

Open Government Partnership

Governance and Leadership Monthly Call Summary

2 December 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)
- Mauricio Alarcón Salvador, Fundacion Ciudadania y Desarrollo

Call Summary

1. Proposal for ministerial engagement in strategy process

The Support Unit (SU) presented a proposal for ministerial engagement through its approval in March 2023. The Governance and Leadership subcommittee (GL) requested more clarity on dates and roles for the ministers, both in approving and implementing the strategy in the memo. GL also requested regional ministerial gatherings around the strategy, which will begin in January. An updated version of the memo will be sent to the full Steering Committee (SC) ahead of the December 15 SC meeting for review and support.

2. Preview draft strategy and plan for December 15 SC meeting

The SU provided an overview of the draft strategy ahead of the December 15 full-SC briefing meeting for feedback. GL had the following feedback:

- On Strategic Goal 1, focus framing on how open government values and techniques can improve outcomes for the public, rather than as a bureaucratic exercise;
- On Strategic Goal 2, OGP should look to invest energy into assessments for core work only, rather than adding additional assessments;
- On Strategic Goal 3, explore a menu of thematic and strategic priorities for the five years of the strategy, which incoming SC co-chairs would be expected to champion, rather than developing an individual agenda of priorities;
- Consider how to make the current vision statement draft more succinct and easy to translate and understand;
- Consider how to make the entire document more efficient, removing any language that isn't directly in service of the new strategy (ie., explanations, explanations of changes, etc);
- Create a POC-specific document that outlines how they will be expected to work with the strategy;
- Create an outline of OGP's plan to implement the strategy (roll out of the strategy, measurement of metrics, etc).

Next steps: The SC will convene on December 15 to preview the draft strategy before it is submitted for public review. Written comments ahead of the meeting are encouraged. The document will be open to the public for comments until February 15. The final strategy will include visuals and remove background information but the draft will include the latter to provide the context and rationale for the strategic choices being made.

3. Proposal to raise country contributions

The SU presented a proposal to raise country contributions. GL requested more information on OGP's overall funding sources and consideration of the effects of raising contributions minimums on the countries who do and do not currently pay, and a longer timeline to approval, both for the proposal and the start of the increase requirement. GL also suggested considering how to encourage non-paying countries to begin contributing as part of the proposal.

Next steps: GL will discuss an updated proposal in the January GL meeting, with the plan of bringing a proposal to the full SC for approval in the March ministerial-level meeting, though the contribution increase itself may not begin until 2024.

4. AOB: Update on Mexico RRP case

The SU briefed GL on the ongoing situation in Mexico following the reports of illegal digital surveillance cases reported in the country.

