

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

Thursday, May 31, 2018

*(10:00 WASHINGTON / 11:00 SANTIAGO / 16:00 BERLIN - ROME - PRETORIA / 17:00
BUCHAREST / 22:00 ULAANBAATAR)*

Agenda

- 1. Memo on OGP eligibility update**
- 2. OGP Local Procedural resolution**
- 3. IRM refresh resolutions**
- 4. RRM Update**
- 5. Articles of Governance update**
- 6. AOB**

Participants

- Robin Hodess, B-Team
- Maria Barón, Directorio Legislativo
- Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, Asia Democracy Network
- Qinisile Delwa, Mesuli Macozoma - Government of South Africa
- Stefano Pizzicannella - Government of Italy
- Larisa Panait - Government of Romania
- Francisco Sánchez - Government of Chile
- Alonso Cerdan, Jaime Mercado - Support Unit (SU)
- Joe Foti, IRM

Apologies

- Suneeta Kaimal, NRG

Call Summary

- 1. Eligibility update** - The SU finalized the update of the 2017 OGP eligibility scores based on the latest available data on the four key metrics assessed and the Values Check assessment. Based on the updated data, the Support Unit presented the attached memo to the C&S which provides an analysis of the updated data, including which OGP countries are below the minimum core eligibility scores, and which countries are eligible to join OGP. which was approved with no objections.

The SU also brought to the attention of the C&S that some countries do not have Values Check data available (e.g. The Bahamas and Belize), which have expressed their intent to join OGP in the near future. For Q4 of 2018, the SU will develop options to be presented to the C&S to assess this set of countries. *N.b.: As outlined in the [2017](#)*

[Values Check resolution](#) passed by the Steering Committee, the Values Check does not apply to countries already in the Partnership.

Post-meeting update: After an assessment of Ecuador's revised Asset Disclosure legislation by World Bank experts (who provide OGP assistance in this metric of OGP eligibility), Ecuador's score has been revised and are now eligible as they pass the core eligibility and Values Check.

Decision: *The eligibility update and memo were approved with no objections. The memo has been sent to the Steering Committee and the eligibility database has been published on the [OGP website](#).*

- 2. OGP Local Procedural Resolution** - In 2017, the SC unanimously resolved to expand the OGP Local program (formerly known as OGP Subnational Pilot). A first phase of the expansion is the recruitment of five additional participants in 2018, and an additional cohort in 2019.

As a second phase of the expansion, and to ensure the sustainability of the program, the Support Unit is working on an strategy package to formally integrate the OGP Local program into OGP. This strategy is still being built and has explored options such as a model for rotation of participants out of the program and guidelines for alignment of OGP Local participants to the guidelines and standards that all OGP participants are held to.

In line with this second phase, the SU presented a proposed resolution below to the C&S which would extend calendars, the Participation and Co-creation Standards and the OGP Procedural Review guidelines to OGP Local participants. The resolution is meant to be tabled for full SC approval in the July SC meetings. The resolution acknowledges the fact that the SC will have a larger discussion about the OGP Local program.

OGP Local Procedures Resolution

In 2017, the Steering Committee resolved to maintain involvement of the OGP Local original participants (formerly known as the Subnational Pilot Pioneers) and to further expand the cohort of participating local entities. In order to ensure that the same standards apply to all OGP participants, the Steering Committee hereby resolves that moving forward, OGP Local governments' participation in OGP will be subject to the same procedural guidelines as National governments, and that their participation will be subject to [Procedural Review](#) if they act contrary to OGP Process. A government is found to have acted contrary to process when:*

- 1. "The government does not publish a Action Plan within 4 months of the due date*

2. *The government did not meet the International Association for Public Participation “involve” level of public influence during development or “inform” during implementation of the AP as assessed by the IRM.*
3. *The government fails to collect, publish and document a repository on the OGP website/webpage in line with IRM guidance.*
4. *The IRM Report establishes that there was no progress made on implementing any of the commitments in the Action Plan (N.B. this trigger automatically places a government under Procedural Review).”*

**This resolution will be reviewed as needed as the OGP Local program matures and develops more rules and the SU will thoroughly review all applicable governance and guidance documents to ensure alignment and have approved by C&S*

-----END RESOLUTION-----

Decision: *The C&S members endorsed the proposed draft resolution, with the exception of the Government of South Africa who requested to be on the record regarding reservations about the resolution.*

The SU will work on a revised text of the resolution and share it with the C&S before sending to the full Steering Committee ahead of the July meetings.

3. **IRM refresh update** - The [IRM Review](#) process that was completed in 2017 yielded a set of operational and strategic recommendations for IRM. Based on these recommendations, the IRM presented a set of proposed resolutions to the C&S divided into two categories (as outlined in the attached document): a) resolutions that require Steering Committee approval, and b) changes that do not constitute a change to the core mandate of the IRM, which have been adopted and are now being implemented by the IRM and IEP.

The IRM requested initial endorsement by the C&S on the resolutions found in Section 1 of the document, before being tabled for full SC approval during the July SC meetings. The C&S suggested that the language of some resolutions be reworded to ensure their clarity, and that the IRM provides guidelines to POCs on the implementation of changes that would affect them.

Decision: *The C&S provided overall endorsement of the proposed resolutions. A final version will be circulated to C&S before being shared with the SC.*

- 4. RRM Update [non-decisional]** - The Chairs of the C&S provided an update on the process of developing the Rapid Response Mechanism. The latest draft of the proposal was also circulated for C&S review and discussion.

The finalized version is intended to be presented to GL and C&S subcommittee in June, and subsequently presented to the SC at the July SC meetings for review and feedback to inform development of final draft which would be tabled for SC approval in the Q4 SC meeting.

***Decision:** The SU requested comments from the C&S on the RRM draft by June 10 to be included in the semi-final draft that will be presented to the GL and C&S in late June.*

- 5. Articles of Governance update [non-decisional]** - The SU provided an update on the AoG review process that is being undertaken with a legal consultant. For the July SC meetings, the SU will provide to the SC an outline of a) changes being made based on decisions taken by the SC since 2015 and changes to articles that require overall housekeeping in language and structure to bring in line with current practices, and b) proposed changes that require SC approval. The SU and C&S will work on the proposed changes based on SC initial feedback, and present a final version for SC review and approval at its Q4 SC meeting.

The outline and direction of travel will be presented to C&S for review and comment at its June meeting, before being sent to the SC.

6. AOB

- Next C&S call will be June 21.
- C&S requested to include a discussion of the C&S session of the July SC meeting for the June 21 call