

# OGP Steering Committee Working Level Meeting

Virtual | 2 July 2024 | 8am-10am ET

## Meeting Minutes

### 1. Governance Review [for SC approval]

- Blair Glencorse, Civil Society Co-chair, presented the [Governance Review report](#) on behalf of the Governance Review Task Force. Blair outlined the three main shifts proposed in the report and detailed the final adjustments made based on feedback received from SC members before tabling the Governance Review for final SC approval.
- SC members commended the Governance Review Task Force members for their work, and acknowledged the improvements made in the language and framing of the proposed shifts.
- SC members provided further suggestions for shaping the TORs of the new Programmatic Delivery Subcommittee, including ways to raise OGP's international profile by linking it with global partners and forums, mobilizing fundraising through project-specific contributions, and providing more opportunities for countries to showcase concrete reforms (with recognition).
- SC members also provided additional suggestions for ensuring that the proposed shifts concerning OGP Local are successfully implemented and requested the SU to provide an update on the TORs and next steps for the OGP Local Task Force in due course.
- The Governance Review Task Force clarified that while there is a shift in the SC mandate towards a more political and external leadership role, the SC is not losing its governance responsibilities, and emphasized the need to balance time investment between political strategy and procedural governance in order to achieve the objectives of the OGP strategy.
- Regarding the relationship between the different governance bodies of OGP, including the SC and the Board, it was suggested to be attentive during the implementation of the GR to ensure their roles are further aligned as needed.

**Decision:** The [OGP Governance Review](#) was approved by consensus of the Steering Committee.

### 2. OGP events during the 2024 UN General Assembly

- SU provided an update on the two events OGP is planning for the week of September 23, 2024 (an informative email was sent to SC members on July 3, 2024 with more details): i) A high-level event for Heads of State and Government in one of the major chambers of the UN headquarters, co-hosted by the governments of Kenya and Spain as current and incoming OGP Co-Chairs; and 2) An Open Government Leaders Roundtable at senior ministerial level, co-hosted with one of OGP's strategic partners in New York.
- SC members discussed ways to leverage these strategic events to secure high-level political support for priority issues with the Open Government Challenge, such as civic space. The GL subcommittee, with the support of the SU, agreed to take this feedback into consideration when developing the concept notes further and will keep the SC updated.

### 3. Mid-year strategic update from OGP Leadership:

- The Support Unit CEO and the Co-Chairs provided a mid-year strategic update to the SC, with additional details and next steps shared via circular after the call.