

Open Government Partnership

Thematic Leadership Monthly Call Summary

11 November 2020 | 07:00 - 8:30 EST

Attendees:

- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab (Civil Society Chair)
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Helen Darbishire, Access Info Europe
- Stephanie Muchai, Hivos
- Zuzana Wienk, White Crow
- Government of Argentina: Carolina Cornejo, Nicole Grunbaum (Government Chair)
- Government of Indonesia: Erie Febriyanto
- Government of Romania: Larisa Panait
- Denisse Miranda [Support Unit]: Guest Speaker

Apologies:

- Robin Hodess, The B Team
- Oluseun Onigbinde, BudgIT
- Government of France
- Government of Kenya

I. Introduction

The Support Unit (SU) welcomed the new Thematic Leadership (TLS) Subcommittee Co-Chairs Blair Glencorse and the Government of Argentina, and new subcommittee members Robin Hodess, Stephanie Muchai, Oluseun Onigbinde, Anabel Cruz, the Government of Kenya, and the Government of France.

II. 2020 Trends & preview of 2021 work plan on focus themes

Reference material: [2021 Thematic Strategy Preview](#)

The Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) presented early findings and trends from the 2019-2020 cycle of reports, including on the levels of public participation in the development of action plans and the areas that are being tackled through OGP commitments in different regions (see slides 5 - 9 [here](#)).

Based on these data-based trends, the SU provided a preview of the thematic strategy for 2021, building on the lessons learned over the past year and aligned with the objectives of the [Three Year Plan](#) that the Steering Committee endorsed in early 2020: advancing a greater number of ambitious commitments on key policy areas through OGP action plans, fostering co-creation of global norms through the spread of reforms across countries in key thematic areas, and leveraging OGP to advance concrete delivery of reforms from key global forums and agenda.

The presentation also included an overview of how the thematic strategy fits within the broader 2021 work plan for OGP, which will be shared with the Steering Committee for input in advance of the December 14-15 meeting, when the OGP work plan will be tabled for endorsement.

III. 2021 TLS work plan

Reference material: [TLS work plan draft](#)

The TLS Co-Chairs presented the 2021 TLS draft work plan highlighting three main areas of work to help TLS deliver its mandate, including thematic oversight on focus themes, informing strategic engagement in other global fora, and reviewing OGP's thematic-related research.

TLS members were encouraged to consider how they can connect OGP with other global moments (G20, G7, UNGASS, etc) and use the TLS space to share their ongoing efforts to advance different themes in addition to the focus themes (anti-corruption, civic space and digital governance). Some of the themes shared by TLS members include gender and inclusion, open state, and civil society accountability as it relates to building a stronger civil society and civic space.

While there was agreement with the general direction of travel, TLS stressed the need to consider the unpredictability of the COVID-19 pandemic and consider possible scenarios if the crisis worsens, including the impact on the 100+ action plans and the different activities for 2021.

Next steps: The SU will incorporate the feedback from this session into the 2021 TLS work plan and consider the direction of travel of the work plan approved by the TLS.