

Open Government Partnership

Thematic Leadership Monthly Call Summary

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- **Welcome to Kenya as new TLS co-chair:** Blair Glencorse, civil society Co-Chair of the Thematic Leadership Subcommittee (TLS) welcomed the government of Kenya as the new TLS government Co-Chair. Thanks and gratitude were extended to the government of Korea for their work as Co-Chair before stepping down.
- **Consultation on draft Summit agenda:** The Support Unit (SU) provided an advance preview of the Summit agenda before public consultation beginning on May 2. **More information on the Summit thematic tracks goals and expected outcomes is available [here](#).**
- Feedback:
 - Appreciation for the creativity and engagement of the agenda so far;
 - TLS should look to take leadership role on one or two thematic topics, to continue momentum from Summit;
- Requests for:
 - Further thought around specific outputs that could be set for each thematic track (the Partnership-wide thematic challenges may satisfy this); consider a pledge;
 - Clarity on 1-2 objectives per track that all the sessions add up to deliver on;
 - Clarity around the different types of sessions planned (i.e. format definitions);
 - Clarity around the purpose of the events planned outside of the 26 topics, and additional information about the trainings and roundtables;
 - Consider including discussions about political transitions and country resourcing in the plenaries;
 - Find a way to streamline and communicate the breadth and scope of the Summit, as the current agenda could be overwhelming and difficult for participants to maximize their participation;
 - Consider a place for governments specifically to connect with each other;
 - Consider how to engage developed countries in the climate agenda items.
- Next Steps:
 - **Submit additional feedback on the agenda via [discuto](#) or to the SU by May 19.** The Summit Advisory Board will review the feedback and consider additional topics. The next update of the agenda will be released in July.
 - **All SC members should register for the Summit by May 28 via [this link](#).**
- **Designing the Partnership-wide thematic challenges:** TLS was requested to provide their feedback on initial design of the Partnership-wide thematic challenge - one of the key deliverables for this year from the 2023-28 OGP strategy. The Steering Committee will launch the challenge at the September Global Summit.
- Feedback & requests:

- Increase clarity and consistency of language around number of challenge areas, thematic tracks, etc.;
- SC role will be vital in defining and maintaining ambition for thematic tracks, especially politically;
- Would be helpful to review analogous challenges for lessons learned and establish potential tangible results;
- Request for clarity around who will be involved (i.e. Locals, etc.);
- Ensure civil society are engaged early to establish and maintain political focus in-country;
- Consider how to make this type of challenge a more central part of OGP's activities;
- Consider how to bring in parameters and scoring through the OGG to provide concrete data for countries to measure themselves against.
- Next Steps: The SU will continue to flesh out the concept for the challenge - in particular prepare some examples to evaluate if they are moving in the right direction, and develop guiding principles for the challenge, which will be brought back to TLS for review.

Attendees:

- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Government of Kenya: Philip Thigo
- Steph Muchai, International Lawyers Project
- Luben Panov, ECNL
- Government of Indonesia: Andrieta Arifin
- Government of Korea: Emily Seowoo Park
- Government of UK: Matt Donnelly

Apologies:

- Eka Gigauri, TI Georgia
- Barbara Schreiner, Water Integrity Network
- Government of Morocco