Open Government Partnership

Governance and Leadership Monthly Call Summary 2 September 2021 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

Attendees:

- Mukelani Dimba, OGP Board of Directors
- Laura Gorrie, OGP Board of Directors
- Government of Italy: Ernesto Belisario & Ilenia De Finis
- Government of Korea: Jihye Park
- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza

I. Update on recent events in Afghanistan, joined by the OGP Board of Directors

The Support Unit provided a brief update on OGP activities related to recent events in supporting the open government community in Afghanistan. The Board of Directors joined this discussion and were supportive of OGP efforts. The Support Unit will continue to brief the Board of Directors and Governance and Leadership (GL) on future updates related to this matter.

II. Summit updates

Reference material: <u>Summary presentation</u>; <u>Blog</u>: <u>Four Ways the OGP Global Summit</u> <u>Can Build Back Better Democracy</u>

Continuing the conversation from the July GL Meeting, the Support Unit and the government of Korea provided an update on the latest Summit planning and additional activities related to the strategic objectives for the Summit. These will include a group of pre-Summit events, activities celebrating OGP's 10th anniversary, and the Summit week itself. A website will be launched soon with more information about how to participate in the Summit, Heads of State invitations are expected to be issued in the coming weeks, and a basic agenda is expected to be available to the public in late September.

III. Overview of Steering Committee calendar for Q3-4 2021

The Support Unit presented a timeline of Steering Committee (SC) items for the remainder of the year, including the SC rotation and upcoming meetings:

Steering Committee rotation

- Elected SC members for 2021-24 announced on September 2 (Estonia, Korea, Morocco, Nigeria and the UK)
- Call for Chair candidates launched on August 13. All SC members, including newly elected ones, are eligible to run. Deadline is September 24. More details here.
- SC rotation takes place on October 1. For this particular year, Co-Chairs rotate at the Global Summit by <u>resolution</u> of the SC.



Working Level Meeting - October 14 (confirmed)

- Agenda will include i) summit briefing for the SC, ii) overview of upcoming decisions related to rules of the game (co-creation standards, revised parliamentary engagement policy, IRM Charter) and iii) SC rotation and possible decision on new Co-Chairs to follow Italy and Aidan Eyakuze.
- GL requested to confirm ministerial and Head of State participation with the rest of the SC ahead of this meeting.
- Full agenda to be shared with GL ahead of circulating with the rest of the SC.

Ministerial Level Meeting - December 14 (TBC)

- Political discussion on one of the three summit themes (anti corruption, digital governance, and civic space)
- Opportunity for Ministers to express their commitment to strong domestic processes by endorsing the new participation & accountability model for OGP (Standards; Parliaments; IRM Charter). This would include a top-level overview of how this reinforces objectives for the next decade of OGP.

