

# Open Government Partnership

## Joint Governance and Leadership + Steering Committee Call

8 June 2023 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

### Summary

#### Attendees

- Government of Estonia: Ott Karulin
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Government of Italy: Sabina Bellotti
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza

#### Additional Guests

- Government of Canada: Jean Cardinal
- Government of Indonesia: Theo Agustinus Hasiholan, Armita Tri Yuniasningrum
- Government of Korea: Jisu Han, Emily Seonwoo Park
- Government of Morocco: Mahassine El Amrani Omari
- Luben Panov, ECNL

- 1. Brainstorming on raising contributions [with optional SC attendance]:** The full Steering Committee (SC) was invited to participate in a brainstorming session on how to raise country contributions. SC provided the following recommendations:
  - Develop the value proposition of OGP to remind and convince countries of the value of the Partnership and the importance of supporting it, both at a country level and globally; include upcoming services under the new strategy;
  - Discuss with some countries what they are missing or could use more support with from OGP, as well as identify the potential difficulties in securing funding, and develop a personalized value proposition within the framework of currently-offered OGP activities and support;
  - Consider encouraging an incremental payment option working up to the minimum amount;
  - Identify and plan for political windows of opportunity for countries that do not or have stopped contributing to engage with the new administration;
  - Consider donor partnerships that could match contributions;
  - Consider in-kind contributions to OGP, such as event hosting or staff secondments.
- SC members again emphasized the importance of keeping contributions voluntary, as well as avoiding a 'pay-to-play' model.
- Next steps: The SU will develop the value proposition, begin identifying opportunities for diplomatic outreach to targeted countries, and reach out to SC that are best placed to do so. A progress update will be circulated to the full SC before the next meeting. The contributions item will be brought back to the SC in the next working-level meeting on August 3 for final decision.



- 2. Debrief of SC meeting & SC calendar leading up to Tallinn:** GL agreed to host a working-level Steering Committee meeting on August 3, where a final decision will be requested on the country contributions item and prepare for the September 5 Ministerial SC meeting. GL also agreed to extend the call for government Co-Chairs to August 30; and to request endorsement of the government and civil society Co-Chair candidates at the September 5 Ministerial Steering Committee meeting.

  - Next steps: The SU will develop a value proposition packet to support the country contributions efforts, a briefing on the matching grant by Hewlett for SC reference, and begin targeted conversations with countries ahead of the SC meeting in August.
- 3. Summit status update:** The government of Estonia shared an update on the Summit planning, including that 48 national POCs, 21 ministers have confirmed, and over 2000 participants have registered so far. A detailed agenda will be published in July, and the final edition will be available on August 7 on the Summit [website](#).
- 4. Governance Review process & Local Assembly update:** The Governance Review remains on track, with the initial meeting taking place in mid-May and next meeting in mid-June. A briefing on the Task Force and plans for the Governance Review will be circulated to the Steering Committee this week for feedback. Creating spaces for new voices, especially from local participants, is a key component of the Governance Review. The Governance Review process will look at options for locals in governance in more detail.

  - In parallel, and as an important initiative to create space for local dialogue and exchange in OGP, the Co-Chairs are convening the first ever “OGP Local Assembly.” The Local Assembly will be launched during the 2023 OGP Global Summit in Estonia, with the ambition to become an annual moment for local stakeholders in OGP. This will be an opportunity to provide the views of local governments and civil society organizations to the Steering Committee and the Support Unit on issues related to the implementation of the new OGP Strategy and may include other matters which affect local members.

