OGP Thematic Leadership Subcommittee

Work Plan for 2020-2021

Thematic Leadership Subcommittee Mandate

In line with the OGP Articles of Governance, the Thematic Leadership Subcommittee (TLS) provides strategic oversight of OGP's strategy for advancing open government reforms across priority themes, and works closely with the Support Unit to execute efforts to scale thematic ambition across the Partnership.

In addition to its mandate, the TLS will seek to continue supporting the implementation of OGP's <u>Three Year Implementation Plan (3YP</u>), particularly the thematic strategic approach by supporting the advancement of all thematic areas across OGP, with an emphasis and more intensive support to a small number of focus policy areas as agreed by the Steering Committee. This includes working with OGP expert partners and on specific themes to support in-country reforms, cross-country coalition building, facilitating peer-exchange opportunities, and linking to other global fora to position OGP as an implementation platform at the country level.

2021 TLS Work Plan Areas

To deliver on its mandate, and support the objectives of the broader OGP strategy, the 2021 workplain for TLS will focus on three main areas of engagement:

- 1. Providing oversight on progress of focus themes across the Partnership
 - a. Informing OGP's thematic strategy on specific areas identified in the 3YP.
 - b. Facilitating the successful implementation of the OGP Leaders Network, including through strategic engagement with the pilot Leaders Cohort, to foster thematic leadership outside of the Steering Committee.
 - c. Representing the Partnership at external forums to discuss thematic policy areas, in coordination with SU and other thematic partners.
- 2. Informing strategic engagement with other global platforms
 - a. Helping inform the role of OGP at key global fora in the coming year (including UNGASS, G20 and G7 priorities, among others) to maximize opportunities for elevating OGP as a global platform for implementation.
 - b. Leveraging TLS member's participation in various global platforms to identify opportunities to position OGP globally.
- 3. Reviewing OGP's research related to thematic policy areas
 - a. Overseeing trends and impact results on the progress on key thematic areas, as identified by the Three Year Implementation plan and ongoing global conversations, in coordination with the IRM, Thematic and Analytics & Insights teams of the Support Unit. The goal of this track is to present the latest evidence and learning on how government and civil society are using OGP to have the most impact possible, and make recommendations for the partnership to have more impact in its second decade.

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The TLS will strive to align its bi-monthly meetings with other global events or opportunities for engagement in OGP and partner-led events. To best leverage these opportunities, some meetings may take place in closer succession than the typical bi-monthly schedule.

Some illustrative meeting topics are highlighted below - the agenda will be developed based on strategic opportunities that need SC input and decision, and key forums or opportunities as identified by members of the TLS and other SC members.

Linking to global forums

Illustrative meeting topics

- 1. OGP and the OECD Working Party on Open Government shared goals and coordination for 2021
- 2. OGP and UNGASS opportunities for coordination and relevant prep
- 3. Leveraging the OGP to advance G7 and G20 priorities (anti-corruption, others?)

Thematic oversight

Illustrative meeting topics

- State of play of digital governance: IRM trends, upcoming Action plan opportunities and thematic peer exchanges + presentation by OGP Leaders Network Govt of New Zealand
- State of play of gender and inclusion: IRM trends, upcoming Action plan opportunities and thematic peer exchanges + presentation by OGP Leaders Network Govt of Mexico
- State of play of anti-corruption (sub-theme as selected by the TLS)

Research oversight

Illustrative meeting topics

• Presentation of the new political integrity project initiated by A&I