

OGP Steering Committee Meeting

April 8, 2026

Readout & Key Takeaways

1. Advancing OGP's Strategy: Staying the Course in a Shifting Landscape (40 min)

The Steering Committee (SC) discussed OGP's strategic priorities and the role of political leadership in advancing the Partnership's objectives through 2027. The SU presented its prioritization agenda and how it connects to the SC-approved [2025-27 work plan](#). The prioritization agenda is shaped by the following five priorities:

1. **An Upgraded, Universal Service Model**
2. **Focused Country and Thematic Impact**
3. **Visibility, Relevance, and Political Support**
4. **Sustainable Funding**
5. **A Stronger, Fit-for-Purpose Support Unit**

- **Geopolitical landscape and key asks:** Members discussed the challenges and opportunities of this moment globally. With multilateralism under sustained pressure and ongoing global conflicts, there is an urgent demand for credible, inclusive international dialogue. The SC reaffirmed OGP's role as a meaningful pillar of multilateral engagement and a practical instrument for advancing that dialogue. Additionally, members expressed broad support for the prioritization agenda.
- Five key political asks from the lead co-chairs (Government of Brazil and Steph Muchai) for the SC:
 1. Head of State/Government Video contributions from all SC government members as part of the OGP@15 Campaign.
 2. All SC ministers to participate at the OGP-Ford event on September 23 on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
 3. All SC members do leverage Open Gov Week and share their planned activities with the group for inspiration.
 4. All SC governments to submit their own country contributions and support outreach efforts to encourage peers to do the same.
 5. All SC members to leverage key events where they lead, host, or attend to showcase their own open government reforms, position OGP, or explore ways to involve OGP.
- **Broadening engagement:** Members discussed the need for OGP to engage a broader range of stakeholders, notably in the private sector. There is a need for private sector voices in the movement to reach different audiences. Members identified that a gap has emerged between the Partnership's capacity and the political advocacy of OGP; the SC can help to close this gap by promoting OGP in various fora, including bilateral

government interactions as well as other multilateral engagements (e.g. G20, G7, UNGA).

- **Language and Framing:** Members raised two substantive points on the prioritization agenda's framing: first, that "peace" and OGP's identity as a peaceful movement should feature more prominently in the Partnership's narrative; second, that the term "competitiveness" risks implying a zero-sum dynamic at odds with OGP's commitment to inclusive growth. The SU agreed to consider these suggestions and adopt new language if decided following internal deliberation.
- **Open Gov Week (OGW):** Members shared their various [plans for OGW](#) and committed to amplifying each others' events via social media. In particular, the governments of Brazil, Spain, and the Philippines each detailed their plans for the week, which focus on themes including access to information and local activation.

Next steps: 1. SC Members will follow up on the 5 key political asks, as outlined above. 2. SC members will amplify each others' OGW events, and the SU will share the OGW social media toolkit in order to facilitate this.

2. OGP@15: Campaign Objectives and SC Role (30 min)

The SC reviewed the scope and ambitions of the OGP@15 Campaign, organized around four goals:

1. **Increased recognition for OGP:** Capture and communicate clearly and compellingly the evidence and impact of 15 years of OGP.
 2. **Strengthened value perception of OGP:** Reimagine and define the next-generation OGP platform and services, ensuring they are responsive, relevant, and aligned with stakeholder needs.
 3. **Enhanced global visibility for OGP:** Make OGP's value and impact visible in the key spaces and with the stakeholders that matter most.
 4. **Expanded, active support for OGP from key members, political leaders and funders:** Strengthen financial and political support for OGP's next phase, securing renewed commitment from priority members, leaders, and funders.
- **SC participation in the campaign:** The SC's role in the campaign is both individual and collective. Members were asked to secure Head of State or Government video submissions and to confirm ministerial attendance at OGP's UNGA convening. Several SC members made commitments on both counts during the meeting.

Next steps: The SU will share detailed guidance on the process for submitting HoS/G videos. Formal invitations to ministers for the UNGA event will also be issued in the coming month.

3. Financial Sustainability: FY2026-27 Budget & Country Contributions (20 min)

The SU presented a high-level overview of the board-approved FY2026-27 budget, which aligns with the work plan and prioritization agenda. The presentation emphasized the key role country contributions can and should play in OGP's financial picture. The discussion surfaced both readiness and ideas for strengthening OGP's financial foundation

- **Country Contributions:** The key ask of government SC members is to pay their own country contributions as well as to encourage other OGP members to do so. At least one SC member has already contributed in 2026, while others committed to doing so on the call.
- **Diversifying revenue:** Members expressed openness to innovative funding mechanisms, including private sector engagement and exploring monetization of OGP's existing assets — notably the research and monitoring outputs of the Independent Reporting Mechanism. Members noted, however, that any such approaches would require careful deliberation, including close coordination with the Board, to ensure they are consistent with OGP's mission, independence, and credibility.

Next steps: The SU will coordinate bilaterally with government members to encourage OGP members more broadly to pay country contributions.

Attendees

Government of Brazil: Livia Sobota (National Secretary for Transparency and Access to Information, Comptroller General); Adriano Freitas (Federal Auditor, International Affairs Office, Comptroller General); Taís Julião (Project Coordinator, Comptroller General)

Government of the Dominican Republic: Berenice Barinas, Executive Director of Government Ethics and Integrity); Elizabet Diaz (Director of Transparency and Open Government),

Government of Estonia: Marten Lauri (Advisor, Government Office)

Government of Kenya: Viola Ochola (Director of Access to Information. Office of the Ombudsman)

Government of Philippines: (Glenn Miranda, Director, OGP Project Management Office, Department of Budget and Management)

Government of Norway: Maria Thorsnes (Policy Director, Ministry of Digitalisation and Public Governance)

Government of Morocco:

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

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

Civil Society:

Natalia Carfi, Executive Director, Open Data Charter

Anabel Cruz, Founding Director, ICD Uruguay

Blair Glencorse, CEO, Accountability Lab

Katerina Hadzi-Miceva Evans, Executive Director, European Center for Not-for-Profit Law

Zukiswa Kota, OGP, Civil Society Steering Committee Member

Stephanie Muchai, OGP, Lead Co-Chair, 2025-2026

Laura Neuman, Senior Advisor, The Carter Center

Doug Rutzen, Executive Director, International Center for Not-For-Profit Law

Barbara Schreiner, Executive Director, Water Integrity Network

OGP Support Unit (SU): Aidan Eyakuze (CEO); Paul Maassen (Deputy CEO), Denisse Miranda (Chief Finance and Operations Officer); Rudi Borrmann (Director, Communications, Content, and Community Engagement); Jaime Mercado (Lead, Governance and Global Programs); Rowan Sockwell (Global Programs and Partnerships Officer)

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