

Open Government Partnership

Thematic Leadership Monthly Call Summary

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Summary

- I. **Partnership-wide Open Government Challenge:** Thematic Leadership Subcommittee (TLS) members were presented an overview of the Partnership-wide thematic challenge, which aims to raise ambition and volume of commitments within specific policy areas by challenging all members of the Partnership to take up at least one thematic area within their Action Plans, and show tangible progress over the five year strategy period. The Challenge will be integrated throughout the Summit, including in an announcement during the plenary by the Co-Chairs, discussions throughout the agenda, and with a concentrated communications plan before and during the Summit. TLS had the following feedback:
- Emphasize that civil society should be engaged from the time of selection of a thematic challenge, not at the co-creation stage;
 - Consider a regional peer support system to encourage accountability and ambition;
 - Emphasize that communicating the purpose and incentives of the challenge are just as important as the process, and that countries should be motivated to participate;
 - Consider incentives that are at a domestic level in addition to the global level, and, if possible, financial incentives.
 - **Next Steps:** The SU will present the Challenge at the August 3 SC meeting and discuss the role of the SC in its uptake. The SU offered 1:1 calls with SC members interested in discussing further the incentives and outreach strategy ahead of the summit.
- II. **Summit update:** 79 national delegations, including 65 current OGP members, have registered for the OGP Global Summit so far. A [blog](#) was published with guidance on how to engage during and after the Summit, as well as a [reasoned response](#) to comments on the agenda development and detailed session names. The draft agenda will be available on the [Summit website](#) in the next week.

Attendees

- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- Steph Muchai, International Lawyers Project
- Luben Panov, ENCL
- Government of Korea: Emily Seonwoo Park & Jisu Han
- Government of Morocco: Mahassine El Amrani Omari
- Government of the UK: Sue Bateman

Apologies

- Eka Gigauri, Barbara Schreiner, Government of Indonesia, Government of Kenya

