Civil Society Steering Committee

Civil Society Steering Committee Monthly Call Summary 14 October 2020 | 8:00 - 9:00 EST / 14:00 - 15:00 CET

Attendees:

María Baron, Helen Darbishire, Aidan Eyakuze, Delia Ferreira Rubio, Lucy McTernan, Elisa Peter, Zuzana Wienk, Anabel Cruz, Blair Glencorse, Steph Muchai, Oluseun Onigbinde

Apologies:

Robin Hodess, Lysa John

1. Maria Baron and South Korea Co-Chair Priorities

Reference material: Co-Chair Priorities

Maria Baron presented the Co-Chairs' three main priorities for the year: public participation and civic space, anti-corruption, and digital innovation. Maria underlined the upcoming opportunities to participate in each of these priorities in the next year, and to translate them into concrete actions via action plans. Maria also shared some ideas on specific activities to help deliver on the co-chair priorities, asking the group to coordinate on different areas that they could support.

2. CS SC exchange & update on 2020 ("Berlin") action items

Steering Committee members were presented with an opportunity to share key areas of interest and/or ideas for engagement within CS SC, the wider SC and the broader civil society community in the year ahead. Key topics to garner support included civic space, anti-corruption and funding. An update on previous action items discussed in the Berlin SC meeting at the beginning of the year was also presented. The Support Unit will share an update on the items that have made progress and how those are being taken forward within the work of the subcommittees.

The Support Unit also shared an overview of the 2021 work planning process and timeline, which will include several of these items as part of the ongoing subcommittees' work. The work plan will be shared with the Steering Committee in advance of the December SC meeting for input from the group, as well as consulting Steering Committee members on specific areas as the work plan is developed. The Support Unit stressed the importance of collectively approaching big ticket items to maximize the impact of the Steering Committee's engagement in delivering the 2021 priorities. CS SC members supported a focused approach aligned with the broader OGP strategy.

3. CS SC mapping (thematic/regional)

Maria presented a map created in partnership with the SU to identify where each CS SC member works, in order to identify what opportunities might be available for more collective approaches. The mapping can be found here.