OGP Steering Committee Virtual Call

Call Summary and Action Items

6 December 2019

Attendees

- Government of Argentina
- Government of Canada
- Government of Georgia
- Government of Germany
- Government of Indonesia
- Government of Italy
- Government of Nigeria
- Government of South Korea
- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo
- Helen Darbishire, Access Info Europe
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza
- Delia Ferreira Rubio, Transparency International
- Robin Hodess, The B Team
- Giorgi Kldiashvili, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information
- Lucy McTernan, University of York
- Elisa Peter, Publish What You Pay
- Zuzana Wienk, White Crow
- Asma Cherifi, TACID Network
- Glynnis Cummings-John, Restless Development
- Apologies: Government of France, Government of Romania, Government of South Africa, Tur-od Lkhagvajav

Three-Year Implementation Plan

Some of the feedback we have heard from the SC includes:

- Include more prominently within the narrative any changes and shifts in strategy, clear overall results to be achieved, what is meant by "**stronger OGP",** as well as indicate what, if any, activities we will stop doing.
- Consider the 3YP as an opportunity to develop a set of common indicators to help benchmark country performance and help bridge some of the current disconnect between the open gov community and overall transparency community.
- There is a need to interlink different components such as synergies/overlap between commitments, themes, countries.
- A 2020 work plan + budget should integrated within the final 3YP being tabled for approval at the February SC meeting. Also consider a three year budget framework. This is will also help think through where additional staff capacity is needed and what can be prioritized based on resources available.

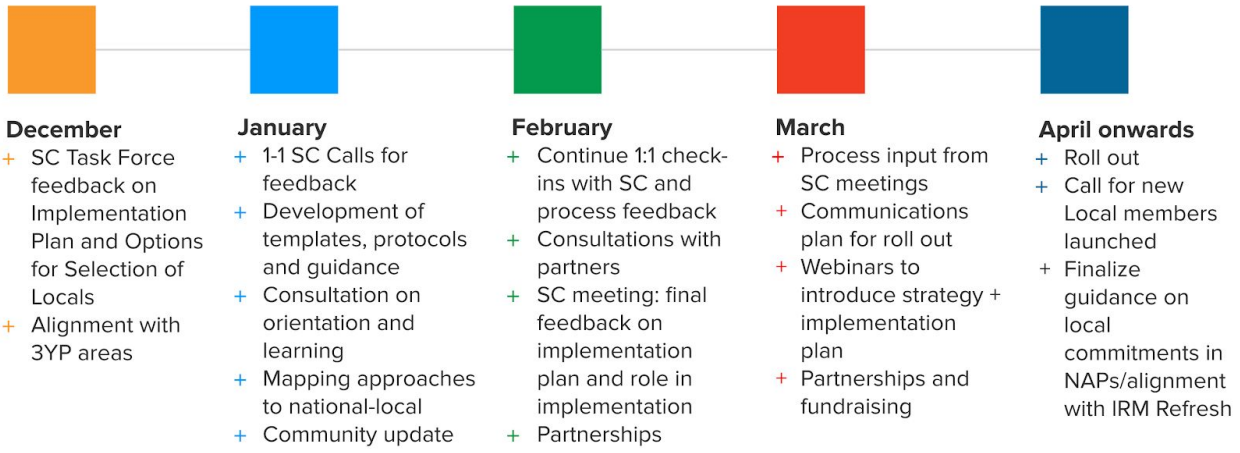
- Integrate within the services addendum what the benefit is for governments to be part of OGP and provide more context and make it easier to understand without too much 'insider' talk. The discussion underlined that we can share country examples to show how SU is presenting value propositions for whole-of-government buy-in for open government.
- Pull out more clearly the role of civil society throughout.
- Additional clarity within the document on how priority countries are selected and what services they receive would be beneficial, and where locals fit in.
- OGP should strive to collaborate with government schools to develop open government resources, strengthen the philosophy behind open government, and enable governments at all levels to develop open government reforms not necessarily only within OGP action plans in an attempt to make it the movement more sustainable.
- There should be a way for the wider open gov community to engage with the process, and build ownership for the plan. There should also be a clear response matrix to see what feedback is given on the plan, and how it was incorporated.

Support Unit Clarifications and Actions Items

- Where the 3YP refers to 'countries' it includes governments, locals, civil society, and other stakeholders.
- Develop a place to consolidate input from the Steering Committee, 1:1 calls and partner consultations; be responsive to feedback received.

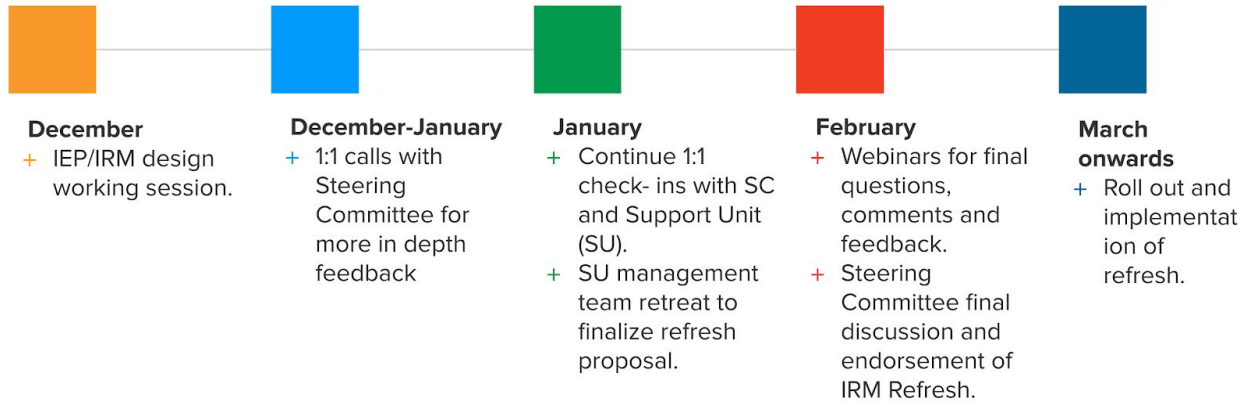
Local Strategy

- In line with the Steering Committee resolution endorsed in May 2019, changes with governance implications will be brought to the full Steering Committee for approval. No changes with governance are anticipated before the February SC meeting.
- The local taskforce will continue to help shape the strategy in the lead up to the Berlin meeting, including on the implementation plan and the options for selection of new locals.
- All Steering Committee members are invited for in-depth conversations about the Local Strategy. Please contact shreya.basu@opengovpartnership.org
- Timeline of next steps for the local strategy:



IRM Refresh

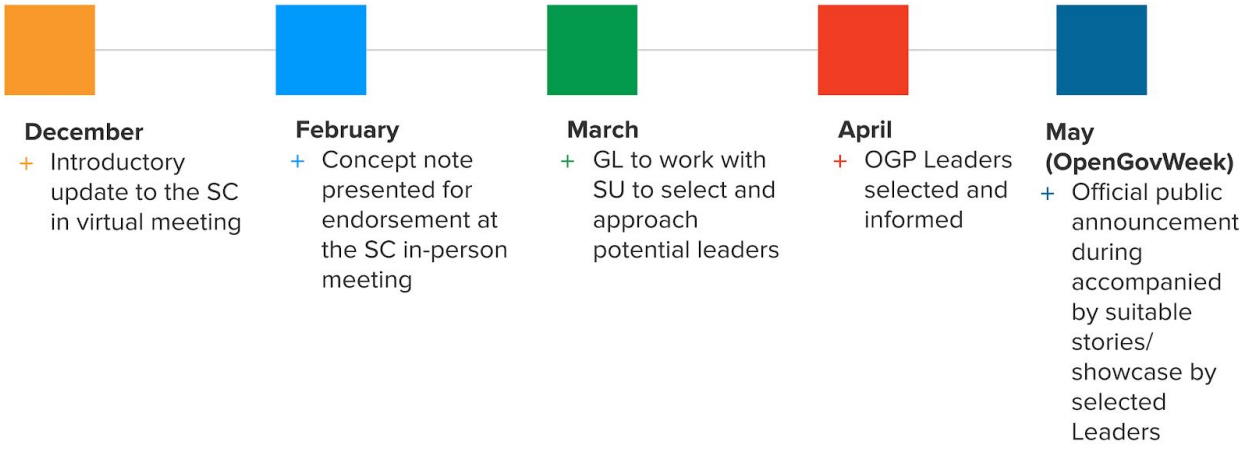
- The importance of the IRM + keeping flexibility as we go through the process
- All Steering Committee members are invited for in-depth conversations about the IRM refresh - please contact denisse.miranda@opengovpartnership.org.
- Timeline of next steps for the IRM Refresh:



OGP Leaders and Leaders Network

Some of the feedback received from the SC includes:

- Clarify the scope and value proposition to differentiate it from other mechanisms already (eg Ambassadors, Envoys, Awards, etc.) in place and how they may compliment each other. In addition, provide a summary analysis of the challenges of the other mechanisms that are currently in place.
- Clarify if the scope of the Leaders Network will be country-specific or transnational.
- Timeline of next steps for the Leaders Network:



February 2020 Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

Some of the feedback that we received from the SC includes:

- Provide space for more structured and formal conversations between governments in addition to the team-building activities throughout the week.
- Ensure that there are joint activities to bring together governments and civil society groups in addition to cohort-specific activities

Any additional input on the draft agenda can be sent to jaime.mercado@opengovpartnership.org by January 6 2020. The Support Unit will finalize the agenda in coordination with Governance and Leadership Subcommittee and the Government of Germany.

Criteria and Standards - Update on Trinidad and Tobago

- **Trinidad and Tobago** has been under inactive status since December 2018. As per the Steering Committee resolution, Trinidad and Tobago had until 5 December 2019 to submit and action plan or work with Criteria and Standards Subcommittee on a timeline to re-engage in OGP. Having failed to do so, Trinidad and Tobago has been removed from the list of OGP participating countries effective 6 December 2019.

Government of Argentina Farewell + Transition

- The Government of Argentina appointed a liaison from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to serve as point person through the government transition
- We send our best wishes to Rudi and Carolina in their future endeavors.