

## Civil Society Steering Committee

Monthly Call | Wednesday 9 August 2023

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

### Summary

- **Civil Society Co-Chair selection update:** Blair Glencorse presented his [candidacy](#) to serve as the next civil society Steering Committee (SC) co-chair beginning on October 1, 2023, along with the government of Kenya. Blair's candidacy was endorsed by the Civil Society Steering Committee (CS SC) cohort.
- Next steps: The SC will formally endorse all candidates for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Co-Chair years at its September 5 SC meeting.
- **Update on options for the CS SC request to hold a town hall-style meeting at the Summit:** The CS SC supported the CS Co-Chair's proposal to host a town hall-style meeting during the Summit to allow the community to engage with the SC, and communicate thoughts and ideas on the strategy's implementation. The session will be integrated into the open networking time during the evening of September 6. CS SC requested considering how to integrate speaking Spanish into the session, and to consider breaking up the networking event into thematic groupings to encourage conversation. A subset of CS SC members volunteered to continue planning the session, including Nati Carfi, Anabel Cruz and Aidan Eyakuze.
- **AOB**
  - **CS SC discussion on Kenya:** Following continued protests in Kenya, the CS SC discussed the situation and potential next steps.
  - **Azerbaijan update:** The SU updated the CS SC on the recent arrest of a CSO leader in Azerbaijan.

### Attendees

- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Nati Carfi, Open Data Charter
- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza
- Blair Glencorse and Jean Scrimgeour, Accountability Lab
- Steph Muchai, International Lawyers Project
- Luben Panov, ECNL
- Doug Rutzen and Nikhil Dutta, ICNL
- Barbara Schreiner, Water Integrity Network

### Apologies

- Eka Gigauri
- Lysa John
- Lucy McTernan