OGP Steering Committee
Working Level Meeting

Virtual | May 31, 2023 | 08:00 – 11:00 ET

Summary

Brief summary of discussion, agreed points and next steps:

1. **Electing the next Steering Committee Government Co-Chair [Decisional]:** Co-Chair candidate the government of Kenya presented their vision for Steering Committee Co-Chair term for Steering Committee (SC) approval.
   - **Decision**: The SC endorsed Kenya's candidacy for government Co-Chair, beginning their term on October 1, 2023.
   - Next Steps: The Civil Society Co-Chairs will be selected by July following the completion of the [rotation process](). The deadline for an incoming government Co-Chair beginning their term on October 1, 2024 has been extended, with a final decision to be taken at the Ministerial SC meeting on September 5. Details on the revised timeline to be shared in due course.

2. **Operationalizing the OGP Strategy 2023–2028:** The Support Unit (SU) presented the approach to operationalize OGP's new strategy, with a focus on the first year of its implementation (April 2023 through March 2024):

   a. **Role of the Steering Committee:** The SU presented a proposed role for the SC in operationalizing the OGP Strategy.
      - The SC requested more consideration around:
        - Gathering and sharing more inspiring stories from the Partnership during the first year of the strategy;
        - Strengthening accountability/connection role of the SC to the broader Partnership and public;
        - Potential 'collective deliverables' as a full SC; and
        - How the SC can champion the strategy, including through potential local events where the SC can speak more about the strategy.
      - SC members also requested clarification around work regarding civic space and Local during the first year.

   b. **Resourcing: Strategy to Raise OGP country contributions:** The SU presented proposed changes to the OGP's country contributions strategy, including setting a goal for percentage of participating countries, and raising the country contributions amount.
      - **Decision**: The SC agreed to actively support a campaign with targeted efforts towards raising the number of countries contributing financially. There was also widespread support for raising the level of country contributions, with a few reservations. The SC decided not to bring the decision to a vote at this meeting so those reservations could be addressed in the coming weeks. Instead, raising the country contributions amounts will

be revisited at future SC meetings, with a final decision taken at latest in the Ministerial SC meeting on September 5.
- Emphasis was placed on keeping the country contributions voluntary.
- Next Steps: SC members are invited to participate in an open session of the upcoming GL meeting on June 8th to brainstorm additional ways to engage new countries to contribute. The SU will aim for a target goal of 60% of OGP countries participating in country contributions within two years.

c. **Leveraging the OGP Global Summit**: The government of Estonia and the SU provided an update on the planning of the OGP Global Summit, as well as a request for high-level representation at the Summit from all government SC members, and:
- SC members recommended considering recorded videos as an option for Heads of State participation, and asked for clarification on how civil society organizations can request speakers for Summit events.
- Next Steps: Session organizers and information on side events will be published on the Summit website this week.

Attendees

Government Steering Committee Members

- Canada:
    - Jean Cardinal, Director, Open Government, Office of the Chief Information Officer (Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat)
- Estonia:
    - Ott Karulin, Advisor, Government Office
- Germany:
    - Sebastian Haselbeck; policy advisor, Modern Government Division, Federal Chancellery
- Indonesia:
    - Priyanto Rohmatullah, Director of State Apparatus and Bureaucratic Transformation, Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas
- Italy:
    - Sabina Bellotti, Administrative Innovation, Skills Development and Communication Office, Department for Public Administration
    - Francesco Leone, Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister for Public Administration
- Kenya:
    - Dr. Korir Sing'Oei, Principal Secretary of Foreign Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs
    - Philip Thigo, Senior Advisor, Data and Innovation, Legislative and Intergovernmental Liaison Office
- Morocco:
    - Ouiame El Moustamid, Head of Studies Division, Ministry of Digital Transition and Administrative Reform
    - Mahassine El Amrani Omari, Consultant with the Ministry of Digital Transition and Administrative Reform
- Nigeria:
    - Gloria Ahmed, Director, Special Duties, Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning; and OGP Nigeria National Coordinator
- Republic of Korea:
    - Emily Seonwoo Park, Deputy Director, Innovation Planning DIV, ROK MOIS
    - Jisu Han, Assistant Deputy Director, Innovation Planning Division, Ministry of the Interior and Safety
- United Kingdom:
    - Sue Bateman, Interim Chief Data Officer, Central Digital & Data Office (CDDO)

Civil Society Steering Committee Members

- Anabel Cruz (Co-Chair 2022 - 2023), ICD Uruguay
- Natalia Carfi, Open Data Charter
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza
- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Lysa John, CIVICUS
- Lucy McTernan, Scottish Open Government Partnership

- Stephanie Muchai, International Lawyers' Project
- Luben Panov, European Center for Not-for-Profit Law
- Doug Rutzen, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law

Additional Members

- Nikhil Dutta, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law

Apologies

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