Civil Society Steering Committee
Monthly Call | Wednesday 8 March 2023
8:00-9:00 EST / 14:00-15:00 CET

Summary

Brief summary of discussion, agreed points and next steps:

1. **Upcoming Steering Committee Meeting items:** Ahead of the March 20 meeting, CS SC provided feedback on the following documents:
   a. **Draft Strategy:** Civic space is currently unbalanced in weight (i.e. importance) in the graphic and overall, should be elevated as a standalone challenge theme, and the strategy should be explicit in calling for 'civic space action'.
   b. **Work Plan:** Clarify the work plan and budget are for the SU and IRM, not the Partnership as a whole; Explicit deliverables are missing for civic space, which should be highlighted more clearly; Include 'making connections with international organizations during the Summit' in Collective Deliverable 1; Consider making Collective Deliverable 4 about 'implementation of ambition' rather than just ambition.
   c. **Budget:** Recommendation to estimate the amount of strategic resources going into OGP as a partnership by other organizations and government budgets to estimate how the SU is able to leverage more resources for its work than just the explicit SU/IRM budget, as additional context.
2. **Mexico Rapid Response Protocol:** Update on the efforts to support Mexican stakeholders including a SC statement in response to the Mexico RRP. No action needed by the cohort at this time.
3. **Georgia:** A brief update on the current situation in Georgia; no action needed by the cohort at this time.
4. **CS SC Rotation:** CS SC members are encouraged to continue promoting the call for candidates for the 2023 rotation process.

Attendees
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza
- Nati Carfi, Open Data Charter
- Nikhil Dutta, ICNL
- Lysa John, CIVICUS
- Lucy McTernan, Scottish OGP
- Steph Muchai, International Lawyers Project
- Luben Panov, ECNL

Apologies
- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Eka Gigauri, TI Georgia
- Barbara Schreiner, Water Integrity Network
- Doug Rutzen, ICNL