

Open Government Partnership

Governance and Leadership Monthly Call Summary

3 June 2021 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

Attendees:

- Government of Korea: Park Minchin
- Government of Italy: Marco Marrazza, Sabina Bellotti
- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza

Call Summary

I. Ministerial SC meeting prep

Reference Materials: [Pre-meeting packet](#)

The Support Unit provided an overview of the meeting agenda and flow for coordination ahead of the June 10 Ministerial Steering Committee meeting. The meeting will open with context setting presentations from Sanjay Pradhan and guest Tom Carothers around the state of democracy worldwide and opportunities for OGP in 2021. The discussion will then focus on highlighting ambitious reforms in OGP countries and how the OGP platform can be used to tackle some of the major crises faced worldwide. In the last session the SC will discuss how to raise the profile of OGP globally, as well as ways to leverage other global summits around democracy taking place.

GL members encouraged a conversational and active dialogue with ministers during the meeting, and reinforced the importance of high-level participation from all SC governments.

II. Update on El Salvador RRP

The Support Unit provided a brief update on the current status of Steering Committee actions related to the El Salvador Rapid Response Protocol case, and an update on the increasingly concerning situation within El Salvador related to the safety of civil society organization members within the country. As part of the response strategy, the OGP CEO [issued a public statement](#), and discussions are underway to release a statement by the Steering Committee. It was highlighted that an SC statement requires the endorsement of all 22 members. If this is not achieved, the statement will be published with only the endorsements received. The Support Unit will continue to monitor the situation and keep the Steering Committee informed.

III. AOB

- **Country Contributions quarterly update**

Reference material: [Quarterly Country Contributions Update Memo](#)

The Support Unit provided an update on the current status of country

contributions for 2021. As of June 1, 2021, 19 countries have contributed a total of \$1.45M (73% of OGP's goal for 2021 of \$2 million USD). Three out of 11 SC governments have contributed to date, and more are expected to fulfill contributions in the second half of the year. The Support Unit will continue to provide quarterly updates to GL. More information can be found in the [Update Memo](#).

- **Update on Civil Society Steering Committee Outreach on Call to Action**
Maria Baron and Civil Society Steering Committee members have been engaging with local civil society from Steering Committee countries to discuss the call-to-action and identify opportunities and priorities for civil society to advocate for using domestic OGP processes. The prioritized set of opportunities resulting from these conversations will be shared with government counterparts in the Steering Committee.
- **Update from the Italian Government**
Sabina Bellotti will be assuming the role of POC for the government of Italy moving forward. GL expressed its gratitude to Marco Marrazza for his role in the Steering Committee over the past few years.