

Open Government Partnership

Criteria & Standards Monthly Call Agenda

5 November 2021 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

Call Summary

Attendees

- Government of Germany: Sebastian Haselbeck
- Government of Canada: Mélanie Robert, Benoît Frenette & Darine Benkalha
- Government of Georgia: Ana Barisashvili
- Lucy McTernan, University of York
- Nikhil Dutta, ICNL
- Lysa John, CIVICUS
- Denisse Miranda, OGP Support Unit

Apologies

- Elisa Peter, Publish What You Pay
- Government of Nigeria

I. Participation & Co-Creation Standards

Reference Material: [OGP Participation and Co-creation Standards](#); [Presentation](#)

On October 13, the month-long global public consultation on the proposed Participation & Co-Creation Standards closed, and on October 14 the draft Standards were presented to the full Steering Committee for their feedback. The Support Unit integrated the feedback from both the Steering Committee and the public consultations, which included participation from over 450 individuals in over 35 countries. The Standards were updated to reflect some of the suggestions received, while others will be considered for future discussions.

The Support Unit presented a final version of the document to the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee (C&S) for endorsement during this meeting. During the presentation, representatives from the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) discussed their plan for assessment of the new Standards, which will include a review by the International Expert Panel (IEP) of developed metrics and methods for analysis. Once a proposal for the methods of evaluating the new standards has been developed and reviewed by the IEP, the IRM will present them to C&S to ensure the intent and spirit of the requirements has been captured. A 1-year grace period for countries to adjust to the new Standards will be provided, mirroring the 2017 process when the current Participation and Co-Creation Standards were approved.

C&S had no reservations or changes for the Participation & Co-Creations Standards.

Moving forward, C&S has requested a more in-depth discussion around future iterations of the Participation & Co-Creation Standards in order to more fully capture the related work happening outside of OGP-related activities. C&S would also like time to discuss how the OGP mechanisms are enabling nontraditional multistakeholder participation.

Decision: Criteria & Standards endorsed the final version of the Participation & Co-Creation Standards. The document was sent to the full Steering Committee for final approval on November 9, for approval by circular by November 24.

II. Memorandum on Parliamentary Engagement

Reference Material: [Memorandum on Parliamentary Engagement](#); [Presentation](#)

Following the October 14 Steering Committee meeting in which a proposed revised draft of the Memorandum on Parliamentary Engagement was presented, the Support Unit integrated final feedback into a shorter and more succinct final draft. Changes also included adjusting the language to reflect the document's purpose in providing opportunities for involvement rather than prescriptive criteria. This document will be the first step in a series of guidelines that will be developed in 2022.

C&S was presented with a final version of the memorandum for endorsement. C&S members had no changes or reservations to the document, and requested report backs on the rollout to monitor progress and gather evidence and learning.

Decision: Criteria & Standards endorsed the final version of the Memorandum of Parliamentary Engagement. The document was sent to the full Steering Committee for final approval on November 9, for approval by circular by November 24.