

Open Government Partnership
Leadership Subcommittee Monthly Call
June 16, 9-10 AM ET

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Government of Brazil (Flavia Schmidt), Government of Spain (Lázaro Tuñón, Lidia Perez Moreno), Cielo Magno, Steph Muchai, OGP Support Unit (SU)

Apologies: Government of Kenya, Blair Glencorse

1. 2025 OGP Global Summit - 30 minutes

- a. The SU presented an update on the summit, including an overview of the high level agenda, breakout sessions, and logistical information.
- b. The subcommittee discussed an initial proposal for the high-level declaration to reaffirm global political commitment to open government values at the summit. Members suggested that the declaration includes a call to action to build on the momentum of Summit, acknowledges the diverse contexts across the Partnership, and reflects the current moment and challenges facing OGP and open government, while avoiding references to broader international conflicts.
 1. *Next Steps: Leadership Subcommittee members will share feedback on the draft declaration within two weeks (by June 30).* Government Steering Committee (SC) members and Civil Society SC members will discuss the revised draft during their respective meetings in July with the aim of endorsing the final text in advance of the Global Summit in October.

2. Ministerial SC meeting (October 7, in person) - 20 minutes

- a. The subcommittee discussed a draft ministerial meeting agenda, which is scheduled to take place in-person at the Global Summit on October 7. Members raised that diligent time management during the meeting will be essential given the range of topics covered in the agenda. Members also suggested leveraging this meeting as an opportunity for members to share examples of how they are using OGP as a tool to meet the moment in a time of global democratic backsliding.
 1. *Next Steps:* The Support Unit will incorporate feedback from the subcommittee and circulate a revised draft of the ministerial meeting agenda for the full SC's consideration ahead of its July 9 meetings.

3. 2025 SC Rotation- 10 minutes

- a. The Support Unit provided an update on government SC elections: One government, Norway, has formally submitted its candidacy (as of June 16), and the Government of Armenia intends to do so by the July 7 deadline.

- b. In light of the possibility of not receiving the minimum number of candidacies for the number of seats becoming vacant, the subcommittee discussed and agreed on the following path forward:
 - i. Endorse eligible candidates received by the July 7 deadline.
 - ii. Extend the deadline to September for only the remaining open seats.
 - iii. Continue to encourage governments to submit their candidacy to join the SC.
- c. The Support Unit provided an update on the civil society selection process, including a readout from the first Selection Committee meeting, which took place on June 16. In June and July, the Selection Committee will interview four candidates— two returning candidates and two new candidates. The committee will make its final selection by the end of July.