

Open Government Partnership

Thematic Leadership Monthly Call Summary

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I. Shaping OGP's next steps on gender and inclusion, and opportunities for engagement

Reference materials: [Inclusion Resources for Reformers](#); [Gender & Inclusion Work Plan for 2021 \(page 9 of this work plan\)](#); [ILSB OGP Co-Creation Process](#); [Presentation](#)

The OGP Support Unit (SU) provided an overview of OGP's refreshed gender and inclusion approach for 2021, as outlined in the OGP work plan. After the successful Break the Roles campaign in 2019, 44 members have created 144 commitments focused on gender as of 2021. Moving forward, there will be an emphasis on mainstreaming the theme across core OGP thematic areas (e.g. Natural resources governance, civic space, and justice) and a stronger focus on broader inclusion in addition to gender, including LGBTQIA+, age, disability and geography. Opportunities for greater global positioning in 2021 include the G7 Summit, UNGA, and the Generation Equality Forum.

Representatives from Mexico's National Institute of Women (INMUJERES) and civil society counterpart Simone de Beauvoir Leadership Institute (ILSB) — members of the [OGP Leaders Network](#) — also joined to share their experience of working together to design and implement a gender-focused commitment and bring a gender and inclusion perspective to open government. A major challenge of the process was putting gender and diversity on the agenda for the government. However, presenting gender, diversity and public care services as a cross-sectoral issue and a filter that should be applied to all aspects of government rather than a separate policy issue helped with uptake of the ideas. More about ILSB's co-creation process is available [here](#).

Blair Glencorse, Co-Chair of the Thematic Leadership Subcommittee (TLS) also shared an update on the Accountability Lab & Restless Development youth toolkit in development as another example of where open government partners are broadening inclusion in co-creation and commitments. This toolkit will help to support points of contact (POCs) and young people in OGP to advance youth issues within action plans.

The TLS and additional Steering Committee (SC) members were asked to discuss what actions OGP should prioritize in 2021, and to share any possible opportunities for OGP engagement. Members had the following feedback:

- Emphasize the intersectionality between gender, inclusion, and all other topics, rather than as an independent policy area.
- Ensure that women are part of the decision-making process around policies to make sure they are responsive to the needs of citizens including women.

- Potentially convene a working group of interested countries, including Mexico and Argentina, to continue talking about how to move these issues forward.

II. Updates from TLS members and SU on ongoing thematic activities

TLS members discussed the need for coordination around upcoming global events, including the UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS), the G7 Summit, the G20 Summit, and the U.S. Summit for Democracy. Anti-corruption will likely be a theme at several of them (including the Summit for Democracy and UNGASS), and beneficial ownership (including at the G20).

As Open Gov Week (OGW) approaches, TLS members are encouraged to get involved in and submit any activities their government or organization may be hosting via the OGP [OGW webpage](#).

Planning for the OGP Global Summit continues, as the structure of the summit shifts to be largely virtual. The themes will be largely aligned with the co-chair themes of civic space and participation, anti-corruption and digital innovation. TLS will be asked for their input into realizing these and other themes throughout the summit in the next few months. TLS members are asked to submit any ideas they may have on how to keep a virtual summit inclusive, interactive and engaging.

III. Civil Society Steering Committee survey

Materials: [Civil Society Steering Committee Self-Evaluation Survey results](#)

Civil Society Steering Committee members recently conducted a self-evaluation around their performance as a group, and to identify any areas for improvement. Government POCs are requested to review the results, provide any feedback, and reflect on further opportunities for future evaluations.

Attendees:

- Government of Argentina: Carolina Cornejo, Carolina Zanino, Delfina Perez, Nair Castillo, Ximena de la Fuente, and Mercedes de los Santos
- Government of Indonesia: Ichi Cahyani
- Government of Kenya: Philip Thigo
- Government of Romania: Larisa Barac and Lulia Vodislav
- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Helen Darbishire, Access Info Europe
- Robin Hodess, The B Team
- Steph Muchai, Hivos
- Zuzana Wienk, White Crow

Additional Guests & Members:

- Valentina Zendejas, Instituto de Liderazgo Simone de Beauvoir (ILSB)

- Mtra. Marta Clara Ferreyra Beltrán, Instituto Nacional de las Mujeres (INMUJERES)
- Government of Canada: Darine Benkalha, Shannon Rosset, Logan Miller and Lucie Morin
- Government of Italy: Marco Marrazza
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Delia Ferreira Rubio, Transparency International
- Demba Seydi, Publish What You Pay
- Allison Merchant (OGP Support Unit)

Apologies:

- Government of France
- Oluseun Onigbinde, BudgIT