

# Open Government Partnership

## Leadership Subcommittee Monthly Call

8 May 2025 | 9:00 – 10:00 ET

**Attendees:** Government of Brazil (Livia Sobota, Flavia Schmidt), Government of Spain (Lázaro Tuñón, Lidia Perez Montero), Blair Glencorse, Cielo Magno, Steph Muchai, OGP Support Unit (SU)

**Apologies:** Government of Kenya

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Steering Committee Rotations - 15 min

- a. The SU provided an update on the 2025 Steering Committee (SC) [government elections](#):
  1. There are three open government seats on the SC this year, as current terms of Chile, Germany and Indonesia come to an end. Of these, Chile is eligible to run for a second term. The deadline to submit candidacy letters is June 7, and the election results will be announced by July 10.
  2. Several governments have expressed informal interest in running for the SC, but none have officially submitted candidacy letters yet.
  3. **Next steps:** The subcommittee will endorse candidates on a rolling basis based on whether candidates meet criteria to run for the SC (not based on the merits of any given candidate).
- b. Civil Society Co-Chair Cielo Magno provided an overview of the [civil society selection process](#) to fill three open seats as the terms of Natalia Carfi, Eka Gigauri, and Barbara Schreiner come to a close on September 30, 2025. All three members are eligible for second terms, and Natalia Carfi and Barbara Schreiner have formally expressed interest in continuing. In its April 16 meeting, the current CS SC endorsed both reappointments and strongly recommended their candidacies to the Selection Committee, which will make the final decision. The deadline for civil society applications is June 9, with results anticipated to be announced by July 10.

#### 2. OGP Ambassadors- 20 min

- a. The subcommittee discussed a draft revised terms of reference (TORs) for OGP Ambassadors in line with the March 20 [SC Resolution](#) mandating the CEO and Leadership Subcommittee to review the role and selection process. Subcommittee members provided the following feedback, to be incorporated into the final version:
  1. **Term length:** Terms should be three years long instead of five years to align with the SC and to increase flexibility for recruiting new ambassadors over time. Terms may be continually renewed based on strategic needs, mutual interest, and demonstrated engagement.

2. **Offboarding:** The TORs should include a more clearly defined process for offboarding ambassadors in exceptional circumstances.
3. **Selection Criteria:** Consider candidates from a diversity of backgrounds/sectors, e.g. high level private sector leaders that may not have direct open government experience or local leaders.
4. **Decision & Next Steps:**
  - a) The subcommittee approved the terms of reference, contingent on the SU incorporating feedback from Leadership in the final version.
  - b) The SU will circulate the final version as well as a shortlist of ambassador candidates with the full SC for any additional input. With support from the SC, the SU will begin outreach to ambassador candidates in the coming weeks.

### 3. Summit Declaration- 20 min

- a. The Government of Spain shared updates on a planned high-level declaration to reaffirm global political commitment to open government values at the OGP Global Summit. An initial draft, tabled by the SU, is currently under review. Subcommittee members provided input on both content and approach. Members agreed that It should focus on building consensus around broad open government principles rather than specific national issues. The Leadership Subcommittee will further discuss at what level to table the declaration, and the approach to do so.
- b. **Next steps:** The Government of Spain will share a revised draft of the declaration with the subcommittee for its consideration.

### 4. AOB- 5 min