

Open Government Partnership

Governance and Leadership Monthly Call Summary

29 July 2021 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

Attendees

- Government of Korea: Jihye Park & Minchan Park
- Government of Italy: Sabina Bellotti & Ernesto Belisario
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza

Apologies

- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo

I. Summit planning and the role of GL to achieve strategic objectives

The Support Unit (SU) and the government of Korea provided an update on the latest OGP Global Summit planning to guide a discussion by Governance and Leadership (GL) on ways to help achieve the strategic objectives for the Summit. Highlights of the update include:

- The OGP Global Summit will contain a week of primary plenaries and complementary regional events, and will be preceded by several events in the months before the Summit proper, including an IRM Week and an OGP Academy.
- The first two days of the “Summit week” will be open to community content in an Open Gov Week type approach.
- A lineup of in-person events for domestic events in Korea is also currently planned.
- The Government of Korea indicated its desire to invite OGP Steering Committee members to travel to Korea for the Summit, and options for in-person SC participation will be further discussed.
- Ministerial invitations are expected to be sent shortly.
- A website with more information will be launched in August, as well as a blog to the community explaining the vision for the Summit.

The OGP CEO presented a proposal for a high-level political video Declaration for the Summit, in which Heads of State and Ministers together with civil society leaders include their commitment to OGP in a short video statement that can be used throughout the Summit. GL was supportive of the proposal. A concept note of the proposal with more details is attached.

During the discussion, GL requested the following:

- Further information about potential links between the OGP Global Summit and the US Summit For Democracy;
- Consideration towards adding Civil Society voices to the video Declaration;
- Finding a place for high-level Italian representatives in the Summit lineup.



Next Steps: The SU will draft a 1-3 page memo reviewing the current plans for the OGP Global Summit that will be circulated to the GL for ease of reference. The next GL call agenda will include space for further discussion around the Summit for Democracy.

II. Recruitment for Board of Directors

As an incorporated nonprofit based in Washington, D.C., OGP is required to have a Board of Directors, which OGP also requires to be current Steering Committee members at the time of their appointment. In June, GL opened a call for candidates, and two expressions of interest were submitted to the SU. The SU presented the two new candidates, Robin Hodess and Steph Muchai, for GL review and recommendation to the SC to take the place of two upcoming vacancies.

Additionally, as the current term of Board Director Maria Baron comes to an end on October 17, 2021, the SU suggested the reappointment of Maria Baron for a second term on the Board of Directors, to start when her current term ends.

Decision: GL endorsed the appointment of Robin Hodess and Steph Muchai as new members of the Board and the reappointment of Maria Baron for a second term. The SU will communicate the GL recommendation to the full Steering Committee for its endorsement in order to formalize the appointments.

