

Governance and Leadership Subcommittee

31 October 2019 Call Summary

Attendees

- Government of Argentina: Rudi Borrman, Carolina Cornejo
- Government of Canada: Melanie Robert, Benoit Frenette, Darine Benkalha, Jonathan Rybicki
- Government of South Korea: Yujin Lee
- Robin Hodess, The B Team
- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo
- OGP Support Unit

Agenda for December 2019 Steering Committee Call

The OGP Support Unit (SU) presented an overview of the proposed agenda items for the upcoming Steering Committee (SC) call taking place on 6 December 2019:

1. **Update on the Three-Year Implementation Plan (3YP):** The SU will present the current 3YP state of play, which will integrate other priority programs such as OGP Local and the IRM Refresh. GL suggested that it would be useful to send an update to the full SC on the process of the development of the 3YP, which would allow for more time and space for the SC to have a more substantive discussion during the December call.
2. **Presentation of proposed agenda items for Berlin SC meeting:** The SU will present an overview of the proposed agenda for the February 2020 SC meeting in Berlin. The key agenda items will be discussed during GL's 20 November 2019 subcommittee call.
3. **AOB**
 - a. **Trinidad and Tobago Procedural Review case:** In line with the [inactivity resolution](#) endorsed by the SC, if Trinidad and Tobago fails to deliver an action plan by 5 December 2019, it will be removed from the list of OGP participating countries. A short brief, outlining the context, key developments and the Criteria and Standards subcommittee's (C&S) decision on Trinidad and Tobago's participation status in OGP will be shared as part of the pre-call materials.

Action Items

- The SU will provide a written update to the full SC on the process of the development of the 3YP, which will include the key takeaways from the IRM Refresh and Local workshops that were held in Brussels in October 2019. SC members who attended these workshops are welcome to follow-up on this update with any of their key takeaways from these workshops. **[DONE]**
- As part of the materials that will be sent in advance of the December SC call, the SU will include: i) a draft of the 3YP; ii) a timeline of the 3YP from the present until the in-person SC meeting taking place in Berlin in February 2020 (version already sent by email); iii) a



draft agenda of the February 2020 SC meeting in Berlin; and iv) a brief on the Procedural Review case and C&S decision on Trinidad and Tobago's participation status in OGP. After the December call, the SU will schedule one-on-one calls with individual SC members to gather their input and address any key questions and concerns.

OGP Leaders and Leaders Network

The Government of Argentina and Robin presented a revised OGP Leaders and Leader's Network concept. The revised note was crafted based on the feedback from the GL retreat and virtual Steering Committee call. The renewed Leaders' Network seeks to cast a spotlight on teams with government agencies/ ministries that have partnered with civil society to accelerate reforms in key thematic areas.

To be launched in 2020, this concept will be run as a pilot program. This pilot will serve as a means to assess the validity of this concept in implementation. The discussion was opened for GL comment and input. The summary of the discussion is below:

- GL members enquired about the role of the Thematic Leadership Subcommittee (TLS) in the implementation of the Leaders concept, and how the subcommittee would be positioned vis-a-vis the selected Leaders.
- Members from GL asked the co-chairs and SU how this Leaders concept is different from the thematic working groups that were run previously and now discontinued. GL and the SU clarified that the working groups' purpose was more focused on identifying best practices from across the Partnership and supporting peer learning initiatives, not a platform for showcasing innovative leadership to inspire reforms..
- In order to help elevate the work of the Leaders across these thematic issues, it was suggested that strategic communications efforts could be undertaken. For instance, OGP Awards could be used as a mechanism to build the necessary political backing for reforms in key thematic priorities.
- GL suggested that potential leaders be approached proactively and that a list of potential government team candidates to approach in advance would motivate these teams to proactively join.
- The importance to stay light on the governance of the Leaders concept and that an in-depth selection process will slow down the functioning of SC and take up vital resources was discussed.
- It was suggested that the selection of the Leaders would need to have formal CSO endorsement as a requirement, which is similar to what was done for the Local pilot and will be done for the revamped OGP Awards.
- It was also suggested the role of the Leaders' should not be to "scale norms" but to showcase reforms and inspire peer action.

Action Items

- The SU will conduct a final round of revisions to the Leaders concept and will specifically integrate the point that civil society endorsement to replace the joint government - civil society application model utilized for the Local pilot program and the OGP Awards.
- The SU will also create an initial operationalization plan, with a timeline, to support the implementation of this concept.



- The SU will create a preliminary list of government teams to approach and will share this spreadsheet with GL.

Timeline of 2020 Elections

The SU presented a timeline for the 2020 Government Steering Committee election for GL endorsement and requested support from the subcommittee to help amplify the SU engagements with potential government SC candidate (e.g. Kenya, Colombia, New Zealand, Estonia and Latvia) through some bilateral outreach.

Decision Item: GL endorsed the following timeline for the 2020 Government SC election

- January 10- February 14 - Launch call for LOI
- February 17-21 - GL endorsement of candidates
- February 24- March 20 - Voting period
- March 24 - Results announced
- July 15 - Deadline for co-chair candidates

Action Item

- The SU will share content that GL could use in their bilateral outreach to potential SC candidate governments on the country value proposition for being a government member on the OGP Steering Committee.

Board of Directors Role

The GL agreed the following next steps for the recruitment of new Board members:

- Begin informally approaching current SC members who may be strong potential board members.
- Consider whether rules for whether board members must be drawn from the SC at the start of their term should be amended, which would be a full Steering Committee discussion in February if GL decides to recommend changes.
- Maria to discuss with the Board as the current member of both bodies.

