

Steering Committee Resolution on the OGP Local Strategy

Endorsed by the OGP Steering Committee on 29 May 2019

The OGP Steering Committee recognizes the importance and value of open local government in achieving OGP's vision of improving citizen-centered governance and public service delivery and making governments more responsive and accountable.

The Steering Committee also recognizes the need to support collective efforts of national and local governments and civil society in promoting open government for reforms to be sustained and scaled over time, building on the successes and lessons learned from the OGP Local program and other initiatives to support open local government.

Recognizing these opportunities, the Steering Committee hereby resolves to endorse the OGP Local Strategy, which comprises the following pillars:

1. Strategic national-local vertical integration to support the further development of effective national government and civil society strategies to enable and foster local open government within OGP National Action Plan processes or through separate national initiatives, by providing guidance on effective approaches, collecting and disseminating best practices, and facilitating peer exchange and learning
2. Enhanced OGP Local program to incentivize local ambition and innovation for more local governments and civil society, creating cohorts of local participants that can support and inspire each other, by redesigning the current program to be more flexible, scalable and inclusive
3. Platform for knowledge, learning, innovation and capacity building to provide easy access to knowledge resources, learning opportunities, self-serve guides, peer and expert networks, as part of a partnership-wide medium-term vision for building a more collaborative platform for learning

In addition, the Steering Committee hereby calls on the OGP Support Unit to commence the design phase for the implementation of this strategy, with engagement from the Steering Committee, and continued consultation with the wider OGP community of reformers, partners and stakeholders.

The implementation of this strategy will be closely monitored by the Steering Committee to ensure sustainability and alignment with the partnership's evolving needs, priorities, and resources. An evaluation of the program to learn and course correct will also be undertaken at a timeline agreed with the Steering Committee at a later date. Any changes with governance implications will be brought to the Steering Committee for approval.

This resolution supersedes previous Steering Committee resolutions on the OGP Local/Subnational program. The Support Unit will work with current OGP local participants on a transition process to the new model.

END RESOLUTION

