

**Open Government Partnership**  
Leadership Subcommittee (LS) Monthly Call  
June 10, 8:00-9:00 AM ET

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

**Government of Brazil:** : Livia Sobota (National Secretary for Transparency and Access to Information, CGU); Fernanda Calado (General Coordinator for the Promotion of Open Government, CGU); Taís Julião (Project Coordinator, CGU); Carolina Salazar (Project Coordinator, CGU); Adriano Freitas (Federal Auditor, International Affairs Office of CGU)

**Government of Spain:** Lázaro Tuñón (Deputy Director of Open Government, Ministry for Digital Transformation & Civil Service); Lourdes Calle (Head of Section, Subdirector General for Open Government, Ministry for Digital Transformation & Civil Service)

**Government of the United Kingdom (UK):** Stefan Kossoff (Head of Democratic Governance, FCDO); Nicola Burgess (Senior Policy Lead, Democratic Governance, FCDO); Roy Evans (Policy Advisor, Democratic Governance, FCDO); Matt Donnelly (Civil Service Strategy Unit, Cabinet Office)

**Civil Society:** Steph Muchai (OGP Lead Civil Society Co-Chair); Laura Neuman (Senior Advisor, Office of the Vice President of Peace Programs, The Carter Center)

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

**Apologies:** Cielo Magno (President, Bantay Kita/Publish What You Pay- Philippines)

**1. OGP Leaders Roundtable Key Messages- 20 min**

- a. **Context:** To mark OGP's 15th anniversary, OGP and the Ford Foundation will co-host a high-level OGP Leaders Roundtable – a strategic platform for participants to share their vision for OGP as an action-driven mechanism to promote democracy and good governance as well as an opportunity to position OGP as an answer to current geopolitical challenges. This will be OGP's highest-visibility platform of the year. Roundtable participants will include ministers, local government leaders, civil society leaders, funders, and multilateral partners.
- b. **Discussion:**
  1. LS members discussed key messages for the Roundtable dialogue: i. Diversity of the coalition: use this moment to showcase the range of political actors that form the Partnership, including across both the Global North and South. b. Frame OGP as a counterbalance to authoritarianism. c. Emphasize the central premise of OGP– linking governments with civil society to advance open government and expand civic space.

2. Leadership transition: The Incoming Chairs, The Government of the UK and Laura Neuman, raised the event as an opportunity to launch their co-chair priorities and introduce key action items for the coming year, building on the Government of Brazil and Steph Muchai's co-chairship.
3. Members proposed crafting a shared communications plan for LS members to draw on at the Roundtable.
- c. **Next steps:** LS will discuss key messages and action items for the convening with the full SC during its June 23 meeting.

## 2. UK-Laura Neuman emerging Co-Chair Agenda & next SC meeting- 20 min

- a. **Context:** The Incoming Co-Chairs and the SU met in London April 29-May 1 for a co-chair onboarding meeting and to discuss emerging priorities of their co-chair year, beginning on October 1, 2026.

The full SC meeting on June 23 serves as an opportunity to socialize emerging ideas from the co-chair agenda and to discuss with the wider SC how members can use the current and incoming co-chair years to advance [OGP's Strategy](#).

- b. **Discussion:**
  - i. The Incoming Chairs presented their emerging co-chair priorities for input from LS. While the framing is still in development, they highlighted several key thematic areas: 1. Public participation, 2. Tackling corruption and illicit finance, and 3. Digital democratic governance and artificial intelligence for the public good.
  - ii. The Incoming chairs will also prioritize strengthening the Partnership during their tenure, including reviewing governance structures to ensure they remain fit for purpose, advancing the strategic leadership of the SC, and further mobilizing Ministries of Foreign Affairs in OGP.
- c. **Next Steps:** Laura will share the emerging agenda with civil society SC members on their June 11 call, and the Incoming Chairs will present their draft agenda with the full SC on its June 23 call.

## 3. Strengthening OGP Steering Committee (SC) Structures- 15 min

- a. **Context:** The current SC structure was developed through the [Governance Review](#) completed by the SC in 2024. The SC undertook this review alongside the launch of OGP's 2023–28 Strategy to ensure the SC's mandate, structure, and ways of working remained fit for purpose to achieve the Strategy's objectives. The Governance Review anticipated that the SC structure should be revisited in two to three years. In line with that timeline, and prompted by feedback from SC members on how the SC operates, the SU gathered input and took stock of what has been working well as well as areas for improvement.
- b. **Discussion:**
  1. The SU presented an overview of suggested adjustments to further strengthen governance structures and ways of working, including

revisiting the standing subcommittees and task forces currently in place.

2. LS members underscored the importance of exploring all available options to strengthen existing SC bodies before considering sunseting them. The LS will revisit the proposal and other options available to make all bodies fit-for-purpose.
  3. Members also raised the idea of ‘thematic action groups’ and ‘regional coalitions’ that could play a role in the SC structure.
- c. **Next Steps:** The SU will circulate a revised proposal with a menu of options for changes to the SC structure. LS will discuss options on future LS calls before circulating a proposal to the full SC.

#### **4. AOB - 5 min**

- a. LS aligned on tentative dates for upcoming LS/SC activities, including the MFA initiative virtual briefing (date in July or September TBC), and the July LS monthly meeting (July 2, 8:00am ET), .