



OGP Civil Society Leaders' Workshop

25- 27 October 2017

Hivos (Raamweg 16, 2596), The Hague, Netherlands

Background

OGP annually convenes a peer to peer exchange for select civil society leaders. The 2017 workshop will have a focus on ***Expanding Civic Engagement through OGP*** and will be held from October 25-27 at the Hivos office in The Hague, Netherlands.

This year's workshop aims to help identify civil society challenges and explore solutions in the following areas: a) addressing declining citizen trust in institutions; b) fostering reforms to promote citizen engagement in policy processes (including through service delivery); c) fostering reforms to protect and create civic space and d) making co-creation processes stronger and more inclusive, with a special focus on bringing in non-traditional OGP actors (grassroots organizations, youth, media etc.).

Objectives

After this workshop, participants should have acquired the knowledge, skills, and networks to:

1. Deploy approaches used by peers in addressing thematic, process and other issues (identified by participants as important areas for peer exchange).
2. Develop value propositions and stories for making the case for reforms to enhance citizen engagement and civic space.
3. Catalyze ambitious commitments on citizen engagement and civic space in the 2018 NAP cycle based on country examples and good practices.
4. Identify and implement improvements to the OGP national dialogue and process in their countries, including by broadening the group of actors engaging with the process.
5. Contribute to position OGP as a home for open government solutions to expand civic engagement.
6. Explore ideas for the fightback to regain citizen trust

The workshop will furthermore provide participants an opportunity to interact with members of OGP's Civil Society Steering Committee and the Civil Society Engagement team. This creates opportunities to get the latest updates on OGP policy and strategy, share ideas and concerns and especially to inform their priorities and activities for 2018.

Day 1 (25th October)

Time	Session format	Participants' Preparation/Homework
8.30 - 10.00	Introduction: State of the Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discussion with OGP CEO Sanjay Pradhan on the global and country level outlook on OGP</i> 	All participants bring 1 challenge and 1 opportunity they would like to share with OGP leadership.
10.00 - 10.30	Coffee Break	
10.30 - 12.30	Country Deep Dives: Where are we now? <i>Facilitated by Paul Maassen, Director Civil Society Engagement Team</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Big picture on how OGP is doing from a civil society perspective? (10 min)</i> • <i>Country updates - context and civil society action updates (75 minutes)</i> • <i>CSE team rough thinking on 2018 activities and priorities (5 minutes)</i> • <i>Q&A and discussions (20 minutes)</i> 	All participants prepare a 3-4 minute (max) intervention covering the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are you in the OGP cycle? • How would you describe the overall civil society engagement and co-creation process in OGP in your country? • What are the key themes/ issue areas that are emerging in your country as policy reform priorities – both within and outside conversations around OGP? • What have been your big wins and challenges, and where do you need help?
12.30 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 15:30	Ideas for Pushback on Closing Civic Space <i>Facilitated by Aidan Eyakaze, OGP Steering Committee Member</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Session and objectives, and shares Tanzanian experience (10 min)</i> • <i>Overview of how the Support Unit/SC is responding to civic space challenges (changes in rules of the game, response policy, resources for promoting civic space reforms) (10 min)</i> • <i>Country experience sharing by participants on the trends in their countries and reforms undertaken within and outside OGP to improve civic space directly or indirectly. (15 minutes)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Nadia Shabani, Bulgaria ◦ Stephanie Muchai, Kenya ◦ Edetaen Ojo, Nigeria • <i>Breakout group discussions (45 min)</i> • <i>Report Back (10 min)</i> 	Speakers to prepare 4-5 minute interventions focussing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key trends in civic space you are observing in your country? • How is civil society in your country working to address civic space issues in your country or beyond? • What reforms within or outside OGP are helping to address civic space issues directly or indirectly? All, to bring ideas for breakout discussions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How are you working to address civic space issues in your country? What could we do collectively? 2. What could strong commitments to protect and expand civic space in OGP look like? What support is needed at the country level or globally to enable these?
15:30- 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 - 17:00	OGP in Challenging Contexts <i>Facilitated by Paul Maassen, Director, Civil Society Engagement, OGP Support Unit.</i> <i>Continuing from the previous discussion on civic space, this session will examine strategies adopted by civil society coalitions in countries that have seen a sharp decline in civic space, or government-civil society relations.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Paul introduces session and objectives (5 min)</i> • <i>Country experience sharing on nature of the challenges, tactics adopted, and lessons learned so far (20 minutes):</i> 	Speakers to prepare a 5-7 minute intervention focusing on how they have navigated government-civil society engagement within the OGP platform, in light of overall decline in civic space; reflections on what's worked and what hasn't, and what kind of support they need

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patricia Sarenas, Philippines ○ Lisa Rosenberg, United States ○ Ángel Ramírez, Guatemala ● <i>Reactions and Group Discussion (35 minutes)</i> 	
17:00 - 19:00	Networking and Reception (at Hivos)	
19:00 -	Dinner (Maharani, Noordeinde 93, The Hague)	

Day 2 (26th October)

Time	Session format	Participants' Preparation/Homework
9.00 - 10.00	<p>Citizen Trust and Civil Society <i>Facilitated by Mukelani Dimba, Co-Chair, OGP Steering Committee</i></p> <p>Introduction and overview of context (5-10 min)</p> <p>Small group discussion on declining trust of citizens in public institutions and how we can start countering this trend. Self reflection on how civil society needs to change how it operates to ensure legitimacy in the eyes of citizens and what is needed to make this happen (40 min)</p> <p>Reflections from the discussions (10 min)</p>	All to bring ideas on how civil society can help restore citizen trust in public institutions (including in civil society organisations)
10.00 - 10.30	Coffee Break	
10.30 - 12.30	<p>Reforms to Expand Citizen Engagement <i>Facilitated by Paul Maassen</i></p> <p><i>Paul introduces session and provides an overview of citizen engagement reforms across OGP and resources available to support greater ambition and implementation of reforms (15 min)</i></p> <p><i>Country experience sharing by participants (60 minutes, including Q&A)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tim Hughes, UK, Brexit Citizens' Assembly ● Agustina De Luca, Argentina, Citizen Engagement in the Electoral Process ● Isura Silva, ICTA Smart Circles ● Aidan Eyakuze, Tanzania, Citizen Voices and Uwezo ● Enkhtsetseg Dagva, Mongolia, Public hearings on new regulations ● Teele Pehk, Citizen Initiatives Platform, rahvaalgatus.ee <p><i>Group experience sharing and discussion on common challenges and potential solutions (45 minutes)</i></p>	<p>Speakers to prepare 10 minute interventions on their initiatives, focusing on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the challenge or opportunity you were working to address? ● What was your value proposition for the different stakeholders (ministers, bureaucrats, civil society etc)? ● What is important to know about the context that you were operating in? ● What were the desired outcomes? ● What had been tried before and what was new about this initiative? ● How are results being monitored, and what have been your findings till date? ● What were the 3-5 most transformative tactics, tools, or practices that furthered or will further this initiative? ● What would be the 1-3 things you may do differently next time?
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch Break	

13.30 - 15:30	Developing Strong Value Propositions and Stories <i>Facilitated by Beverley Robinson</i> With the help of a coach, co-create the value propositions and stories you need to push your government for stronger citizen engagement and civic space commitments in your countries	No additional preparation required.
15.30 - 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 - 17:30	Open Government at the Subnational Level <i>Facilitated by Aidan Eyakuze, OGP Steering Committee</i> <i>Aidan introduces session and provides brief overview of subnational progress in OGP (10 minutes)</i> <i>Participants' experience sharing (50)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bejo Untung, Indonesia, Village-level Planning and Budgeting Reforms • Asma Cherifi, Tunisia, Fixkairouan • Patricia Sarenas, Philippines, Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities • Despina Mitropoulou, GFOSS, European Smart Cities and other city-level initiatives • Ángel Ramírez, Guatemala, Open Municipalities <i>Group experience sharing and discussion on subnational opportunities and challenges (30 minutes)</i>	Speakers to prepare 10 minute interventions focusing on the following: Speakers to prepare 10 minute interventions on their initiatives, focusing on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the challenge or opportunity you were working to address? • What was the value proposition for the different stakeholders (subnational leaders, bureaucrats, civil society etc)? • How was the subnational unit of engagement selected? In ways if any does the initiative engage citizens? • When the initiative was designed, what were the desired outcomes? • What had been tried before and what was new about this initiative? • How are results being monitored? and what have been your findings till date? • What were the 3-5 most transformative tactics, tools, or practices that furthered or will further this initiative? • What would be the 1-3 things you may do differently next time? All to bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examples of subnational integration of OGP work in their country and/or think about ways they could integrate subnational work in their national OGP process
18.30 -	Dinner (Garoeda Restaurant, Kneuterdijk 18A, 2514 EN Den Haag, Netherlands)	

Day 3 (27th October)

Time	Session format	Participants' Preparation/Homework
9.00 - 10.30	Deepening the quality and depth of the national OGP dialogue <i>Facilitated by Tim Hughes, Director, Involve, UK</i> <i>Tim introduces briefly the new co-creation guidelines and the upcoming toolkit, and share</i>	Speakers to prepare 5 minute interventions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some of the innovations around co-creation that have been tried in your country? • How have you tried to engage non-traditional civil society actors in the national OGP process (for e.g. youth, grassroots organizations, media,

	<p><i>known examples and best practices (15 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Country experience sharing by participants.(30 minutes)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marija Risteska, Macedonia • Marta Ferrera, Paraguay • Edetaen Ojo, Nigeria • Michael Peter, Germany • Paul Bradley, Scotland <p><i>Breakout group discussions. Leading questions below (45 minutes)</i></p>	<p>private sector, etc.)? If so, with what experience?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are you working towards broadening the group of government actors engaging with OGP? <p>All to bring ideas for breakout discussions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the challenges you face in improving the co-creation process in your country? How are you working to resolve them? • What would be useful to include in a co-creation guidance and examples toolkit? What other support do you need?
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 - 12:00	<p>OGP Menu of Services</p> <p><i>Facilitated by Mohammad Ali Haider, Knowledge, Learning, Innovation and Capacity Building Team</i></p> <p>This session is to test ideas for coalition building and other services which will be offered as part of the OGP Support Unit's menu of services for countries.</p> <p><i>Participants share the challenges they face in building and sustaining broad-based OGP/open government coalitions or specific thematic coalitions and areas where peer or partner support might help.</i></p>	No specific preparations needed.
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00- 14:30	<p>Listening Post - your opportunity to engage with the Steering Committee on how OGP works for you, what you think, what you need, and hear from them what their plans are</p> <p><i>Facilitated by Maria Baron, OGP Steering Committee Member</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary conversation • Main topics can include guidelines/guidance, resources/support, OGP process, when the Steering Committee intervenes 	<p>All participants to bring their ideas and inputs for how the OGP Steering Committee can enhance/support the work done at country level.</p>
14.30 - 14.45 pm	Closing and Way Forward	No specific preparations needed