

Open Government Partnership

Special Session to Present Co-Chair Candidates

14 September 2020 | 08:00 - 09:00 Washington DC Time (EDT)

Government Attendees: Government of Korea: Yujin Lee and Jihye Park, Government of Argentina: Carolina Cornejo and Carola del Rio, Government of Canada: Sarah Berube, Benoit Frenette and Darine Benkalha, Government of Germany: Tobias Plate and Sebastian Haselbeck, Government of Italy: Fabiana Dadone, Marco Marrazza; Government of Nigeria: Clem Agba, Stanley Achonu and Chidinma Ilechukwu, Government of South Africa: Patrick Sokhela, Government of Indonesia: Erie Febriyanto, Government of Georgia: Ketevan Tsanova,

Civil Society Attendees: Aidan Eyakuze, Elisa Peter, Delia Ferreira Rubio, Maria Baron, Helen Darbishire, Glynnis Cummings-John

Incoming Members [as observers]: Stephanie Muchai, Oluseun Onigbinde, Anabel Cruz, Lysa John

Apologies: Robin Hodess, Government of France, Government of Romania, Giorgi Kldiashvili, Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, Zuzana Wienk

I. Candidate Presentations for Government Steering Committee Co-Chair

Reference Materials: [Government of Italy Co-Chair Candidacy Note](#), [Government of Nigeria Co-Chair Candidacy Note](#)

The Governments of Italy and Nigeria have announced their candidacies for Government Steering Committee Co-Chair. In this special session, each presented an overview of their candidacy and motivation for running for the co-chair role. Some of the focus areas of Italy would include monitoring and transparency on government funding, citizen participation, and on encouraging a culture of open government. Nigeria would include support for the ongoing expansion of OGP local program, increase the number of countries implementing BOT in national action plans, and rebuilding public trust through public participation, particularly important during the economic downturn caused by COVID-19. A full overview of their co-chair vision is included in the candidacy letters above.

II. Session 2: Candidates for Civil Society Steering Committee Co-Chair

Reference Materials: [Aidan Eyakuze Co-Chair Candidacy Note](#)

Aidan Eyakuze, Executive Director of Twaweza, is the sole candidate for Civil Society Steering Committee Co-Chair. Aidan presented an overview of his candidacy and motivation for running for the co-chair role. Aidan listed defending civic space, consolidating the OGP Local program, and promoting the tangible benefits of open government at the grassroots level as some potential focus areas. A full overview of Aidan's co-chair vision is included in the candidacy letter above.

Next Steps: Voting will open at the conclusion of the call, and remain open until Tuesday, September 15th 12:00 noon EDT. There will be no voting for the Civil Society Co-Chair role as there is only one candidate. Endorsement from the full Steering Committee, on a no-objection basis, is requested by Tuesday, September 15th 12:00 noon EDT.

