

Civil Society Steering Committee
Monthly Call | Wednesday 8 June 2022
8:00–9:00 EST / 14:00–15:00 CET

Call Summary

Attendees

- Aidan Eyakuze & Sammy Awami, Twaweza
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Lysa John, CIVICUS
- Lucy McTernan, York University
- Steph Muchai, ILP
- Elisa Peter, PWYP
- Doug Rutzen & Nikhil Dutta, ICNL
- Zuzana Wienk, Currents

Apologies

- Helen Darbishire, Access Info Europe
- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Luben Panov, ECNL

I. Update on strategy and consultations

The Support Unit (SU) provided an update on the OGP strategy development process, which is currently underway. After hosting a series of informational sessions and community conversations with over 150 attendees total, as well as in-person strategy events in Estonia, feedback from the community has been accruing.

There are several more SU-planned events in the coming months to engage with former Steering Committee (SC) members and other members of the SC alumni network. Several themes have surfaced throughout the conversations including democracy, anti-corruption, and digital governance, which will be discussed in more depth in the upcoming Thematic Leadership Subcommittee meeting. The SU is planning to synthesize community feedback in mid-July for a first look at results of the strategy process.

In the next couple of months, CS members are asked to spread the word about the strategy development process, and to organize conversations with their communities.

II. New Civil Society SC finalists

The Support Unit provided an update on the process to select new civil society SC members, and a list of preferred candidates shared by the Selection Committee, which in their collective view best meet the criteria, needs and priorities, striving for diversity and



balance in the composition of the new CS SC. The CS SC cohort discussed the list recommended by the Selection Committee, and posed a number of questions and considerations to be taken into account by the Selection Committee before endorsing a list of finalists. The Selection Committee will take the cohort's input and revert with their final recommendations.

III. Brief overview of Estonia/Anabel co-chair agenda direction of travel

Anabel Cruz provided a brief update of the status of the upcoming Co-Chair agenda following a visit to Estonia. The agenda is in progress, and the government of Estonia is committed to a co-creative process with civil society in designing it.

IV. AOB

A. Update on “Ukraine commitments” call to action to open company registers

CS SC-led efforts to draft a call-to-action for commitments related to the Ukraine war, specifically focused on beneficial ownership transparency and related policy themes, are underway. A proposal is expected to be circulated to the group in the coming weeks.

