

# **Open Government Partnership**

## Criteria & Standards Meeting Summary

October 13, 2022 | 8:00–9:00 at SC Retreat

### **I. The UK's Procedural Review case (non-decisional)**

The C&S Subcommittee reviewed the actions leading up to the UK being placed under Procedural Review (as outlined in this [briefing document](#)), as well as the concerns and requests outlined in the letter sent by the UK CSO Network on October 11, 2022.

The C&S Subcommittee discussed a course of action that would ensure a fair and equal treatment of all OGP members in line with the [Procedural Review](#) guidelines, and agreed on the following next steps:

- Invite the UK government's ministerial representative to OGP (once appointed) to provide an updated positioning regarding the UK's participation in OGP and plans to ensure the successful implementation of the 2021-23 OGP Action Plan that is currently underway.
- C&S to reconvene upon receipt of a response from the UK government to review and discuss the UK's participation status in OGP moving forward.
- Use the Governance Review embedded in the 2023-28 OGP Strategy development process to review and discuss the protocol to follow if and when an OGP Steering Committee government is designated 'inactive'.

### **II. Update on Azerbaijan Response Policy process (non-decisional)**

The Support Unit provided a recap of Azerbaijan's Response Policy case, and the C&S Subcommittee discussed a proposed timeline for developing its recommendation regarding Azerbaijan's participation in OGP. The following timeline was agreed by the subcommittee:

- November C&S meeting (date TBD): Review the findings of the IRM assessment (in pre-publication version) of Azerbaijan's 2020-22 OGP Action Plan and progress made towards addressing the [C&S recommendations](#).
- Q4 2022 - Q1 2023: Upon publication of the IRM report, the Support Unit to invite domestic actors and other relevant stakeholders to provide feedback on the findings of the IRM assessment and provide any new evidence (as applicable) for consideration of the C&S Subcommittee.

- Q2 2023: C&S Subcommittee to draft a recommendation, incorporating input from the outreach activities outlined above, and table it for consideration and approval by the full Steering Committee at its next in-person meeting (May/June 2023, TBD)

### **III. AOB**

The C&S subcommittee acknowledged the challenges being raised by civil society in other OGP member countries including the US and Mexico and requested the Support Unit to provide a briefing on the latest developments at its next meeting.