

Open Government Partnership

Criteria & Standards Call

23 May 2023 | 09:00 - 09:45 EDT

Summary

Attendees

- Government of Canada: Jean Cardinal, Minerva
- Government of Chile: Claudia Montero
- Government of Germany: Sebastian Haselbeck
- Doug Rutzen & Nikhil Dutta, ICNL
- Nati Carfi, Open Data Charter
- Lucy McTernan, Scottish Open Government

Apologies

- Government of Nigeria
 - Lysa John
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- **Azerbaijan Response Policy Case:** The IRM presented the [special assessment](#) of Azerbaijan's 2020-22 Action Plan, which found that Azerbaijan has only partially addressed one of the seven recommendations made by the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee (C&S). The Support Unit (SU) tabled a resolution, in line with the 2018 resolution made by the Steering Committee (SC), to place Azerbaijan in a permanent suspension and to stop considering them a member country. The SU will continue to engage Azerbaijani civil society.
 - **Decision and next steps:** The Criteria & Standards Subcommittee (C&S) endorsed the resolution, which will be sent to the full SC for approval.
 - **Georgia Response Policy Case:** Following an initial review of the case, the SU verified that the [Letter of Concern](#) issued by Georgian civil society is eligible to trigger a Response Policy.
 - **Next Steps:** The SU will conduct an assessment of the veracity of the case claims by engaging an external expert, which is expected to be completed by Q4 of 2023. C&S will continue to be updated about the case, and will have the opportunity to provide feedback on a draft report before it is finalized. C&S will engage Georgian delegations in Tallinn during the OGP Global Summit in September.
 - **Procedural Review cases updates:** The UK case is showing progress via regular meetings; it seems that no further resolutions will be required at this time. Malta published a timeline for development of their new action plan by the stipulated deadline, which can be viewed on this [website](#). The SU also provided written updates on the progress of Albania, Norway, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Sweden following resolutions passed in April.
 - **Eligibility Memo:** C&S reviewed the annual Eligibility Scores update with no comments.
 - **Next Steps:** The updated Eligibility Scores update will be posted to the website, along with updated lists of eligible countries.
 - **AOB:** All SC members should [register](#) for the OGP Global Summit before the May 28 deadline. SU will be reaching out about travel plans soon.