

Open Government Partnership

Thematic Leadership Monthly Call

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

Summary

Attendees:

- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Steph Muchai, International Lawyers Project
- Luben Panov, ECNL
- Barbara Schreiner, Water Integrity Network
- Government of Indonesia: Andrieta Rafaela A
- Government of Korea: Jisu Han
- Government of Morocco: Ouiame El Moustamide, Mahassine El Amrani

Apologies

- Eka Gigauri, TI Georgia
- Government of Kenya
- Government of the UK

Brief summary of discussion, agreed points and next steps:

- **TLS chairing role:** The government of Korea has stepped down as co-chair of the Thematic Leadership Subcommittee (TLS) due to internal capacity changes. Government members interested in assuming the role from now until Oct 1 should reach out to Jaime Mercado.
- **Thematic Approaches in 2023-2028 Strategy:** The SU presented an overview of the emerging strategic thematic directions - including the thinking along the “inverted pyramid” model for flexibility across the Partnership; Partnership-wide Challenge, and proposed areas of emphasis/ prioritization by the SU and requested TLS input on key activities to advance thematic ambition in Year 1 of the strategy. The February 23 SC meeting will present the thematic directions and full strategy in more depth, while the SU will continue developing the implementation plan for Year 1 of the strategy, with implications for thematic work and the TLS subcommittee structure and work. TLS recommended bringing thematic experts to the Summit that may not be a part of OGP networks already, to engage their support in implementing the thematic strategy work. **Next steps:** TLS members were requested to make connections with MEL, and to partners from policy areas that are still nascent in OGP (e.g. climate, digital innovation, etc.) to support implementation planning. TLS will meet again in April following the strategy launch to discuss thematic and TLS work for the year.
- **OGP Global Summit planning update:** TLS suggested considering approaches which allow satellites of remote participation to encourage networking where in-person or virtual attendance may not be possible. There was also discussion on how to seek funding from regional or country based funders to support greater participation from civil society across regions. Support from TLS members is requested in sourcing funders that can support additional civil society travel to the Summit, and to share ideas on how to approach the Summit creatively, both in format and design.