

Civil Society Steering Committee

Monthly Call | Wednesday 25 January 2023

8:00-9:00 EST / 14:00-15:00 CET

Summary

I. 2023 Civil Society Steering Committee Selection process

In December 2022, the Civil Society Steering Committee cohort (CS SC) met to discuss possible ways to increase diversity in the upcoming CS SC selection process. In this meeting, the cohort continued the discussion to align on expectations for the year. The cohort agreed to conduct a 2023 process with several changes to the process to increase diversity in the selection, and to spend time through 2023 conducting a larger overhaul of the process to ensure the process aligns with the needs of the cohort.

The cohort agreed to the following changes for the 2023 process:

- Conduct a review of the current composition of the cohort, to identify skills and experience gaps to request for incoming candidates, and use the review to determine specific asks to increase diversity in the call for applications via a small working group of cohort members;
- Distribute the call for applications in new, untraditional locations, such as listservs of communities that OGP does not usually access, to be supported by the cohort;
- Improve the communications around the value proposition of serving on the cohort, to increase interest in applying;
- All cohort members will strive to encourage at least one applicant to apply that they feel would be a good candidate for the committee;
- Determine and agree upon explicit next steps if the cohort does not agree with the recommendation of the Selection Committee via a small working group of cohort members.

The 2023 selection process aims to launch in February. A confirmed timeline will be available soon.

II. AOB

A. Update on the Mexico Rapid Response Protocol

The Support Unit provided a brief update on the recently-received Rapid Response Protocol from Mexico, including an overview of next steps. Mexico civil society has asked the Steering Committee to: Increase international attention to this issue; explore channels for high-level dialogue at national and international level, and call on the government of Mexico to safeguard the values of OGP.



Attendees

- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza
- Nati Carfi, Open Data Charter
- Nikhil Dutta, ICNL
- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Lysa John, CIVICUS
- Lucy McTernan, Scottish OGP
- Steph Muchai, International Lawyers Project
- Luben Panov, ECNL
- Doug Rutzen, ICNL
- Sammy Awami, Twaweza
- Mauricio Alarcón Salvador, Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo

Apologies

- Eka Gigauri, TI Georgia
- Barbara Schreiner, Water Integrity Network

