

**OGP Steering Committee**  
**Ministerial Meeting Agenda**  
5 September 2023 | Tallinn, Estonia  
15:00 - 17:30

The OGP Steering Committee (SC) has a vital leadership role in advancing and implementing the new OGP five-year strategy that it recently approved. The Ministerial SC meeting hosted by the Government of Estonia and Anabel Cruz at the OGP Global Summit in Tallinn provides a crucial opportunity for the SC to collectively identify and commit to key actions for the SC to effectively play this leadership role. Accordingly, the Ministerial SC meeting has a four-part agenda to support the new strategy: (i) mobilizing a stronger, more political coalition for open government by positioning OGP as key platform for tackling present geo-political challenges; (ii) building political support for the uptake of the Open Government Challenge; (iii) endorsing the Tallinn Commitment as a high-level statement of SC collective commitments; and (iv) deciding on the new co-chairs to lead the partnership.

In order to maximize the in-person discussions, the agenda focuses on the external, collective political leadership role of the Steering Committee. SC members are encouraged to share individual commitments to support key areas of the strategy in writing and in advance of the September 5th Ministerial meeting (details and instructions available in the pre-meeting brief).

Detailed background and context for each session, as well as the relevance and suggested actions linked to the role of the Steering Committee can be found in the [“Pre-Meeting Brief for the OGP Steering Committee”](#) annexed to this agenda.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome remarks by the Steering Committee Co-Chairs: Government of Estonia and Anabel Cruz [5 minutes]**
- 2. Making connections [10 minutes]**  
Energizing small group activity to build rapport and foster connections among SC members.
- 3. Session 1: Open government approaches to strengthen democracy and the opportunity for the Steering Committee to lead and inspire an open government movement [60 minutes]**
  - a. Context-setting presentation by external guest speaker to situate the SC meeting within the current geopolitical context and state of democracy, followed by a brief response from OGP CEO to link back to the opportunity that OGP represents and the imperative for Steering Committee leadership.
  - b. Facilitated discussion on what it would look like in practice for the Steering Committee to lead a global open government movement, and ways to



embrace the present geopolitical challenges as an opportunity for open government and strengthening democracy.

- c. Guiding questions for this session include:
  - i. How might we work collectively to lead and inspire an open government movement - beyond making and submitting action plans to a platform?
  - ii. What individual and collective actions can SC advance to position and advance OGP at the global level (e.g., in global fora such as G7, G20, S4D; advocacy and outreach)?
  - iii. How can the SC forge a stronger esprit de corps and join forces to advance collective goals (e.g., collective leadership retreats, regional alliances)?

**4. Session 2: Building high-level political support for the Open Government Challenge [45 minutes]**

- a. The Support Unit will present the Open Government Challenge as a mechanism to raise ambition and volume of commitments, and promote collective progress within key thematic areas (goal #4).
- b. SC to discuss and commit to concrete collective actions to build political support and help increase the uptake of the Challenge across the Partnership - e.g. investing political capital to conduct peer-to-peer outreach on the challenge; forging links between OGP and other global platforms to elevate the challenge and raise ambition for open government reforms (e.g. S4D, G7, G20, UNFCCC, etc.); etc.
- c. Space for SC members to exchange challenges they're facing in implementing these areas domestically and how others are addressing similar issues.

**5. Session 3: Endorsement of the “Tallinn Commitment” [15 minutes]**

- a. Co-Chairs Estonia & Anabel Cruz table the “Tallinn Commitment” as a high-level statement of collective SC leadership actions to advance the new strategy.
- b. The Commitment would also call on all OGP governments (local and national) to work with civil society to take up at least one area of the “Open Government Challenge”.

**6. Session 4: Future leadership: Selection of the new co-chairs [TBC] [15 minutes]**

- a. Space for presenting the emerging agenda of the new Lead Co-Chairs, the Government of Kenya and Blair Glencorse.
- b. Selection/endorsement of the new Incoming Co-Chairs [candidates TBD].

