Civil Society Steering Committee
Monthly Call Summary | Tuesday 17 November 2020
8:00-9:00 EST / 14:00-15:00 CET

Attendees:
- Maria Baron, Anabel Cruz, Helen Darbishire, Blair Glencorse, Robin Hodess, Lysa John, Lucy McTernan, Oluseun Onigbinde, Elisa Peter, Delia Ferreira Rubio

Apologies:
- Aidan Eyakuze, Zuzana Wienk

Special Guests:
- Rudi Borrmann (Support Unit)

I. OGP Local Discussion

Rudi Borrmann of the Support Unit (SU) provided highlights from the intake process of the 56 new OGP Local members. A few standouts were the new Bogota, Nandi, Timișoara, Gwangju, Khoni, and Ciudad de México members with particularly exciting proposals. Orientation for the group will begin in early 2021, with co-creation occurring between Q1/Q2 for delivery of the Local Action Plans in Q2 2021 (April 31), though the SU will closely monitor any potential constraints presented by the pandemic to allow flexibility.

CS SC members were asked to consider what support they could offer to the new local members, and if any would like to volunteer for a mentorship role, available at varying levels of intensity throughout the onboarding and co-creation process. To continue informing the support provided to new local members, the CS SC was also asked to share how they themselves have used various OGP resources and materials. The CS SC suggested a closer look at developing connections with Local members within a country and/or region to provide peer support, learning and establishing a community of practice. The CS SC also requested additional clarity on the integration of local level commitments in national action plans. A set of rules and handbook for local members is in the works to support the local action plan process.

II. Update on CS SC action items

The CS SC was not able to review this agenda item due to time. A written update will be sent by Maria for review and feedback.

III. December SC meeting agenda (December 14-15, 2020)

The SU provided a preview of the December meeting agenda that has been approved by the Governance and Leadership Subcommittee. The agenda focuses on leveraging the unprecedented convergence of opportunities at country, thematic and global levels in 2021, such as 100+ action plans expected, the Global Summit, and OGP’s 10th anniversary. The meeting will provide a space to discuss how the SC and Partnership as a whole can maximize these opportunities, guided by the 2021 work plan that OGP will table for SC approval. A pre-meeting packet including the 2021 work plan will be sent to the full SC in the first week of December. If any CS SC members have any questions or feedback on the agenda please contact Jaime at jaime.mercado@opengovpartnership.org.

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