

# Open Government Partnership

## Governance and Leadership Monthly Call

6 June 2024 | 08:00 - 9:00 EDT

### Attendees

- Government of Spain: Lazaro Tuñon Sastre and Celia Ortega
- Government of Estonia: Marten Lauri
- Anabel Cruz, ICD Uruguay
- Blair Glencorse, Accountability Lab
- OGP Support Unit (SU)

### Apologies

- Government of Kenya

## Summary of action points and next steps

**1. UNGA - OGP Side events** - Head of State and Government event at the U.N. headquarters, and Open Government Leadership Roundtable

- The SU emphasized that the UNGA event is the most significant for OGP this year, serving as a crucial moment to convene leaders defending democracy. SU presented the revised concept notes for the UNGA side events, including the flow of events, targeted invitations, proposed moderator, and options for integrating non-HoS/G voices, including through video content. GL members emphasized the importance of involving more Civil Society voices in both events.
- There was broad agreement on the need to expedite introductions and collaboration with Kenyan and Spanish UN missions and the urgency to issue invitations.

### Agreed Next steps:

- GL governments to continue internal discussions with HoS/G offices to secure participation and progress planning.
- The governments of Kenya and Spain to introduce **SU to the relevant points of contact in their UN Permanent Missions** at the earliest possibility, to assist with and discuss logistical planning and content leading up to the event.
- SU will follow up with the governments of Kenya and Spain to expedite the **issuance of provisional invitations to targeted HoS/G including SC (via POCs) and other VIPs** (see timeline below).
- SU to prepare a list of champions and other high-level CSO representatives related to OGP and the event's topic and request additional suggestions from GL.
- SU to coordinate drafting an op-ed authored by the lead chairs to generate excitement ahead of the events.

**2. SC elections / call for co-chair candidates & proposals for GL outreach:** GL discussed ministerial-level outreach activities including holding trilateral meetings with newly elected SC

members (Chairs + SU + newly elected SC members), and sending a letter to all SC ministers calling for co-chair candidates, and congratulating newly elected ones. **Next steps:**

- SU will suggest appropriate time slots and possible combinations for these trilateral meetings.
- SU will share suggested drafts with the chairs for their review and signature;

**3. Governance Review update:** SU provided an overview of the final changes agreed by the Governance Review Task Force + timeline leading up to approval of the Governance Review changes by the Steering Committee on July 2nd, including the final window of the Governance Review, to cross-check, validate, and ensure clarity between the roles of the Steering Committee, the Board, and the Support Unit in the areas where they intersect. GL members particularly acknowledged the important role of subnational governments in promoting open government and enhancing democracy at various levels of governance and provided suggested framing ideas to include in the proposals going to the full SC.

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Proposed timeline for issuing HoS/G level invites:

- *June*: OGP SU to email a “Save the Date” to all working-level Steering Committee members with the concept notes, a timeline of next steps and FAQs we anticipate
- *mid-June*: Issue provisional invitations to targeted HoS/G including SC (via POCs) and other VIPs with more information to follow [TBD from SU (Sanjay) or one of the co-Chair Ministers]
- *ASAP in August* (after UN confirms assigned room):
  - Issue official invitations to HoS/G and other speakers as needed [from President Ruto and/or PM Sánchez]
  - Issue Note Verbale to all members’ missions at the UN
  - Open registration for non-HoS/G attendees

Timeline and steps for the Open Government Leaders Roundtable (SU to lead on logistics):

- Share concept and proposal to cohost - done; the SU is in discussion with Ford Foundation
- Draft provisional invitation list beyond the SC - started
- Issue invitations with FYI about the HoS/G level event (by end of June)