



SUMMARY OF THE 4TH NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The fourth NSC meeting of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Nigeria was held at Sheraton Hotel Abuja on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 with over 80 participants in attendance made up of the Honourable Minister of Communications; the Honourable Minister of State for Budget and National Planning; Director General, Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR); some Directors in government MDAs; development partners, steering committee members, OGP Secretariat staff and the media. Highlights and some resolutions reached at the meeting which was well coordinated and highly interactive are as follows:

1. All the decisions taken at the Third NSC meeting were said to have been implemented.
2. OGP Week was held with all the proposed activities carried out. Over 400 participants from across the nation were present during the programme.
3. OGP Champion initiative is in progress and the Secretariat will make presentation at the next NSC meeting.
4. There has been improved communication with Working Group chairs such that notices/information are sent to them before others
5. A report of the OGP Global Summit held at Tbilisi, Georgia July 16 – 19, 2018 has been developed and forwarded to members (online) on August 6, 2018. Members who were at the Summit are to critically read through and notify the Secretariat if there is anything left out in the report.
6. In line with Nigeria's inclusion as a member of the Global Steering Committee (GSC), it participated as an observer for the first time during the GSC meeting and it will hopefully participate as a full member during the next meeting which comes up in October 2018. The

Secretariat highlighted the need for Nigeria to pay her Annual Dues to the OGP Global Support Unit before the end of September.

7. Following the discussion on the need to review the criteria for the inclusion of sub-national governments to the OGP, a committee was set to review/develop fresh criteria for sub-national engagement in Nigeria as follows:
 - i. Media Rights Agenda (MRA) - Chair
 - ii. Publish What You Pay (PWYP) - Member
 - iii. Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators of Nigeria (ISCAN)
 - iv. Incoming State Actor Co-Chair/Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG)
 - v. Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR)
 - vi. Kaduna State OGP
- The need to add the SSG forum to the sub-national government approach to help create awareness on the OGP was highlighted.
8. National Coordinator briefed the members of ongoing efforts by the Federal Executive Council to strengthen measure for the implementation of the OGP in Nigeria. The Secretariat will update members as developments unfold
9. Members to review the draft Executive Order on OGP with a view to make comments/observations where necessary. They were given a timeframe of one week to send their inputs by email to the Secretariat.
10. A committee was set up to draft the next National Action Plan (NAP) which will take effect from 2019. The committee which is to be headed by the incoming non-state actor co-Chair and comprise of all thematic working group chairs. However, the committee was given the discretion to call on any technical expert it deems necessary in the course of carrying out its assignment.
11. The following contributions/suggestions were made by members regarding what should be reflected in the next NAP:
 - The area of legislative openness should be considered in view of the apparent blind spot around legislative process.

- The Anti-Corruption Working Group agreed that open parliament should be taken up and there should be a roll-over of all commitments or specific activities not fully implemented in the first NAP to the second one.
- The need to roll-over issues of Beneficial Ownership into the next NAP.
- Service delivery should be considered in the next NAP with specific focus on health and education as a thematic area.
- There should be commitment around opening the electoral process. Security architecture; gender, youth and persons with special needs; climate change and environment should be considered as well in the next NAP.
- Open data and commodity trading are key elements that promote extractive transparency. Therefore they should be considered in the next NAP.
- Considering the fact that sports integrity was one of the areas President Muhammadu Buhari committed to alongside corruption at the inception of the OGP initiative, it should be added in the next NAP since it was not in the first NAP.
- Independent and professional media should be equally considered.
- The need for more consultations especially through the social media was highlighted. In addition, a 'webinar' portal may be needed to drive citizens input into the next NAP.

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1. The representative of the Accountant General of the Federation informed members of a new development which will henceforth require OAGF to publish any payment above N5million made by MDAs. A memo was sent to OAGF from the Federal Ministry of Finance to this effect. The directive is being perfected in preparation for launch by the President as a dedicated website for the purpose of this initiative is currently undergoing a test-run process.
2. A proposal for the review of the NSC meeting structure received from the National Coordinator of PWYP was presented to members by the National Coordinator of OGP Secretariat. The proposal which touched on the need to make NSC meeting more business-like and brisk outlined what should be the agenda of the meeting. After some deliberations on this, the Hon Minister of State of Budget and National Planning advised Secretariat to send documents to be considered at the meeting in advance to members such that they can easily

comprehend and this will speed up proceedings at the meeting as well as help to manage time efficiently.

3. The need to standardize reporting templates of all the thematic working groups to make it easier to update progress was highlighted.

The meeting came to a close at exactly 1.58pm and a session of photography followed before participants went for lunch and dispersed subsequently