

# Open Government Partnership

## Governance and Leadership Monthly Call Summary

10 November 2022 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

### Attendees

- Government of Estonia: Ott Karulin
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Government of Italy: Sabina Bellotti, Ilenia De Finis
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza
- María Baron, Directorio Legislativo (Strategy Task Force)

### Call Summary

#### I. Outcomes and next steps from the Steering Committee retreat

The SU provided a recap of the next steps outlined in the SC retreat minutes. GL had the following feedback:

- Request that the notes be called a “read out” instead, to accurately reflect the nature of the document,
- Emphasize the importance of building political engagement in the strategic directions,
- SU to develop a timeline for ministerial SC engagement and approval of the strategy, and working-level SC to have more time to review the content of the draft and opportunities to provide issues or concerns ahead of approval. SU should make sure to include civil society engagement in addition to government SC engagement in the plan,
- SU to draft a message for the Co-Chairs to invite others to engage with Phase 2 in an appealing way.

Following the retreat, the strategic directions were posted on <https://ogp.consider.it/> for public voting. There are also four [virtual community dialogues](#) scheduled in November on the Phase 2 outcomes so far. A draft of the strategy is expected to be published for public consultation at the end of December. The minutes from the Steering Committee (SC) retreat are in the process of being finalized, with edits from the SC being incorporated before publishing.

#### II. Governance Review Next Steps

The SU provided an overview of the Governance Review (GR) process as part of the strategy. The input and ideas shared by the SC throughout the retreat, interviews and survey were categorized under three main clusters: 1. External leadership and political role of the SC; 2. More diversity and inclusion of new voices in the SC; and 3. Ways of working internally and in relation to the SU and Board of Directors. The proposed approach is to begin with a review of the SC mandate and how it relates to the SU and the Board, and use that as the guiding framework to advance the other ideas and

suggestions provided by the SC. The GL were asked for their feedback on the areas of focus, and what to prioritize in the coming months:

- Include non-universally recognized applicants as a topic of discussion;
- Consider assigning SC members (as pairs of governments and civil society members) topics to consider and report back, to support the SU;
- Topics that were considered important to start working through included: Considering the role of the subcommittees, and changing or enlarging the makeup of the SC and the subsequent impacts on the role of the SC and selection processes;
- An emphasis was placed on ensuring that the initiatives in the co-chair agenda are supported in the next few months.

**Next steps:**

- The GR consultant will suggest options for reframing the SC mandate along the lines of the feedback and ideas suggested by the SC.
- The SU will develop a clear list of ‘mini-projects’ related to the focuses presented, as well as approximate timelines for the next year.

**III. 2023 SC government elections overview and proposed timeline**

The SU presented a tentative timeline to launch the next government Steering Committee elections, beginning in late 2022 and concluding during the summer of 2023. The SU will present a proposal to ensure GL plays a more visible role in the SC elections launch.

