

# Open Government Partnership

## Governance and Leadership Monthly Call Summary

4 February 2021 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

### Attendees:

- Government of South Korea: Junny Kim, Jihye Park, Minchan Park
- Government of Italy: Marco Marrazza, Sabina Bellotti
- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza

### Call Summary

#### I. Follow up on the December SC meeting outcomes for GL/SC leadership

*Reference Material:* [Summary of outcomes from December 2020 SC meeting and suggestions for SC/GL action](#)

The Support Unit (SU) provided a brief recap of the main outcomes from the December 2020 SC meeting and highlights of the 2021 work plan, underscoring the viral leadership role for the Steering Committee (SC) at the global, thematic and country/regional levels:

- **Globally**, each SC member leverages global fora to help position OGP as an implementation platform. Collectively, SC can help build high level political commitment and explore ways to engage MFAs.
- **Thematically**, each SC member champions a thematic area and could lead on one activity during OGW (individually or collectively). Collectively, SC can support existing coalitions, or form and lead new thematic coalitions
- At **Country/Regional** level, each SC member role models ambition in three key areas related to the Call to Action, and considers developing on one Civic Space commitment by each of the 11 SC governments, with support/analysis from partners like ICNL. Collectively, SC lifts up other countries in their region, including through peer-to-peer outreach and support to advance the Call to Action.

Based on these key opportunities, an initial tentative list of suggested activities for the SC, GL and each GL member were discussed. GL members were asked to think through additional opportunities and actions that could be taken throughout the year. The following input was provided:

- GL will aim to work more collectively as a group throughout the year on key themes.
- Think through how to position OGP as an implementation platform to the wider public in communications.
- GL can conduct bilaterals with key governments, in coordination with the SU, including on supporting uptake of the Call to Action once published.

It was also agreed to bring back the collective and individual leadership activities to future GL calls.

## II. Update on next phase of OR+OR campaign: “Open Reset”

*Reference Materials: Slide deck*

Following the 2020 SC meeting, the SU presented an update on the next phase of the OR+OR campaign focused on “Reset” to build again governments, institutions and societies that are transparent, accountable, participatory, and inclusive. The presentation included an overview of the direction of travel and next steps in the campaign. The GL provided the following feedback on the materials and direction of the campaign:

- GL requested additional options to “Reset” for consideration.
- Ensure making the campaign inclusive and reflecting governments that have had successful COVID-19 responses, as well as those in different stages of pandemic response and recovery.
- SU should clarify the specific actions that the campaign is requesting.
- Ensure campaign positions OGP in the broader public mind as an implementation platform, through very specific and new examples.

## III. Summit Update provided by Government of Korea

The Government of Korea provided a brief update of progress on the Summit planning and next steps. Preparations for the Summit will be added as a standing item on GL meeting agendas moving forward, and the save-the-date will be launched as soon as possible.

## IV. Next steps for recruitment of OGP Ambassadors (non-decisional) - 10 minutes

*Reference Materials: [Shortlist of candidates approved by SC](#)*

The shortlist of candidates that were discussed in GL late last year was sent to the full SC with the minister of the December SC meeting. The SC was asked to raise any red flags they identified in the proposed list. None were raised.

As stated in the concept note that was discussed in the last GL meeting, the next step is to approach and extend formal invitations to the shortlisted candidates. This is the approved list of candidates to approach in 2021:

- **Maina Kiai**, former UN Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association
- **Ban Ki-moon**, former UN Secretary-General
- **Thuli Madonsela**, former Public Protector, South Africa
- **Barack Obama**, former US President, founder of OGP
- **Paul Polman**, Co-founder and Chair of Imagine, former CEO of Unilever
- **Fareed Zakaria**, international journalist, political commentator, and renowned author

The SU will prepare the invitations and indicate where additional outreach support from the GL/SC would be necessary.

**V. Other governance updates**

A. 2020 year-end country contributions ([see here](#))

A written update of the 2020 year-end country contributions was provided. A quarterly update will be available to the GL moving forward. There were no comments.