

Civil Society Steering Committee

Monthly Call | Wednesday 12 July 2023

8:00-9:00 EST / 14:00-15:00 CET

Summary

- 1. Summit CS SC roles:** The SU provided a brief update on Summit planning. To date, over 2,400 registrations have been received, with roughly equal representation of government and civil society participants. A draft agenda is now available on the [Summit website](#). A ministerial-level Steering Committee (SC) meeting will be held on the afternoon of September 5. Civil Society Steering Committee (CS SC) members discussed their own roles in the Summit, and how to best participate. CS SC members proposed hosting a town hall-style meeting for the participants of the Summit to engage with the Steering Committee and discuss the strategy.
- 2. Governance Review update and request for inputs:** The SU provided an update on the continuing work of the Governance Review (GR) and space for inputs on how the main SC roles and responsibilities could look like in practice. CS SC members requested further clarification around how the SC will turn from governance to leadership, and the practical implications of the proposed SC responsibilities. The GR Task Force will meet on July 13, and the CS SC will continue to be kept aware of the discussions.
- 3. Co-Chair recruitment:** The deadline for Co-Chair candidacies is September 5; CS SC will aim to endorse the next two CS SC candidates at its August meeting. Candidates are encouraged to reach out to Anabel Cruz and Paul Maassen of the SU if they have questions about the role.
- 4. June Board of Directors meeting update from Aidan Eyakuze:** The Board of Directors met in June to review the annual audit report and OGP's revenue profile for the next few years. Both the audit results and the future fiscal framework were positive.
- 5. C&S recommendation on Azerbaijan:** C&S Civil Society Co-Chair Lucy McTernan, provided a brief update on the Azerbaijan Response Policy case. No further comments or questions were raised.

Attendees

- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Aidan Eyakuze, Sammy Awami, Twaweza
- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Lysa John and David Kode, CIVICUS
- Lucy McTernan, Scottish OGP
- Steph Muchai, International Lawyers Project
- Luben Panov, ECNL
- Doug Rutzen and Nikhil Dutta, ICNL

Apologies

- Nati Carfi, Open Data Charter
- Eka Gigauri, TI Georgia
- Barbara Schreiner, Water Integrity Network

