



Dear Sandra Celis, Alice Berggrum Comas and the Colombia OGP Team:

It is our pleasure to introduce you formally to José Hernandez Bonivento, the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) national researcher for Colombia.

As you know, the IRM is a unique and valuable part of participating in OGP. The researcher prepares a report on the country. The report covers OGP process (including development, consultation, and self assessment of the national action plan) and implementation of the self-determined commitments.

To carry out this work in a credible, evidence-based fashion, the IRM researcher will need to talk to both civil society and government. From your side, this means that we hope that you will make sure that they have access to the relevant officers in charge of the OGP process and in charge of commitments. On their end, the researcher will work to also gather the voices of other, non-governmental stakeholders. Additionally, the researcher will need access to any documentation you have on OGP progress thus far.

We understand that the IRM process can be intensive. The researchers will prepare their work according to a very tight timeline. The sooner all relevant information can be provided and meetings can be arranged, the better. This ensures that we get an accurate, comprehensive account of all that happened from an official perspective. Additionally, it ensures that we have the best quality product for you when it is time for government to give commentary on the document in December.

You can find out more about the IRM at this page, including the Procedures Manual that guides the IRM process: <http://www.opengovpartnership.org/about/about-irm> or you can email us at anytime at [irm@opengovpartnership.org](mailto:irm@opengovpartnership.org).

We appreciate your enthusiasm for transparency, participation, and accountability and look forward to working with you.

Sincere thanks,

Joseph Foti

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