

# Open Government Partnership

## Governance and Leadership Monthly Call Summary

7 October 2021 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

### Attendees

- Government of Korea: Jihye Park, Minchan Park
- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo
- Government of Italy: Ernesto Belisario, Sabina Bellotti

### Apologies

- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza

## Call Summary

### I. Global Summit updates

Reference Materials: [COVID-19 Emergency Powers at the OGP Global Summit](#)

The Support Unit provided a brief update on the OGP Global Summit planning efforts:

- HoS/G invitations are being distributed now;
- Formal ministerial invitations to SC members including cohort forthcoming;
- Plenaries design (opening, closing, thematic) are almost complete and invitations will go shortly for keynote, discussants, and lightning talk speakers;
- Registration and draft public agenda, as well as guidance for organizing Partner Sessions, will be launched later in October;
- The Summit website is [now live](#).

A discussion was held on how GL specifically can engage with the Summit, and the government of Korea inquired about GL members' availability to travel to Seoul for in-person activities during the Summit.

GL also discussed a letter addressed to the subcommittee regarding a request to address COVID-19 emergency powers during the OGP Summit. The Support Unit shared an overview of activities taking place in the lead up to, and during the Summit around this topic. GL supported these activities and for this topic to be featured at the Summit. The following were proposed ideas on engagement during the Summit:

- Co-Chair interventions about the issue during the Summit, specifically the opening plenary;
- Leverage the civic space plenary to discuss this topic in more detail;
- Continue convening a light touch peer-learning network of civic space practitioners from different sectors;
- The governments of Italy and Korea to consider sharing their related commitments during upcoming Steering Committee meeting and the Summit as examples to the community;

- GL to ask all Steering Committee governments to make at least one commitment on civic space during the upcoming October 14 Steering Committee meeting.

A follow-up call with the requesting organizations will be scheduled to discuss additional ideas.

## II. **October 14 SC meeting run-through**

*Reference material: [Pre-Meeting Packet](#)*

The Support Unit and GL reviewed the agenda for the upcoming October 14 Steering Committee meeting. No concerns were raised.

## III. **Steering Committee rotation**

GL discussed the proposed subcommittee compositions for 2021 - 2022. The placement of Nigeria and Estonia will depend on the outcome of the co-chair election, which will be held from October 14 - 18. The final composition will be communicated to the SC and published upon completion of the Co-Chair elections.

**Result:** GL endorsed the proposed composition, pending the results of the co-chair election.