

Civil Society Steering Committee

Monthly Call | Wednesday 10 November 2021

8:00-9:00 EST / 14:00-15:00 CET

Call Summary

Attendees:

- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Helen Darbishire, Access Info Europe
- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Lysa John, CIVICUS
- Steph Muchai, International Lawyers' Project
- Luben Panov, European Center for Not-for-Profit Law
- Elisa Peter, Publish What You Pay
- Doug Rutzen, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law
- Zuzana Wienk, White Crow
- Meghan Wallace, OGP Support Unit
- Alonso Cerdan, OGP Support Unit

Apologies:

- Lucy McTernan, University of York
- Elisa Peter, Publish What You Pay

I. Preparing for the Summit

Reference Materials: [Community Dialogues Memo](#)

In order to prepare for the upcoming [OGP Global Summit](#) from December 15-17, the Civil Society Steering Committee cohort (CS SC) and members from the OGP Support Unit discussed opportunities for civil society roles and participation throughout the Summit. These will include speaking roles in the Opening, Closing, Thematic, and Regional Plenaries throughout the week, as well as moderation and participation roles in Community Dialogues. The Summit will continue to prioritize virtual participation for all participants.

Registration for the Summit is now [open](#), and forms and instructions for partner sessions have also been released. Steering Committee members are encouraged to share with their networks and raise any questions from the community about how to engage in the Summit. A memo from the government of Korea has been sent to the Steering Committee providing more information about engagement and participation in the Summit. A social media toolkit will also be available shortly to help promote the Summit to SC networks.



The OGP Global Summit continues to seek linkages to the US Summit for Democracy, including through OGP side event(s) at the Summit for Democracy, and alternating invitations to OGP representatives and US government representatives at each Summit. A [blog](#) has been published with more details on OGP's efforts in this regard.

CS SC members requested the following items:

- An informal outline of the agenda for the week;
- More clarity around individual speaking roles so that CS SC members can coordinate on messaging throughout the week, as well as an informal meeting to strategize on these points ahead of the Summit; and
- Consideration of how to encourage more in-country, in-person events to ensure the widest level of community participation possible.

II. **Participation & Co-Creation Standards; Memo on Parliamentary Engagement**

Reference Materials: [Participation & Co-Creation Standards](#); [Memo on Parliamentary Engagement](#)

The Support Unit has sent the Criteria & Standards-endorsed final drafts of the Participation & Co-Creation Standards and Memo on Parliamentary Engagement to the full Steering Committee for its approval on a non-objection basis by November 24. CS SC members were given the space to raise any outstanding questions or concerns on either of the documents. A note was raised on unclear wording in Standard 4. The SU will attempt to accommodate the proposal, but there is very limited time to make any change. If it is not possible to include in this draft, it can be addressed in the guidance that will be developed starting in 2022.

III. **AOB**

A. **Preview of 2022 rotation**

The Support Unit provided a brief overview of the upcoming Government and Civil Society Steering Committee elections and rotations in 2022. The governments of Georgia, Germany and Indonesia will be coming to the ends of their terms next year, with Germany and Indonesia eligible to run for a second term. Helen Darbshire, Aidan Eyakuze, Elisa Peter and Zuzana Wienk will complete their terms in 2022, with Elisa eligible to run for a second term and Aidan able to request an additional troika year following the end of his Co-Chair term.

CS SC members were encouraged to start considering candidates that could be good fits for the Steering Committee to begin running next year, especially in the Asia-Pacific and Latin America regions.

B. **Co-Chair accountability**

Maria Baron will send a draft of a document outlining what was proposed and achieved during her Co-Chair year for comments and questions from the CS SC by the end of this month.

