Open Government Partnership
Governance and Leadership Monthly Call Agenda
11 November 2021 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

Call Summary

Attendees
- Government of Korea: Jihye Park
- Government of Italy: Sabina Bellotti, Giovanni Tartaglia Polcini, Luigi Mattirolo & Ernesto Belisario
- Government of Estonia: Ott Karulin
- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay

Apologies
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza

I. Introductions
The Governance and Leadership Subcommittee (GL) and the OGP Support Unit (SU) welcomed newly elected Co-Chairs Anabel Cruz and the Government of Estonia, who will formally take the role of incoming co-chair role on January 1.

II. Summit preparations
The OGP SU and the Government of Korea provided an update on the latest OGP Global Summit planning, including a debrief of Sanjay Pradhan’s trip to Korea earlier in November to meet with Korean ministries and discuss the Summit. The trip included an agreement to elevate the role of civil society in the Summit, opportunities to showcase the Summit narrative at local media interviews in Korea, and examples of Korean efforts to link new pushes on government innovation with open government principles.

GL held a discussion on the key roles of the GL in the Summit, including within the opening, closing, and thematic plenaries, and Heads of State/Government confirmations, as well as regional sessions. GL members were asked to support efforts in securing Heads of State/Government confirmations and videos. The Korean government is keen to invite Steering Committee members to participate in person in Seoul, and will work to extend invitations to travel. A public version of the Summit agenda is being drafted and will be released as soon as possible.

The Support Unit also provided an update on the Summit for Democracy (S4D) and connections to the OGP Global Summit. Following an OGP webinar with the open government community about opportunities to leverage and link the two summits, a blog was published. GL governments were asked to support efforts in having references to OGP, the Global Summit, and open government values included in their S4D talking points.
III. Preparing for Aidan and Italy’s Co-Chair year

The Government of Italy and Aidan Eyakuze have drafted an initial list of priorities for their Co-Chair year, which will begin on January 1, 2022. Sabina Bellotti from the Government of Italy presented a brief summary of the draft so far for initial reactions from GL. The draft contains three overarching categories of work: i) continuing to galvanize collective action and implementation around an Open Response, Open Recovery and Open Renewal, ii) promoting stronger civic space, and iii) setting the Partnership up for success for the next decade through strategy and governance.

Aidan and Italy will reach out to GL members bilaterally for feedback and discussion on the draft, and will convene a session for the full Steering Committee to present a draft ahead of the OGP Global Summit.

IV. AOB

A. Update on Country Contributions

Reference Material: Q4 Update to GL

The Support Unit provided a brief update on the status of Country Contributions in Q4. As of November 3, 2021, 28 countries have contributed a total of $2.13M (89% of OGP’s goal for 2021 of $2.4 million USD). Eight out of 11 SC governments have contributed to date. The Support Unit will continue to provide quarterly updates to GL. More information can be found in the Update Memo.