

Civil Society Steering Committee

Monthly Call | Wednesday 14 December 2022

8:00–9:00 EST / 14:00–15:00 CET

Summary

I. Follow-up discussion on the OSF-PTF Study: Enhancing Citizen-Driven Delivery and Accountability in International Development Association (IDA) Operations

Following the previous discussion by the cohort in April, the Partnership for Transparency (PTF) team joined to discuss what advocacy efforts Civil Society Steering Committee (CS SC) members could undertake (collectively and individually) to amplify the findings and recommendations of the study, and influence the IDA21 replenishment process.

PTF proposes two recommended ways forward: expand the level of support and quality of CSO engagement (CSE) in IDA-financed projects, and consider establishing a dedicated facility to fill funding gaps for effective local CSE in IDA. In order to support the recommendations, the CS SC was requested to: i) brief the full OGP steering Committee; ii) facilitate meetings with IDA donors who are members of OGP; iii) conduct consultation meetings with selected OGP SCs in the 13 IDA recipient countries; iv) issue a statement calling for actions recommended by the study; v) mobilize OGP community and other networks to endorse the statement; and vi) advocate for the actions and facility in meetings with senior Bank management.

The CS SC were supportive of the recommendations, and had the following feedback and suggestions:

- Consider how to align with other conversations around development with the World Bank (ex. climate), especially as a way to amplify and request more support than just technical changes;
- Consider also how these asks sit in a larger conversation around CSO funding, and in OGP's consideration of how to best support CS work.

The CS SC expressed interest in creating a small working group with the SC to advance this work, as well as publishing a statement.

II. Increasing diversity in the 2023 CS SC selection process

The Support Unit presented a proposal to increase the diversity of candidates and selected members for the 2023 CS SC selection process, for discussion and consideration of the current cohort. The CS SC requested further consideration of how to increase diversity in the next cohort, as well as larger, more fundamental changes to the process in order to seek out and recruit the best candidates for the process. The updated proposal will lay out several potential methods for achieving these goals at different intervals. Ahead of this updated proposal, the CS SC will be asked to fill out a



skills-mapping survey in order to identify current gaps in the cohort. The cohort will then meet in January to review the updated proposal and decide the best way forward.

Attendees

- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Aidan Eyakuze, Sammy Awami, Twaweza
- Nati Carfi, Open Data Charter
- Nikhil Dutta, ICNL
- Eka Gigauri, TI Georgia
- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Lysa John, CIVICUS
- Steph Muchai, International Lawyers Project
- Luben Panov, ECNL
- Barbara Schreiner, Water Integrity Network
- Mauricio Alarcón Salvador, Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo

Additional Guests

- Vinay Bhargava, PTF
- Jillian Hess, PTF
- Richard Stern, PTF
- Gaiv Tata, PTF

Apologies

- Lucy McTernan
- Doug Rutzen

