

GL Subcommittee Monthly Call
Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Agenda

1. Welcome to new GL

The Support Unit welcomed the new GL members and invited the previous lead chairs, Government of France and Manish Bapna to provide guidance as part of their Troika role. Troika members would also be invited to specific calls and GL meetings in 2018.

2. Update on GL actions from Steering Committee

- a. Follow up on country dues: So far, 22 governments have paid in 2017, but 50 have not yet done so. Letters signed by GL co-chairs have been distributed to all countries with a few exceptions. The Support Unit country teams will use these letters as an entry point for more targeted follow up, particularly with those countries who have indicated possibility to pay country dues for 2017 but have not done so yet.

Action: GL members are requested to leverage the upcoming Americas and Asia Pacific regional meetings to encourage more countries to contribute their 2017 dues. The Support Unit will provide a shortlist of priority countries where GL support would be beneficial for mobilizing country dues and engage in bilateral outreach where feasible.

- b. Follow up on Rapid Response: Draft ToRs are being drafted by the Support Unit and will be shared with Criteria and Standards for initial feedback, and subsequently be shared with GL in advance of its November call.
- c. OGP Ambassadors update: Alicia Bárcena, Helen Clark, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, and Helle Thorning-Schmidt have officially accepted the invitation to serve as OGP Ambassadors. The new Ambassadors cohort was launched two weeks ago via OGP press release and we have begun to mobilize the new Ambassadors for upcoming OGP events.

Action: GL requested to provide thoughts on how to maximize the Ambassadors' roles.

- d. Mexico Envoys visit: The Government of Chile and Maria Baron from the Civil Society Steering Committee visited Mexico on October 19-20. The visit was well received by all parts of the Tripartite Secretariat that governs the OGP process in the country. A full report will be provided to the Steering Committee in the coming weeks with a synopsis of the conversations undertaken by the Envoys, but it will

not include concrete next steps or set of recommendations as that is meant to be agreed upon by the whole Steering Committee based on the Envoys' report.

- i. Report being drafted and will be signed off by Envoys before being shared with GL shortly.
- ii. Consider opening roles of candidates to wider than SC; wider consultation with countries for political sensitiveness; happened in Latam but not in all regions.
- iii. Divided how to use OGP for this issue; some want to go through RP; others more realistic on what can be done with this government;
- iv. Approach is country by country strategic on who may be able to pay. SU to come back with shortlist of priority countries for GL to do bilateral conversations on countries dues.

3. Upcoming OGP events: Update and discussion

GL to discuss how to maximize the opportunities for engaging in the upcoming OGP global events.

- a. Americas Regional Meeting - Nov 17-22 (Buenos Aires)

Action: The Support Unit will follow up with GL members who are attending the event to communicate what speaking roles are being requested of them. The Support Unit can also provide a list of high level officials from government and civil society for GL members to consider bilateral meetings.

- b. Asia Leaders' Forum on Open Government - Dec 14 (Jakarta)

Action: Support Unit to share a list of priority bilaterals for civil society and governments for political engagement, and background information and value proposition for the eligible-but-not-yet joined countries in the region so that GL governments can leverage their diplomatic missions to begin conversations with these countries.

- c. Georgia Global Summit - 2018 (dates tbc) (Tbilisi)

- i. The dates are yet to be confirmed by the Government of Georgia, and are exploring the months of June or July of 2018.

- d. Proposed events by Government of Italy (European Regional Meeting and Open Gov Week, Feb 5, 2018)

- i. While GL appreciates and welcomes the commitment and leadership demonstrated by the Government of Italy, a single open gov week of global nature in the month of February would not be logistically feasible for the Support Unit to organize or support. It is then proposed that the

Government of Italy moves forward with a national open gov week during the proposed dates which can serve as a guide and blueprint for other countries in the region to implement in the following months. A “playbook” for organizing the open gov week that can be shared with other countries would be very beneficial.

- ii. The proposal for a meeting during the first of week of February is very welcome with the slight counterproposal to keep the focus at the national level, incorporating some regional and international components in a way that does not take away from the Global summit to take place in the region a few months after. This event would be a key opportunity to cultivate future leadership from within the region.

Action: The Support Unit is requested to hold separate conversations and follow up with the Government of Italy on both of the proposed events to express the thoughts of the GL subcommittee.

4. GL retreat proposal - April 14

The Subcommittee discussed the annual Ministerial retreat in the first half of 2018 and the proposal of the Support Unit to hold it on the sidelines of the OGP Network of Reformers workshop in Bellagio, Italy on April 16-20, 2018. The Support Unit proposed for GL to attend some or all of the workshop and use that time for a GL retreat (Ministerial and principals level only due to limited accommodation space at Bellagio). This would be a great opportunity for Ministers and principals to build a coalition for open government as proposed by GL co-chair Ministers in the September SC meetings.

Action: The Support Unit will communicate the final answer from Rockefeller on whether OGP’s proposal was approved (expected by end of October).

5. AOB

Forthcoming GL calls: Tuesday November 14, Tuesday December 12 (8:30-10:00am ET).