

Open Government Partnership

Governance and Leadership Monthly Call

15 February 2023 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

Summary

Attendees

- Government of Estonia: Ott Karulin
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Government of Italy: Sabina Bellotti, Ernesto Belisario, Francesco Leone, Ilenia De Finis
- Aidan Eyakuze & Sammy Awami, Twaweza
- María Baron, Directorio Legislativo (Strategy Task Force)

Brief summary of discussion, agreed points and next steps:

- **Strategy & board update:** Summary reasoned response to be sent to the SC ahead of February 23 meeting (final input moment for the Steering Committee (SC)). Revised strategy to be presented to Governance & Leadership (GL) on March 2 and send final version to SC by March 6. March 15 will be opt-in space for any significant questions or concerns based on SC internal approval processes. March 20 will be final strategy approval. Fiscal framework and implications will be presented to the SC with the work plan. Suggested next steps:
 - Support Unit (SU) & Board to coordinate to ensure that there is SC presence at the donor meeting in April.
 - Coordinate brainstorming session between GL+Board+CEO on how the OGP Global Summit can be leveraged for fundraising efforts.
- **Governance Review Report:** The report reflects the findings of the consultations conducted by the external consultant, and the proposed revised roles & responsibilities for SC. Next steps:
 - Use the revised proposal to inform the next phase of discussions to unpack the recommendations and suggest concrete actions to live up to enhanced SC roles.
 - Subgroup of SC members to flesh out the next level of changes and concrete activities. Use 2023 as a transition year to define the changes that will go into effect in 2024.
 - SU to provide an update to the rest of the SC about the process and next steps.
 - **Action:** GL to review and send additional feedback on the revised role description (p. 8-11) to Jaime Mercado by March 10.
- **NURAs:** GL to continue considering proposal regarding Non-Universally Recognized Applicants (NURAs) to OGP. SU to explore options and timeline and send to GL, to inform a decision. Once approved by GL, to send via circular to the full SC.

- **SC elections:** All five candidates (Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Philippines, Spain, United States) were approved to run in the 2023 OGP SC elections. Elections to be held February 27 - March 24.
- **Country contributions:** SU to revise gradation to reflect differences in GDP across countries in high income tier. SU to send back revised proposal to GL for endorsement via circular before sending to the rest of the SC for final approval.
- **Aidan Eyakuze & Italy role in GL:** Anabel Cruz, Estonia and Aidan Eyakuze expressed their support for the proposal for Aidan & Italy to remain in GL in an advisory role through October 1. Primary decision making would continue to rest with Estonia and Anabel as the lead co-chairs. Italy to consult internally and inform GL about their decision.