Annex 3 - Interview Questionnaire

Name: ---
Position: ---
Role: ---

Interview introduction
Keystone Accountability has been hired on behalf of Open Contracting Partnership (OCP) to help implement a partner survey and conduct a series of interviews. The aim of these interviews is to identify key learnings from your relationship with OCP to help it improve its performance. The interviews will also feed into the survey design and are strictly confidential - Keystone Accountability will only report aggregated results anonymously to OCP; they will not know who said what. The first couple of questions give us a better understanding of who you are, but the bulk will focus on your relationship with OCP.

Keystone Accountability is a not-for-profit organization that helps social change organizations understand and improve their performance by harnessing feedback, especially from the people they serve.

Any questions before we get started?

Intro questions – Background data

1. In which country are you based and what do you do?
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2. Please choose one of the following that best describes your interaction with (1) open contracting in general and (2) the Open Contracting Partnership.
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     - Advocate
       - Private sector advocate (mostly targeting companies and private sector representatives)
       - Policy or governance advocate (mostly working with or in government to promote effective policy and good governance, “good cop”)
       - Activist or grassroots advocate (targeting or working outside government, demanding accountability, making a moral push, “bad cop”)
     - Implementer
       - Program or policy implementer (eg. project manager) in government
       - Technical implementer (eg. developer) for government(s)
       - Technical implementer (eg. developer) from civil society or media
     - Donor
       - Funder/donor to open government/open data projects
       - Funder/donor to procurement reform projects
Informer

○ Journalist - local/national
○ Journalist - international
○ Open data user
○ Academic/Researcher
○ Trainer/support provider
○ Other?

3. For how many years have you been following the OCP and its work? (6 months or less / 6 months to a year / 1-2 year / More than 2 years)

The following questions are more concerned with the actual interaction between you and the Open Contracting Partnership

4. In general, how credible do you find OCP’s advocacy and arguments? What have you found to be the most useful argument? Why? Thoughts about their advocacy work?

5. What has been the most useful way the OCP has supported your work, and why? What can you now do that you couldn't do before interacting with the OCP? (Please give examples.)

6. Are you familiar with the Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS)?

7. If yes, how useful do you find the Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS) documentation? How useful do you find the Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS) tools? (Examples: OCDS Validator, Extension creator, API specifications, etc. What could make them better? What is missing if anything?)

8. Have you interacted with the OCDS Helpdesk? How useful have you found the OCDS Helpdesk?

9. How has being part of the open contracting community impacted on relevant parts of your/your organisation’s work? (When thinking about impact, you may find it helpful to think about different domains of your work, such as your values, strategy, capacity, knowledge, culture, practices, visibility, connectivity to others, and reach.)
10. The OCP aims to make open contracting the new norm by 2022 - to achieve this they aim to build a field of open contracting champions and support providers. What do you believe is the most important service, product or resource that they should offer but which they currently do not? Are you confident that the OCP will achieve this overall goal? What do you feel the OCP has achieved in the past 12 months? What would you like the OCP to prioritise in the coming 12 months?

11. The OCP works to bring people together and share resources and experience. To what extent has your interaction with the OCP helped you to connect with other organisations who support your work? Why? Do you feel there is a close sense of community among the OCP network? Any examples?

12. For the OCP, building the size of the network is important, but we also want to have the right mix of different people in it. To what extent is the diversity of those involved in open contracting discussions adequate for achieving the strategies and meeting purposes of the OCP? In terms of outreach, who is missing and why? (One way to think about it is to ask whether constituents collectively comprise the different skills, experience, perspectives, interests, geographical representation, and influence required to enable the network to meet its goals.)

13. There are lot of different actors working on open contracting across the world. What aspect of their work would you like to learn more about and why?

14. What did we not ask that we should have asked? Any questions for us?