

Governance and Leadership Subcommittee
Monthly call agenda | 8 November 2018
9:00-10:30 ET

Attendees

1. **Government of Canada:** Jaimie Boyd, Mark Levene, Natalia Little
2. **Government of Argentina:** Carolina Conejo
3. **Results for Development (R4D):** Nathaniel Heller, Preston Whitt, Bianca Nelson
4. **Robin Hodess,** The B-Team
5. **OGP Support Unit:** Sanjay Pradhan, Joe Powell, Alonso Cerdan, Brittany Lane, Annora Borden, Jaime Mercado, Meghan Wallace, Enrico Campos

Update on Rapid Response cases: Guatemala and Georgia

The Support Unit updated GL on the progress on the two Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) cases, Guatemala and Georgia, and shared a timeline of the next steps. The formal responses from both the Government of Guatemala and Government of Georgia are expected to be received within a week and will be shared with GL once they have been received.

Since these were the first two cases involving RRM implementation, there was discussion on initial lessons and implementation hurdles. The initial lessons learned were the following:

- 1) *Government involvement in the initial steps of the RRM may be difficult given the time it takes governments to conduct analyses in order to verify the validity of the RRM case.*
- 2) *Additional time should be given to allow the government involved in the RRM an opportunity to respond formally to the submitted RR request.*

Given that the RRM's current status as a pilot policy, GL does have the mandate to make changes to the RRM in real-time reflecting the lessons learned from initial implementation as long as the changes are recorded and presented to the full Steering Committee in 2019.

Decision Point: *Since Georgia has two members on the Steering Committee, due to potential conflict of interests, these two members will be recused when the RRM action plan is presented to the full SC for approval.*

Preparation for December Steering Committee Meeting

A. Review of Draft Agenda

The Support Unit shared the revised agenda for the December 2018 Steering Committee meeting with GL, incorporating the GL input received during the October 11 GL call and opened the floor for a second round of comments. Overall, GL endorsed the revised agenda and made a few suggestions:

- 1) *The Global Trends discussion should be moved to immediately Sanjay's opening remarks, since this section is well-suited to engaging SC members from the the onset of the SC meeting.*

- 2) *The agenda should highlight the collective objectives that were accomplished by OGP in the past year and spotlight the partnership objectives that were not accomplished.*

B. OGP Local Strategy

The Support Unit recapped the feedback from the one-on-one calls with GL and opened the floor to further comments from GL. GL suggested the following:

- 1) *The OGP Local Strategy be a platform to reach out to non-traditional non-state actors in the open government space.*
- 2) *There needs to be a mechanism to streamline the integration of the sub-national commitments into the national action plans and the input from local governments should be received as if they are full members of OGP.*

C. Update on 2018 country contributions and proposed revised guidelines

The Support Unit presented the revised Country Contribution guidelines summarizing the shift in standards to determining contribution minima and maxima from World Bank income level to Gross National Income (GNI).

Decision Point (soft-item): GL endorsed the revised guidelines and suggested that an additional column should be added to the two tables in the document to see how many countries fall into the respective tiers.

D. OGP events guidelines and procedures update

The Support Unit presented the revised OGP events guidelines and procedures and opened the it to GL for discussion and comment. The major takeaways from the discussion were the following:

- 1) *Regional Meetings should be endorsed by GL and more political discipline should be applied to make these meetings less spontaneous.*
- 2) *OGP event guidelines and procedures need to be categorized into two-tiers to reflect: a) strategically important pieces (i.e. covering high-level political presence such as Heads of State); and b) practices that are more susceptible to variation due to different government policies and protocols.*

Due to time constraints, the Support Unit encouraged GL to leave further comments on the shared guidelines document.

E. Articles of Governance Review Update

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Due to time constraints, the Support Unit has proposed another call to discuss the remaining items on the call agenda: 1) Roadmap to Ottawa Updates and 2) Update from the Support Unit on

SC digital document management options. GL agreed to a subsequent call the week of November 12-16, 2018.