

Open Government Partnership

Governance and Leadership Monthly Call Summary

10 September 2020 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

Attendees:

- Government of Argentina: Carolina Cornejo, Nicole Grunbaum, Carola del Rio
- Government of South Korea: Yujin Lee, Jihye Park
- Robin Hodess, The B Team
- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo
- OGP Support Unit

Call Summary

I. Update on Virtual Leaders Forum planning

The Governance and Leadership (GL) subcommittee members reviewed the proposed agenda for the Virtual Leaders Summit on September 24. GL provided feedback to maximize the political potential and messaging of the event, including the suggestion to incorporate local voices and from different sectors, ensure panels are conducive to dialogue versus statements, and framing for the event should consider the past, present and future situations of OGP, the COVID-19 pandemic, and open government as a whole, among other ideas. These recommendations have been incorporated into the final version of the event's program.

II. 2020-2021 Co-chair term extension resolution (for GL endorsement)

The following resolution regarding SC leadership transition in 2021 was presented to the GL for endorsement:

*OGP Steering Committee Leadership Transition 2021-2022
September 10, 2020*

The OGP Steering Committee recognizes the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the partnership's future plans, including the timing of the 2021 7th OGP Global Summit marking OGP's 10th Anniversary, to be hosted by the Government of the Republic of Korea and Maria Baron (Directorio Legislativo). The summit is being scheduled for the final quarter of 2021 to enable the world to recover from the pandemic. The OGP Steering Committee therefore resolves that the Co-Chair term will be extended until the summit takes place, ending no later than December 31, 2021.

The resolution was endorsed by GL and will be sent to the full Steering Committee for approval on a non-objection basis.

III. Steering Committee rotation process and next steps

Aidan Eyakuze confirmed his intent to run for civil society Co-Chair (2020-2022) by his official letter of intent to GL. No other civil society members have put forth an intention to run for Co-Chair.

Two candidates were received by the Support Unit for government Co-Chair: the governments of Nigeria and Italy. Each candidate will give a presentation of their candidacies and motivation for running for the co-chair role during a special session on Monday, September 14 at 08:00 EDT. An anonymous vote will be held after the session, with results to be announced Tuesday, September 15. All current Steering Committee members, including civil society members, are eligible to vote as per the Articles of Governance.

As part of the annual October 1 Steering Committee transition, each of the subcommittee member lists are updated with outgoing and incoming members and new co-chairs. A proposal by the Support Unit, taking into consideration regional and thematic presence, will be shared with GL for input. The final composition will be tabled for GL endorsement at its October 1 meeting.

IV. AOB

Next Steering Committee meeting

The Support Unit was asked to consider several dates in mid-December, and to send a poll to SC members to find nonconflicting dates.

RRP Update

The Rapid Response Policy (RRP) is on track to be approved by the end of September following a meeting with Criteria and Standards (C&S) on September 11 to endorse, and a two-week period for the Steering Committee to approve on a non-objection basis.

Leaders Network

The Support Unit will provide GL members with an updated timeline on the Leaders Network invitations and pilot launch.

Budget Updates

The Support Unit was requested to provide a brief update on the state of the budget during the next GL meeting on October 1.

