

## Civil Society Steering Committee

Monthly Call | Wednesday 9 February 2022

8:00–9:00 EST / 14:00–15:00 CET

### Attendees

- Aidan Eyakuze & Sammy Awami, Twaweza
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Doug Rutzen & Nikhil Dutta, ICNL
- Elisa Peter, Publish What You Pay
- Luben Panov, ECNL
- Lucy McTernan, York University
- Lysa John, CIVICUS
- Steph Muchai, International Lawyers Project
- Zuzana Wienk, White Crow

### Apologies

- Helen Darbishire, Access Info Europe

### Call Summary

#### I. Brief feedback from this month's GL meeting

Reference material: [Minutes from February 3 GL call](#)

The Support Unit (SU) provided the Civil Society Steering Committee (CS SC) cohort with a brief overview of the items discussed during the February 3 Governance and Leadership (GL) meeting, including organizational updates, 2022 government and civil society rotation timelines, and the co-chair agenda of Aidan Eyakuze and the government of Italy.

#### II. Aidan Eyakuze + Italy Co-Chair agenda for 2022

Aidan Eyakuze presented a brief overview of the finalized 2022 Co-Chair agenda. There will be three main areas of focus: mobilizing political support for ambitious reforms at country level; galvanizing collective action for citizen-centric actions across global and regional fora; and leading OGP into its second decade. CS SC had the following recommendations for implementing the agenda:

- Foster more political discussions around civic space to encourage greater government engagement and leadership (e.g. linking it to other agendas such as COVID recovery);
- Leverage other movements and global fora to maximize OGP's impact and reach;



- Engage other SC members in supporting OGP Local activities and a successful intake of up to 50 new local governments in 2022;
- Expand the range of actors, including non-traditional groups, to participate in public engagement activities related to the co-chair agenda.

### **III. 2022 cohort rotation**

Three Civil Society seats in the Steering Committee are opening up on October 1, 2022. The call for candidates will be open from February 14 through April 8. The CS SC group discussed the need to recruit strong leaders, with a focus on candidates from the Asia-Pacific and Latin American regions, and with experience in digital governance, anti-corruption, and/or extractives. Details of this year's rotation and instructions to apply can be found [here](#).

### **IV. AOB**

#### **A. Country Updates**

The SU and Aidan Eyakuze provided updates on the United Kingdom OGP process and Burkina Faso, respectively.

