

# Open Government Partnership

## Governance and Leadership Monthly Call Agenda

16 June 2022 | 08:45 - 10:00 EDT

### Attendees

- Aidan Eyakuze, Sammy Awami, Twaweza
- Government of Italy: Sabina Bellotti, Ernesto Belisario, Ilenia de Finis
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Government of Estonia: Ott Karulin
- Maria Baron, Directorio Legislativo [OGP Strategy Leadership Task Force]

## Call Summary

### I. Strategy Leadership Taskforce standing update and discussion

#### A. Status update on the strategy process

Following the launch of the OGP strategy development process, the Support Unit (SU) has organized and supported a number of strategy community consultations. The SU presented *preliminary* trends coming out of the consultations and data review so far. On the role and contribution of OGP, there has been discussion around deepening democratic participation, digital governance and tackling misinformation, and tackling corruption. When asked to consider the trade-offs concerned with OGP's scope, emphasis on inspiration or action plan process improvement, focus on building coalitions or supporting implementation of reforms, and on expanding or strengthening membership, participants have shied away from strongly choosing one side over the other.

Governance and Leadership subcommittee (GL) members requested the Support Unit to reflect upon:

- The difference between OGP promoting 'democracy' versus promoting 'open government' as an institution when discussing the future of the Partnership;
- How to best engage unusual suspects;
- Whether there is a better way to frame Phase 1's trade-off questions to provide a wider range of possible answers;
- How to best publish the minutes of the community consultations for accessibility, as well as how to manage community expectations around how feedback will be integrated into the new strategy;
- Getting more country participation in hosting community consultations.

Phase 1 of the strategy process will come to a close in August, with a large range of consultation opportunities available before then. Phase 2 (Models and Strategies) will launch in August, building off of the learnings of Phase 1. Phase 3 (Operationalization) will run from November - March 2023. GL will continue to be consulted throughout this process.

## **B. Brainstorming options for the Governance Review**

GL discussed options for shaping the Governance Review as part of the operationalization phase of the strategy development process which looks at the operating model (resourcing, organizational structure, governance) to position OGP to deliver the new strategy. The proposed objective of the Governance Review is to ensure the governance model and structure are fit for purpose for new strategy, and to address any potential governance implications resulting from the first two phases of the strategy process (shaping OGP's Role and Contribution, and drafting options for OGP Models and Strategies).

A draft design proposal will be developed based on GL input which will be shared with the rest of the Steering Committee for input and feedback

## **II. Burkina Faso engagement in OGP**

In line with the [informal operational guidance agreed by GL](#), the OGP process in Burkina Faso was put on pause in April 2022 with no proactive engagement with the government. The SU remained in touch with civil society, the PoC and other key stakeholders at the national and regional level. The SU provided an update to GL on the situation in the country, including the latest developments and conversations with country stakeholders from civil society, funders and other multilateral partners. Based on these conversations, the SU recommended for OGP to cautiously resume its engagement with Burkina Faso and to continue to monitor the situation in the country.

Decision: Based on the assessment of the Support Unit, the GL Subcommittee was supportive of the SU cautiously resuming proactive engagement with Burkina Faso and asked to be regularly updated on further developments.

## **III. AOB**

### **A. Update on 2023 co-chair agenda direction of travel**

Anabel Cruz and the government of Estonia provided a brief update on the drafting of their upcoming Co-Chair agenda. A draft will be presented to GL and the Steering Committee for feedback in the coming months before it is finalized in the lead up to the co-chair handover in October.