

**Open Government Partnership
Criteria and Standards Subcommittee monthly call**

Thursday, February 22, 2018

10:00 WASHINGTON / 12:00 SANTIAGO / 16:00 BERLIN - ROME / 17:00 BUCHAREST -
PRETORIA / 23:00 ULAANBAATAR

Agenda

1. **IRM Refresh**
2. **Articles of Governance update**
3. **Rapid Response update**
4. **Mexico Envoys visit report**
5. **AOB**

Participants

- Robin Hodess; Transparency International
- Marie Lintzer (second for Suneeta Kaimal, NRG1)
- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo
- Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, Asia Democracy Network
- Stefano Pizzicannella; Government of Italy
- Francisco Sánchez; Government of Chile
- Alonso Cerdan, Paul Maassen, Jaime Mercado: Support Unit (SU)
- Joe Foti, IRM

Apologies

- Government of Romania
- Government of South Africa

Call Summary

1. **IRM Refresh** - The IRM Director presented the latest version of the IRM Refresh and review, and invited the C&S subcommittee for input. The IRM review includes recommendations based on the findings of the review. In 2018, the C&S will review, and support the uptake of the IRM Refresh Findings and Recommendations. Please refer to the attached C&S work plan for more information.

Decisions(s):

- A. *Changes to the IRM charter and its mandate must be channeled through the Steering Committee for discussion and approval, and must be reflected in the revised version of the Articles of Governance. Administrative level changes will be implemented by the IRM and the IEP, and do not require an amendment of the charter. For any other change that does not affect the AoG, or that are not administrative level, C&S will develop recommendations to the IRM, Support*

Unit, and other OGP Stakeholders for discussion and adoption by the Steering Committee in October 2018.

- B. It is proposed that a task force be put together to help advance the IRM refresh components within the C&S.*

- 2. Articles of Governance (AoG) review update** - OGP AoG have last been updated in 2015 and therefore several important changes are not reflected in the current version. In addition, during a first review conducted by the SU, it was determined that current practices are not reflected in the AOG, and should be amended during this review process.

Decision(s):

- A. The SU will present an overview of changes that will be made to the AOG. The changes will be divided into two categories:*
- 1) SC decisions made since the last AOG amendment of 2015. These have already been approved, therefore do not require SC approval, however all changes being made will be noted for reference.*
 - 2) Required changes identified. C&S will develop proposals to be tabled for full SC discussion and approval in 2018.*
- B. The proposed timeline for the AoG review is as follows:*
- **February - May** - Support Unit drafts proposed changes*
 - **May (date TBC)** - C&S reviews proposals for changes to be approved during the July SC meeting*
 - **June (date TBC)** - C&S approves final version of proposals for changes to be approved during the July SC meeting.*
 - **July 16-19 (Georgia Summit)** - Steering Committee reviews and approves changes*
 - **September - October** - C&S approves final versions of remaining proposals for October SC meeting*
 - **Q3-Q4 SC (date/location tbc)** - Steering Committee reviews and approves second round of changes*
 - **Q4** - Support Unit finalizes AoG*
 - **Q4** - AoG public comment period*
 - **Q4 2018 - Q1 2019** - Articles of Governance review concluded*

- 3. Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) update** - A slightly revised version was shared with the subcommittee, which incorporates initial comments from C&S and GL subcommittees.

Decision(s):

- A. The RRM was identified as a key deliverable for the C&S in 2018. To support its development and uptake, the C&S has formed a task force formed by: **Robin, Government of Italy, Marie and Suneeta, Maria, and Lotte.**

B. The SU will help coordinate the task force moving forward.

4. Mexico Envoys visit report - An overview of the final report was presented to the subcommittee (see final version attached).

Decision(s):

A. SU will proceed to share the report with Mexican stakeholders on the ground and subsequently publish on the OGP website.

5. AOB

A. The following overarching areas work to be undertaken by C&S in 2018 will be presented by the chairs during the March 20 SC call. Please refer to the attached "2018 C&S Work Plan" which outlines these activities in more detail:

- a. Eligibility Scores update and support to countries that have fallen below eligibility.
- b. Support operationalization of IRM review recommendations
- c. AoG review
- d. Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)
- e. Support for countries under Procedural Review (Cabo Verde, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro).
- f. Response Policy cases - Azerbaijan (under Stage 2 actions)