

Civil Society Steering Committee

Monthly Call | 13 November 2024

9:00-10:00 EST / 15:00-16:00 CET

Attendees: Anabel Cruz, Barbara Schreiner, Blair Glencorse, Cielo Magno, Doug Rutzen, Laura Neuman, Natalia Carfi, Niki Dutta, Steph Muchai, Zuki Kota, OGP Support Unit
Apologies: Eka Gigauri, Katerina Hadzi-Miceva Evans

Meeting Minutes

Civil Society Steering Committee Co-Chair Cielo Magno opened the meeting.

1. Cohort Retreat Final Agenda- **25 min**
 - a. The Support Unit provided an overview of the updated retreat agenda, which incorporates previous feedback from CS SC members.
 - b. Several SC members emphasized the need for a constructive, forward-thinking approach to the retreat. Rather than focusing on setbacks, members suggested focusing on what they can do to proactively address OGP's role in the changing geopolitical landscape.
2. Israel/Gaza - **25 min**
 - a. The Support Unit provided an overview of concerns raised by some SC members regarding the ongoing crisis in Gaza, and its implications for the values and principles of OGP. The Support Unit also indicated that at the request of SC members, the co-chairs decided to include this topic in the upcoming November 21 full SC call.
 - b. SC members asked how this issue fits under OGP's formal accountability mechanisms, and about the decision-making process for the SC.
 - c. SC members also shared input on possible approaches to discuss the issue with the full SC.
3. AOB - **10 min**
 - a. Cielo Magno provided an overview of the November 21 call agenda, which will primarily include: 1) An update on CEO recruitment, 2) A discussion of OGP's path forward on Israel/Gaza, and 3) A strategy spotlight on the Open Gov Challenge.