

OGP Steering Committee Working Level Meeting

Virtual | 3 August 2023 | 08:00 - 10:30 EDT

Summary

Brief summary of discussion, agreed points and next steps:

- **Strategy to raise OGP country contributions:** Following prior discussions with the Steering Committee (SC), SC members were asked for their final approval of the proposal to raise OGP country contributions levels. At the request of the SC, and based on the input provided by the group, the SU presented additional materials to complement the proposal. This includes a memo outlining the services that OGP members receive, ideas for future improvement of these services in line with the new strategy, and other materials to support the SC's outreach efforts.
- The SC suggested broadening the language in the explanatory documents to include the importance of the donation in supporting open government more broadly, to supplement the technical language currently included.
- **Decision:** The SC approved the proposal by majority consensus. The governments of Chile, Germany, Morocco, and Indonesia abstained.
- **Next Steps:** The SU will begin communicating the updates to the wider Partnership, including the new contribution levels. The SU will also develop a strategy for how SC members can integrate communicating the changes and requests for contributions into bilaterals during the Summit.
- **Open Gov Challenge:** The SU presented an update on the Open Gov Challenge, a key deliverable under the OGP 2023–2028 strategy. The SC was supportive of the ability to integrate the Challenge into existing co-creation processes, the flexibility in choosing how to approach it (including piloting going beyond action plans, as provided by the strategy), and for the opportunity to show collective, global progress thematically. The SC had the following feedback:
 - Consider how to ensure the commitments remain ambitious during implementation;
 - Consider how to ensure the flexibility of the Challenge does not equate to a lack of clear ambition or progress;
 - Provide more insight into the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM)'s role in the process.
- **Next Steps:** the SU, in coordination with the Chairs of the Thematic Leadership Subcommittee, will continue developing the Challenge ahead of the launch at the OGP Global Summit in Tallinn.
- **September 5 Ministerial SC meeting:** The SC discussed the draft agenda for the Ministerial SC meeting being held on September 5 in Tallinn, Estonia. The agenda focuses on the external, collective political leadership role of the Steering Committee, with three main items: 1) Open government approaches to strengthen democracy and the opportunity for the SC to lead and inspire an open government movement; 2) Building



high-level political support for the Partnership-Wide Challenge; and 3) Endorsement of the “Tallinn Commitment”; along with time for the Co-Chair selection process.

- **Next Steps:** The SC suggested edits to the agenda and were requested to send additional feedback in writing. A revised version which incorporates this input will be circulated ahead of the meeting.

- **Additional updates:**
 - **OGP Camp:** All SC members are invited to a briefing on August 22 to learn more about the OGP Camp at the OGP Global Summit, to be held on September 5 from 9am - 1pm local time.
 - **Mexico Rapid Response Case:** In line with the [Rapid Response Protocol](#), the government of Mexico was invited to provide a formal response to the allegations of illegal digital surveillance against Mexican journalists, activists, and other human rights defenders, as raised in the [letter of concern sent](#) by the core group of civil society organizations that lead the OGP process in Mexico. Despite numerous invitations to provide a formal response, including through a [statement signed by Steering Committee members](#), the government has not submitted a response to the letter of concern, nor to the offer for Steering Committee engagement with domestic stakeholders. The Support Unit continues to monitor the situation, including several ongoing threats to democratic institutions in Mexico, and will update the Steering Committee of any developments.
 - **SC dinner reception:** All SC members will receive invitations to a dinner reception hosted by the government of Estonia on the afternoon of September 5. More details forthcoming.



Draft List of Attendees

Government Steering Committee Members

- Canada:
 - Jean Cardinal, Director, Open Government, Office of the Chief Information Officer (Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat)
 - Barry Kong, Executive Director Open Government, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat
- Chile:
 - Claudia Montero Meza, Advisor, Commission for Public Integrity and Transparency, Ministry General Secretariat of the Presidency
- Estonia:
 - Ott Karulin, Advisor, Government Office
- Germany:
 - Sebastian Haselbeck, Policy advisor, Modern Government Division, Federal Chancellery
- Indonesia:
 - Priyanto Rohmattullah, Director for State Apparatus and Bureaucratic Transformation
- Italy:
 - Sabina Bellotti, Administrative Innovation, Skills Development and Communication Office, Department for Public Administration
 - Francesco Leone, Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister for Public Administration
- Kenya:
 - Philip Thigo, Senior Advisor, Data and Innovation, Legislative and Intergovernmental Liaison Office
- Morocco:
 - Mahassine El Amrani Omari, Consultant with the Ministry of Digital Transition and Administrative Reform
- Republic of Korea:
 - Emily Seonwoo Park, Deputy Director, Innovation Planning Division, Ministry of the Interior and Safety
 - Jisu Han, Assistant Deputy Director, Innovation Planning Division,
- United Kingdom:
 - Sue Bateman, Interim Chief Data Officer, Central Digital & Data Office (CDDO)
- United States (*incoming member*)
 - Janine Garcia, Senior Advisor on Anti-Corruption, Department of State
 - Jennifer Lewis, Deputy Director, Anti-Corruption Task Force, U.S. Agency for International Development
 - Dan York, Director, Open Government Secretariat, General Services Administration
- Spain (*incoming member*)
 - Clara Mapelli, Director General of Public Governance
 - Lázaro Tuñón Sastre, Assistant Deputy Director for Open Government



Civil Society Steering Committee Members

- Anabel Cruz (Co-Chair 2022 - 2023) ICD Uruguay
- Natalia Carfi Open Data Charter
- Aiden Eyakuze Twaweza
- Eka Gigauri TI Georgia
- Blair Glencorse Accountability Lab
- Lysa John CIVICUS
- Lucy McTernan Scottish Open Government Partnership
- Stephanie Muchai International Lawyers' Project
- Luben Panov European Center for Not-for-Profit Law
- Doug Rutzen International Center for Not-for-Profit Law
- Barbara Schreiner Water Integrity Network
- Juan Carlos Fernandez Andrade (Incoming member) Fundación Corona

Additional Guests

- Robin Hodess OGP Board of Directors, Secretary/Treasurer
- Maria Baron OGP Board of Directors, Chair
- Kety Tsanova OGP Board of Directors
- David Kode CIVICUS
- Nikhil Dutta International Center for Not-for-Profit Law

Apologies

- Government of Nigeria

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