

Open Government Partnership

Governance and Leadership Monthly Call

6 July 2023 | 08:00 - 9:30 EDT

Summary

Attendees

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

- 1. Summit update:** The government of Estonia provided an update on high level participation and an overview of the draft program, which will be published the week of July 10 along with contact information for session organizers. A final program is expected to be published on August 7. Over the next few weeks, the government of Estonia and the Support Unit (SU) will continue discussing how to further ensure high-level political participation.
- 2. Associate membership:** Considering the sensitive and political nature of non-universally recognized state's applications to OGP, GL has instructed the SU to conduct a thorough analysis of the practical applications of this new 'associate' membership category, and return with proposals on how to proceed. Practical applications and proposals will also be discussed with the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee and the Governance Review Task Force.
- 3. Co-chair recruitment & outreach efforts:** The deadline for government and civil society co-chair applicants has been extended to September 5. The SU and Steering Committee (SC) will use the additional time to conduct outreach to potential candidates, and to prepare the September 5 ministerial meeting as a formal endorsement moment. SU will continue to keep GL informed of any updates.
- 4. Next SC meeting:** The next SC meeting will be held on August 3 at the working level. The agenda will include a final decision on country contributions, an update on the thematic challenge and the role of the SC in advancing it, and shaping the Ministerial SC meeting in September. The draft agenda will be sent to the GL for feedback before being sent to the full SC.
- 5. Governance Review:** The Governance Review Task Force (GR TF) met in June and agreed to a new sequence of GR TF work moving forward: 1. SC Role & Mandate, 2. Local representation, 3. Subcommittee composition, 4. Decision-making and accountability processes. The timeline has been loosened to allow more time for in-depth discussions on each of these 4 core areas, so there will not be a formal approval moment at the September 5 SC meeting. SC members will have space to review and discuss proposals coming from the TF before they are finalized.

