

GL Monthly Call
July 19, 2017 | 10:30-11:30am EDT

Agenda Items

1. Update and discussion on future co-chairs
2. UNGA planning
3. Update on Ambassadors proposed list
4. Review TOR for Mexico Envoys
5. Rapid Response Mechanism discussion
6. Active Steering Committee participation

Call highlights and decisions

1. Update and discussion on future co-chairs

Per decision of the SC, the deadline for expressions of interest has been extended to July 31, and given the unprecedented circumstances, the call for new co-chairs has been expanded to former co-chairs, and governments who applied to join the SC in 2017. A final decision will be made by vote of the 22 current members by 18 August, 2017.

The Government of Canada has expressed the cost of hosting a global summit as one of the hurdles impeding reaching a decision to postulate to run for co-chairship. In response, the SU sent a memo outlining options to host different types of events of various sizes and scope, accompanied by realistic costs approximates for each.

Decision(s): The Government of France has reiterated their willingness to speak bilaterally with the Government of Canada and provide feedback on the costs and organization of the 2016 Paris Global Summit. The Support Unit will follow up with the Canadian government on July 27 (a week from when the memo was sent). SU to share options memo on 2019 events with France.

2. UNGA planning

A draft concept note is attached for your reference. We aim to divide the high-level event into two parts: 1) Opening remarks by President Macron, Manish and Sanjay followed by a photo of the new open government coalition; and 2) one or two round-table discussions on focused topics and targeted speakers followed by two keynote pitches and “looking ahead” remarks from incoming lead co-chairs. *See attached UNGA 72 events concept note.*

Suggestions from GL members include:

- Ensure that narrative and topics of the event spark interest from the media and opportunity for press coverage and high level exposure for OGP. Suggestion to explore securing an exclusive with the Financial Times/NY Times.

- Explore the participation of Minister Tsulukiani, new ambassadors (as supposed to current), a subnational leader, and Bono.
- Define time in the agenda for people to exit the room to avoid disturbing deliberations.

Decision(s): Support Unit to follow up on proposed actions and report back to GL; French team to explore possibility of Bono to join the HLE opening at a bilateral meeting coming up - Support Unit to check with ONE campaign team; Support Unit will circulate set of invitations and save-the-dates in the coming weeks.

3. Update on Ambassadors proposed list

Based on feedback from the SC during the June meetings and other suggestions provided by SC in the recent weeks, we present the final list of ambassadors for final blessing from GL. Once granted the green light, SU will begin prioritizing and approaching potential ambassadors with the aim of securing 3-4 new ambassadors before the UNGA events. The SU has proposed three tiers for GL to approach in the coming weeks and suggests moving on tier 1. *See attached final list of Ambassadors.*

There was agreement with the final list of Ambassadors proposed by the Support Unit, which included suggestions and vetoed names by the Steering Committee since the June meetings. Asia is the region less represented in the short list of proposed names, and the SU, in coordination with government support and civil society engagement teams, will continue to seek out nominations from within the region.

Decision(s): GL approved the list of proposed Ambassadors and gave green light for the SU to begin outreach. The Support Unit will continue to seek nominations for Ambassador(s) from the Asia-Pacific region, and will continue to request the SC to assist in the process. The SU will provide updates to GL on invitations and as process moves forward. SU checked with US government who requested waiting a while before approaching President Obama.

4. Review TOR for Mexico Envoys

As agreed in June SC meetings, TOR for two SC members to serve as envoys are included for your review (Maria Baron has volunteered). Once approved by GL, the SU will send a message to the full SC asking for volunteers. Per the SC decision, these must be circulated by July 19. More details in the TOR. *See draft Mexico envoys TOR.*

GL advised that TOR must be tweaked to calibrate expectations by clearly stating what the mandates of the two ambassadors will be. Maria Baron has volunteered to represent the CS SC. The SU will follow up with Mexican government counterparts if INAI would be open to provide formal invitations for the envoys to visit Mexico.

Decision(s): Support Unit to revise TOR (see attached). Once approved, GL and SU will seek out a government volunteer. SU to discuss with Mexican government and/or INAI on securing an invitation.

5. Rapid Response Mechanism discussion

Another decision by the SC in June was to develop TOR for a task force on rapid response to situations that come up in OGP countries and require the Steering Committee to respond in a rapid fashion.

While a prescriptive response is difficult to establish due to the changing nature of situations that are bound to require an official OGP response, it would be beneficial to explore protocol to manage image and reputational risk (i.e. Risk Committee).

Decision(s): Support Unit will analyze 2013 rapid response policy (prior to establish the Response Policy) and report back to GL with an updated version that incorporates the feedback provided by GL, considering potential role of non-GL volunteers (Tur-od, Robin, Helen and Giorgi).

6. Active Steering Committee participation

There has been a recent challenge of some SC members not attending meetings at the correct level, or not showing up at all. For example, the Government of Chile has been absent from SC activities, including subcommittee engagement and participation in recent calls and meetings. Considering the upcoming events in UNGA that require high-level participation, and the efforts to build an SC coalition, we invite the GL to discuss possible ways forward to re-engage the Government of Chile in the Steering Committee.

Decisions(s): Use the ongoing Rules of the Game review to incorporate requirement for more engaged participation from SC members, pre and post selection. GL requested to help re-engage Chile in the SC in the run up to UNGA events.