

# Open Government Partnership

## Governance and Leadership Monthly Call Summary

12 May 2022 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

### Attendees

- Aidan Eyakuze and Sammy Awami, Twaweza
- Government of Italy: Sabina Bellotti, Ernesto Belisario, Paolo Vanino, Ilenia De Finis
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay

### Apologies

- Government of Estonia

### I. OGP Strategy and SC consultations

The Governance and Leadership subcommittee (GL) discussed the role of the SC throughout the new OGP strategy development process, options for SC members to lead self-guided community engagement sessions, and a proposal for establishing a tripartite leadership taskforce to steward the strategy leading up to, and including, its final approval in March 2023.

GL provided the following feedback on the strategy process and suggested SC engagement:

- An emphasis on engaging non-traditional communities and voices throughout the strategy process;
- Ensuring space to hear novel and new ideas about the role of open government and OGP in the future, and incorporate lessons from other related processes, like the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Ensuring the process is engaging and interesting to all communities, rather than being too technocratic or technical.

### Next steps:

- GL agreed to establish a Taskforce To guide and oversee the strategy development. This taskforce will be composed of i) the GL Subcommittee, on behalf of the SC; ii) the Chair of the OGP Board of Directors (Maria Baron); and iii) the CEO of OGP (Sanjay Pradhan), in representation of the Support Unit.
- To this end, GL also agreed that Italy and Aidan Eyakuze will remain in GL in a troika role through the SC approval of the Taskforce-endorsed strategy (and workplan) in March 2023. The co-chair handover to Estonia and Anabel Cruz will still take place this upcoming October as planned.
- The SU will send this [memo](#) to the full SC, which outlines in detail the role of the SC, options for hosting community consultations, and the details of the taskforce.

- The SU will ensure a standing item on future GL calls for strategy discussions, as well as identify any opportunities for standalone calls as well with the other members of the taskforce.

## II. OGP Regional Meetings

The Support Unit provided an update on the upcoming regional meetings, which will be key moments for convening the Steering Committee as a group (or subset), including for relationship building and developing an esprit de corps among the group. The regional meetings are currently planned as following:

- **Americas Regional:** September 26-30, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Abrelatam-ConDatos and the OGP Regional Meeting will be combined into a single and comprehensive event: América Abierta. OGP priority themes will include democratic governance, data and innovation, anti-corruption, and sustainability.
- **Europe Regional:** October 11-12, Rome, Italy. OGP priority themes will include anti-corruption, climate/green, digital, & democratic freedoms.
  - A working level Steering Committee retreat focused on the strategy will immediately follow on October 13-14, also in or near Rome.
- **Africa and Middle East Regional:** November 1-3, Morocco. OGP priority themes will include public service delivery through anti-corruption, civic space, access to justice, and digital transformation.

The session was then opened for GL discussion around how the group (GL/SC + SU) can maximize these opportunities for the strategy development process, the current co-chair agenda for Italy and Aidan Eyakuze and upcoming co-chair agenda for Estonia and Anabel Cruz, and advancing priority regional objectives. Emphasis was placed on ensuring the events ‘re-energize’ their respective communities as the first in-person OGP gathering in many years, as well as thinking through how to best engage civil society in each of the events.

## III. AOB

### A. Update on Steering Committee elections

- The deadline for applications for the three government SC seats is May 27. More details on the process [here](#).
- A shortlist of candidates for the three open civil society SC seats and next steps in the process is available [here](#).

B. There were no further updates at the moment on the OGP Ambassador outreach support proposal.

