

**Open Government Partnership
Criteria and Standards Subcommittee Monthly Call**

Thursday, August 24 2017

*10:00 WASHINGTON - SANTIAGO / 11:00 BUENOS AIRES / 16:00 MADRID - JOHANNESBURG / 17:00
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Agenda items

1. Rules of the Game review 2.0
 - a. Recap of approved RotG elements (Eligibility criteria protocols; Procedural review protocols; Commitment cap resolution)
 - b. Pending RotG elements
 1. Eligibility criteria
 2. Steering Committee eligibility
 3. Response Policy review (waiting for final version, no action required)
2. Country developments updates
 - a. Azerbaijan updated recommendations process update
 - b. Tanzania Support Unit mission report back
3. AOB
 - a. C&S in person meeting in New York City

Call Summary

1. **Rules of the Game review 2.0**
 - a. Recap of approved RotG elements (Eligibility criteria protocols; Procedural review protocols; Commitment cap resolution)
 - b. Pending RotG elements
 1. Eligibility criteria: A task force led by Nathaniel and Radu received suggestions from the public call for proposals that closed on August 15. The two most viable options discussed by the C&S were:
 1. [Civicus Monitor](#) - Assess civic space by the overall Monitor ratings (e.g. Closed, Repressed, Obstructed, Narrowed, Open) instead of individual scores. See 2-pager for details.
 2. [Varieties of Democracy \(V-Dem\) indicators](#) - Proposal is to use indicators 12.2 and 12.3 from V-Dem's codebook which measure the extent to which governments achieve control over the entry and exit by civil society organizations (CSOs) into public life, and the government's attempt to repress CSOs, respectively. See 2-pager for details.

Decision point(s): *The C&S subcommittee has reached a decision to utilize both of the proposed V-Dem indicators, requiring governments to earn a score of “3” or higher on at least one indicator to pass this OGP Values Check. In this line, it mandates the Eligibility Criteria task-force to develop, with support from the Support Unit, a proposal to table for C&S approval on no-objection basis by September 1st. A final version will be tabled for full SC approval in its September meeting.*

Further, while the C&S has opted not to utilize the Civicus Monitor for this particular exercise, it recognizes it as a valuable resource to consider in the future.

2. Steering Committee eligibility - Revised eligibility criteria for Steering Committee proposed by the Support Unit for approval by the C&S subcommittee with the aim to heighten the implementation of participation and co-creation standards. See 2-pager for details.

Decision point(s): *The C&S approved the proposed revised eligibility criteria for governments to run for Steering Committee membership.*

3. Response Policy review (waiting for final version, no action required).

Decision point(s): *Support Unit to share final revised version with C&S by August 31, a week before sending to the full SC as part of the September SC background packet.*

2. Country developments updates

- a. Azerbaijan updated recommendations process update - Suggestions for recommendations were received from a variety of stakeholders. The Support Unit proposes a list of updated recommendations for C&S review, which will be open for public comment until September 12. The final version of the updated recommendations should be presented on September 15 at which point the inactivity one-year period will begin.

Decision point(s): *Support Unit to share final draft of updated recommendations which will be sent for public comment from August 29 - September 12. Inactivity one-year period to begin September 15, 2017.*

- b. Tanzania Support Unit mission report back - The Support Unit visited Tanzania on August 14-18. Meetings were held with civil society and government officials, to explore possible to

support to help Tanzania publish its NAP, which is currently in draft form. An update will be provided by the SU team.

Decision Point(s): *Continue to provide support and showcase the achievements of Kigoma (member of the OGP Subnational program) to reinforce value in the Partnership.*

3. AOB

- a. In person meeting. The C&S will hold a one hour in person meeting from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on September 19. The venue and agenda will be announced shortly.