

**Civil Society Steering Committee**  
Monthly Call | Wednesday 14 June 2023  
8:00-9:00 EST / 14:00-15:00 CET

Summary

**Attendees:**

- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza
- Eka Gigauri, TI Georgia
- Lucy McTernan, Scottish OGP
- Nati Carfi, Open Data Charter

**Apologies**

- Blair Glencorse; Lysa John; Stephanie Muchai; Luben Panov; Doug Rutzen; Barbara Schreiner

- I. **Approval of CS SC selection + Call for Co-Chair candidates:** The final selection of the 2023 Civil Society Steering Committee (CS SC) rotation process was presented to the cohort for their endorsement. CS SC members were also asked to consider running for Co-Chair, to begin in 2023 and 2024.
  - **Next Steps:** Since there was no quorum, formal endorsement was not possible. CS SC members have been asked to submit any objections to the list by Friday, June 16. If no objections are received, the candidates will be considered approved. Additionally, the Co-Chair deadline for submissions of interest has been set as August 30, 2023. The August CS SC call will be used to review and discuss any interested candidates.
- II. **Azerbaijan update and upcoming resolution:** The SU presented the findings of the [IRM special report](#) which assesses Azerbaijan's 2020-22 Action Plan and the recommendations issued by the Steering Committee (SC) as part of the Response Policy case. Based on these findings, the Criteria & Standards subcommittee will table a proposed resolution for the approval of the full SC in the coming weeks. CS SC members were supportive of the proposed approach, while emphasizing the need to continue allowing civil society space to engage with the Support Unit regardless of OGP status.
- III. **AOB**
  - A. **Reflections on Governance Review (GR):** CS SC were largely supportive of the revised GR approach shared with the SC, though emphasized that the GR should not be underestimated and should not be done in the periphery of the newly approved OGP strategy; it should be integral to how the SC delivers on the strategy. CS SC members stressed that this should be an opportunity to explore bold ideas in regards to OGP governance.
  - B. **Next SC meeting:** CS SC members were invited to save the date for the next SC meeting, to be held on August 3.

