

Open Government Partnership

Governance and Leadership Monthly Call

12 September 2024 | 9:00AM- 10:00AM EST

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

- Anabel Cruz
- Blair Glencorse
- Cielo Magno
- Government of Spain (Lazaro Tunon, Celia Ortega)
- OGP Support Unit

Apologies: Government of Estonia, Government of Kenya

1. **Steering Committee Rotations** - 30 minutes

- a. The Government of Spain provided a preview of the Spain-Cielo draft co-chair agenda, focusing on strengthening public trust in government across three pillars: citizens, institutions, and technology.
- b. Cielo Magno highlighted the need to focus on both the national and subnational levels in the agenda and emphasized the importance of expanding civic space as a key element of the agenda.
- c. Anabel Cruz recommended concentrating on just a few key focus areas for the agenda and referencing past agendas to ensure continuity of OGP's strategic direction.
- d. For next steps, Spain will consolidate the draft agenda and present it to Spain's MSF for comment and input. A revised draft will be shared with the subcommittee with the aim of publishing a final version in October.
- e. Update on Co-Chair Recruitment (government and civil society)
 - i. On the civil society side, two strong candidates expressed interest for the co-chair role; the selection process is ongoing and expected to conclude in the next 10 days.
 - ii. The deadline for government candidates was extended until September 20, and no candidacies had been officially received by the time of the GL meeting
- f. GL discussed an initial proposal of the subcommittees composition starting October 1, 2024. The SU will follow up with a final proposal to GL for consideration. Once finalized, subcommittees will each select their own civil society and government co-chairs.
- g. GL agreed on a proposed SC Calendar for 2024-25, which will be shared to the rest of the SC.

2. UNGA Roundtable Coordination - 20 minutes

- a. The discussion then turned to plans for UNGA, including a walk-through of the OGP Leaders Roundtable agenda. The agenda remains in draft form and will be finalized by the Support Unit soon.
- b. Members emphasized the need for civil society leaders to participate actively and have a role in the agenda as well as the need for diligent time-management during the event, given how many attendees will speak in a limited amount of time.

3. Georgia Response Policy Case Updates [non-decisional] - 10 minutes

- a. The Support Unit described the ongoing response policy case and an overview of options for addressing the concerns raised. A proposed resolution will be tabled by C&S for full SC approval in the coming weeks.

4. AOB - 2 minutes

- a. The Support Unit extended a thank you to Kenya and Blair Glencorse for their roles as Lead Chairs over the past year as they prepare to hand over to Spain and Cielo Magno. The Support Unit also thanked Estonia and Anabel Cruz for their support as 'outgoing chairs' who will transition off of the GL subcommittee on October 1.