

# Civil Society Steering Committee

Monthly Call | Wednesday 12 April 2023

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

## Summary

Brief summary of discussion, agreed points and next steps:

- 1. Update on OGP Summit Planning:** The Support Unit (SU) provided an update on the OGP Global Summit planning process, including the agenda and design process, and SC opportunities for input. The Summit will run from September 4–8 in Tallinn, Estonia.
  - The Summit will aim to i) advance the new OGP strategy and show the strategy in action throughout the agenda, ii) expand and engage the open government community toward becoming a broader, more interconnected movement, iii) showcase open gov leadership across the partnership, and iv) act as a fundraising hook to secure and possibly announce new resources for the strategy.
  - The CS SC requested clarification around:
    - The definition of ‘democratic resilience’ as a thematic track;
    - The separation between public participation and civic space as a theme;
    - Who participates as community leads for session designs [see final bullet in the Summit planning notes];
    - The process for Summit travel support, including how requested support will be managed by the SU and Estonia, and how support others in the community to attend and participate;
    - How partners can participate in the main program and side events of the Summit;
  - Next steps: The SU will provide more information about Summit planning, including logistics. Registration will open on April 23. CS SC should expect to be contacted about travel beginning in mid-May. CS SC are requested to reach out if they are not planning to attend the Summit, or if they are planning to send a second in their stead, for planning purposes.
  - As requested, the composition of the Advisory Boards can be found [on the Summit website](#). The Community Content Leads will be published in the coming days as well but are listed below:

Anti-Corruption	Lilia Afrikyan, Armenia Point of Contact Maira Martini, Transparency International María Jaraquemada, Chile Transparente Jubril Shittu, PPDC Nigeria
Civic Space and Participation	Doreen Grove, Scottish Government Josh Lerner, People Powered Nikhil Dutta, ICNL Zukiswa Kota, Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM) Teele Pehk, DD Foundation
Climate and	Tamara Laznik, Buenos Aires City Government



Environment	Jesse Worker, World Resources Institute Bjorn Bedsted, Danish Board of Technology
Digital Governance	Philip Thigo, Thunderbird School of Global Management Kenia Raman Jit Singh Chima, Access Now Fabrizio Scrollini, ILDA
Open Justice	Catherine McKinnon, Government of Canada Ines Selwood and Alvaro Herrero, RIJA Akhila Kholisetty and Aimee Ongeso, Namati Arsa Ilmi Budiarti and Dio Ashar Wicaksana, IJRS, Indonesia
Democratic Resilience	Veronika Borysenko, TI Ukraine Kristen Sample and Carina Rebegea, NDI

**2. Steering Committee calendar:** The SU presented an overview of the SC agenda between now and the OGP Summit:

- May 8-12: Open Gov Week
- May 31: SC meeting (working level) [Virtual]; Government Co-Chair selection
- Mid-June: Conclusion of the CS SC rotation; launch of CS Co-Chair selection
- September 5: SC meeting (ministerial) [Tallinn]
- September 6-7: OGP Summit [Tallinn]

**3. Update on CS SC Selection Process:** Following a call for proposals, the SU received [28 applications](#). Akhila Kholisetty of Namati and Ilham Saenong of Hivos have joined Aidan and Lucy as community volunteers on the Selection Committee. The selection committee will meet on April 20 to determine the shortlist, and begin interviewing candidates shortly after. More information on the process is available [here](#).

- Next Steps: CS SC members are asked to consider running for co-chair when the call opens following the conclusion of the selection process. More updates will be given as the rotation progresses.

#### Attendees

- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza
- Nati Carfi, Open Data Charter
- Nikhil Dutta, ICNL
- Eka Gigauri, TI Georgia
- Steph Muchai, International Lawyers Project
- Doug Rutzen, ICNL
- Barbara Schreiner, Water Integrity Network

#### Apologies

- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Lysa John, CIVICUS
- Lucy McTernan, Scottish OGP
- Luben Panov, ECNL

