

Action Items from GL Subcommittee Meeting: July 22 2015

1. Operations Updates

The Support Unit (SU) presented an overview of OGP finances, including spending from Jan-May 2015 and an update on fundraising for the length of the four year strategy (2015-18). Overall OGP is in a healthy financial position. In the discussion which followed staffing issues around visas and the idea of secondments were addressed.

Action Items:

- SU to provide a breakdown of all government contributions to OGP to date by income category (low, middle, high)
- SU to follow up with U.S. State Department regarding possible support for securing visas, particularly if the OGP Secretariat incorporates and petitions to qualify for an exemption to the H1B visa cap
- SU to provide an up-to-date organization chart for the OGP Secretariat, including a description of each staff person's role and who the Steering Committee should contact for what
- SU to prepare an outline of how staff secondments from the Steering Committee could work and a list of 3-4 proposed "Special Projects" that seconded staff could be asked to lead

2. Trust Fund

All agreed that the current and incoming co-chairs, in conjunction with the SU, should lead on the Trust Fund discussions with the World Bank, bringing in other members of the SC as appropriate. There are two distinct roles for GL: 1) helping to set up the governance structure and define programmatic priorities for the Trust Fund; 2) raising the necessary funding for the Trust Fund from bilaterals, to ensure that the Fund helps generate new, additive funding for OGP. It was also agreed that Sangita should be the Support Unit point person to coordinate and drive the process.

3. UNGA

Mexico confirmed that the UNGA side event is scheduled for Sept 25 at 6:30 pm, and that invitations to all SC Heads of State/Government have been sent.

Action Items:

- GL agreed to schedule a half-day in-person meeting on the day after the UNGA event. This meeting should include the incoming OGP co-chairs.

4. GL Ways of Working

Action Items:

- SU to share previous draft of document outlining roles and responsibilities of the Steering Committee, GL, lead chair(s) and Support Unit. This document could be reviewed and updated for discussion at the January GL retreat.
- SU to develop a document outlining specific responsibilities of Lead Government Chair, including guidelines for hosting SC meetings, etc.
- Set dates soon for GL retreat in late January/early February, and use that retreat to discuss GL ways of working.
- GL should have a meeting this week with incoming chairs Manish Bapna and Government of France (done), and the new co-chairs should be invited to join GL calls as observers beginning in September.
- Agreement that October SC meeting in Mexico would be the official hand-off point to the incoming co-chairs.
- GL agreed to have one call in August (Linda's final GL call) and biweekly calls in September and October. Joe Powell will begin staffing GL beginning in August.
- GL agreed that Suneeta will serve as an advisor to the Acting Director of the Support Unit during the interim period.