

# Open Government Partnership

## Criteria & Standards Call

21 January 2025 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM ET

### Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Government of Chile (Claudia Montero), Government of Estonia (Marten Lauri), Government of the United States (Daniel York; Kiril Jakimovski), Anabel Cruz, Doug Rutzen, Natalia Carfi, Niki Dutta, OGP Support Unit

**Apologies:** Government of Germany, Zuki Kota

#### 1. Introduction to C&S - 10 minutes

- a. The Support Unit provided new members, Government of Estonia and Anabel Cruz, with an overview of the role of the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee (C&S) in OGP governance. C&S oversees the implementation of OGP's rules and mechanisms (e.g. Response Policy; Procedural Review; Eligibility Review) to ensure that all OGP members uphold OGP values and processes. C&S also provides strategic input for the periodic development and review of policies that govern membership and participation in OGP.

#### 2. 2025 C&S work plan & co-chair selection - 25 minutes

- a. The subcommittee went over key areas of work for the subcommittee for this year, including:
  - i. An overview of the active response policy case (Georgia)
  - ii. C&S' role in leading the procedural review process
  - iii. C&S' role in monitoring countries' OGP eligibility, including identifying and agreeing on a new database to assess countries' asset disclosure
- b. Members discussed aspects of the work plan, including how the subcommittee can practically support OGP members under procedural review, as well as how to identify and select a new asset disclosure database to determine country eligibility. Members suggested discussing possible asset disclosure database options with external partners.
- c. The Support Unit called for government and civil society candidates to serve as subcommittee chairs.
  - i. Next steps: Co-chair candidates will be considered via circular on a no-objection basis.

#### 3. Procedural Review updates from 2024 Action Plans - 15 minutes

- a. The Support Unit provided an update on countries under review:
  - i. No longer under review: Norway, UK, Seychelles and Liberia
  - ii. Under Procedural Review: Mexico and South Africa (both require further deliberation)
  - iii. Currently inactive: Sri Lanka and Kyrgyz Republic (no action needed)