (March 11-17), including sessions on youth and inclusion (South Korea), call to action to bring in new partners into the MSF (Romania), thematic events related to the action plan every week in the run up to the Summit (Mongolia) and webinars. See all OGW events [here](#).

Action items:

1. TLS members will reach out to relevant agencies in their governments to attend the meeting. Members will also reach out to other countries/OGP members who would find the OGP breakfast a beneficial conversation to be a part of.
2. If there is interest, 1-2 TLS members (and other SC members) could also present their experience of implementing BOT commitments through OGP.
3. At the OECD meeting and related events (OECD Integrity Forum, TICTec, etc) , TLS members (and other SC members) could identify countries to have bilaterals with on OGP, with support from the OGP SU.

III. **OGP Global Summit**

- TLS members expressed their support for the key summit deliverables - gender and inclusion and defending democracy and participation against digital threats.
- TLS members expressed their interest to be involved in finalizing the Summit program, including where SC members could share concrete examples of implementation experience on thematic priorities.

- TLS members discussed how they could bring concrete commitments to the summit to discuss how they were being implemented, especially those related to the key summit themes.
- TLS members requested to be provided more information on the Summit and asks on how precisely they can support.

Action items:

1. The SU will share the agenda with the SC as it is finalized, and identify possible roles for SC members where SC members express an interest.
2. To support the achievement of the summit deliverables, the OGP Support Unit has published a “menu” of recommended actions that all OGP members can take to make OGP more inclusive, including through make co-creation more inclusive, mainstream gender into action plans, or introduce gender-specific commitments. This guidance can be found [here](#), and will be shared with all OGP members.