

Open Government Partnership

Leadership Subcommittee Monthly Call

April 7, 8:00–9:00 AM ET

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Government of Brazil: Daniel Mol (Special Advisor for International Affairs, CGU); Taís Julião (Project Coordinator, CGU)

Government of the Spain: Lidia Perez Moreno (Deputy Assistant Director, Ministry for Digital Transformation & Civil Service)

Government of the UK: Nicola Burgess (Senior Policy Lead, Democratic Governance, FCDO);

Civil Society: Cielo Magno (President, Bantay Kita/Publish What You Pay- Philippines); Laura Neuman (Senior Advisor, Office of the Vice President of Peace Programs, The Carter Center); Steph Muchai (OGP Lead Civil Society Co-Chair)

OGP Support Unit: Aidan Eyakuze (CEO); Paul Maassen (Chief of Global Programs); Rosario Pavese (Director of Country Support); Jaime Mercado (Lead, Governance & Global Programs); Rowan Sockwell (Global Programs and Partnerships Officer)

1. Discuss key Leadership Subcommittee (LS) retreat outputs and next steps- 30 min

- a. Members discussed a range of key messages arising from the LS retreat, and in particular how and from whom the messages to the Partnership should be issued. LS members raised that political asks are best fit to come from SC leadership, rather than from the SU.
- b. LS discussed several ways the OGP CEO and the Steering Committee (SC) co-chairs could communicate to the rest of the Partnership to advance distinct objectives in the coming months.
 1. **Open Letter from Co-Chairs to the Partnership** aimed at reinvigorating the community, signaling unified leadership, reaffirming commitment to OGP, and highlighting opportunities for engagement during this pivotal year. The SU will discuss options with the governments of Brazil-Steph Muchai and the UK-Laura Neuman.
 2. **Call to Action** with the specific goal of kicking off Open Gov Week in May and launching the OGP@15 Campaign. This could include messages embedded in the open letter, and/or a separate message from the CEO.
 3. **Letter to SC ministers** highlighting key asks for SC members, including video submissions for the OGP@15 Campaign, as well as high-level participation in OGP's UNGA event at Ford.
- c. **Next steps:** the SU will discuss the different options with the Lead Co-Chairs and provide initial draft letters/communications, as necessary, to advance the above items.
- d. **Open Gov Week (OGW) activation:**

LS agreed to ask all SC members to leverage OGW this year, in their own contexts, highlighting the importance of OGP@15, and to amplify others' events. LS will leverage its strategic leadership for high-level asks pertaining to the OGP@15 event around UNGA instead of OGW.

2. Preparation for April 8 Full Steering Committee Meeting- 30 min

- a. LS agreed on the strategic framing, flow, and expected outcomes of the April 8 SC meeting, and emphasized the importance of using the full SC as a moment to energize and positively engage members, rather than focusing narrowly on procedural updates from the SU. Despite the virtual format, the moderators will aim to create the sense of opportunity, potential, and energy that LS created at the in-person retreat.

- b. **Next steps:** The lead chairs agreed to meet prior to the meeting to align on moderation.