

Open Government Partnership

Working Level Steering Committee Virtual Meeting Summary

15 December 2022 | 08:00 - 10:00 ET

Summary

I. Preview of draft strategy & process update

The Support Unit presented the latest draft of the strategy before it goes out for public consultation in late December. This draft incorporated the input received from the Steering Committee (SC) during its October retreat and the Governance and Leadership subcommittee meeting on December 2nd. The new draft revised the mission and vision statements slightly, and consolidated and reorganized the original seven strategic directions and three pre-conditions into four strategic goals, with several subgoals associated with each. There will also be a resource mobilization strategy, currently in development.

The SC had the following feedback:

- Consider if the mission and vision statements could use more optimism and inspiration;
- Adjust the text to reflect prior conversations around shifting from ambition to implementation thematically;
- Avoid the term 'bottom up' as a way to avoid elitism or exclusionary language;
- Consider how OGP can incentivize new members and retain current ones in the strategic goals; and consider if OGP should add 'sticks' to the 'carrots' of inspiration and leadership regarding protecting civic space;
- Clarify OGP's stance on individual country thematic ambitions versus OGP's thematic priorities set in the strategy;
- Consider if the strategy still tries to do too much, and if there are areas of work that can be reduced, combined or removed;
- Make the power-sharing of governments and CSOs more central to the vision, as a critical part of the Partnership's success;
- More OGP country governments should be consulted in January and February ahead of a final draft of the strategy.

Next Steps: The SC was requested to send any additional feedback in writing by COB local time December 19. The draft strategy will launch for public consultation on December 20 through mid-February.

II. Ministerial engagement in the approval, launch and implementation of the strategy

This session focused on the role that the eleven SC Ministers can play in the strategy process, building on the SC discussions regarding the importance of securing political

support for the strategy, with the SC playing a more visible external leadership role. The SC was supportive of engaging Ministers in the strategy process with a focus on providing substantive feedback in the lead up to the strategy approval, and leveraging the OGP Global Summit in late 2023 to discuss an action plan for ministers to support implementation of the strategy. The following way forward was agreed:

- **January-March: Bilateral meetings (virtual) between senior level SC representatives** (ministerial-level where possible) and the OGP co-chairs + SU senior leadership to provide substantive feedback. These can be 1-1 or group calls if regional SC members agree (e.g. European call suggestion by Ott and Sabina).
- **March 20: Hold a 'sherpa'/director-level SC meeting to approve the strategy.** Each country to determine the level of authority needed to participate in this meeting. Ministerial engagement prior to approval is encouraged (POCs to seek prior ministerial approval as needed).
- **April-September: virtual + in-country strategy socialization activities** and buy-in for implementation.
- **OGP Summit (date TBC) - in-person Ministerial SC meeting** focused on implementation. Support Unit to work with Chairs/SC (at working level) on a concrete action plan for implementation and ministerial agenda in the lead up to summit.

III. Update on the 2023 OGP Global Summit

The government of Estonia provided an update on the planning of the 8th OGP Global Summit to be held in Tallinn, Estonia, and take place in the autumn of 2023 (date TBD). The Summit aims to be a co-creative and environmentally conscious event, where governments and civil society feel equally heard and represented. Invitations and save the dates are currently scheduled to be sent in February, and any Steering Committee members that would like to join in the planning efforts are welcome.

IV. AOB

- **Luxembourg:** the SU provided a brief update on Luxembourg, which announced its [withdrawal](#) from OGP effective January 1, 2023.

Attendees

Government Steering Committee Members

Government of Canada	Jean Cardinal, Director Open Government at Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat
Government of Chile	Valeria Lübbert, Executive Secretary, Presidential Advisory Commission for Public Integrity and Transparency
Government of Estonia (Co-Chair 2022 – 2023)	Ott Karulin, Advisor, Government Office
Government of Germany	Sebastian Haselbeck, Policy Advisor, Division for Digital State, Federal Chancellery
Government of Indonesia	Maharani Putri S. Wibowo, Deputy Director for Institutional and States Apparatus Capacity, OpenGov Indonesia Secretariat
Government of Italy	Sabina Bellotti, OGP Advisor, Administrative Innovation, Skills Development and Communication Office
Government of Korea	Yujin Lee, Deputy Director, Innovation Planning Division, Ministry of the Interior and Safety
Government of Morocco	Sarah Lamrani, Interim Secretary General, Ministry of Digital Transition and Administration Reform
Government of Nigeria	Gloria Ahmed, National Coordinator of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) in Nigeria
Government of the United Kingdom	Matthew Donnelly, Central Digital & Data Office, Cabinet Office

Civil Society Steering Committee Members

Anabel Cruz (Co-Chair 2022 - 2023)	ICD Uruguay
Natalia Carfi	Open Data Charter
Aiden Eyakuze	Twaweza
Blair Glencorse	Accountability Lab
Lysa John	CIVICUS

Lucy McTernan

Scottish Open Government Partnership

Stephanie Muchai

International Lawyers' Project

Luben Panov

European Center for Not-for-Profit Law

Doug Rutzen

International Center for Not-for-Profit Law

Additional Guests

María Baron

Chair of the OGP Board of Directors; Member of the Strategy Task Force

Mauricio Alarcón Salvador

Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo

Sammy Awami

Twaweza

Nikhil Dutta

ICNL

Apologies

Government of Kenya

Eka Gigauri

Barbara Schreiner