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Dear colleagues,

I'm delighted to update the invitation to tomorrow's open education and OGP call with the following news: Mr. Radu Puchiu, Romanian OGP lead and State Secretary in the Prime Minister's Chancellery will also present remarks.

Please join us for the conversation with Ovidiu Voicu and Radu Puchiu at 14:00 UTC tomorrow, on the following conference line: https://www.uberconference.com/SPARCconference or dial +1 ⬚ (no   B2
pin needed).

Access the recent Romanian National Action Plan with commitments to OER and open data & transparency in education here: http://www.opengovpartnership.org/country/romania/action-plan . We look forward to your country updates and questions for our speakers. Feel free to share this invite with interested colleagues.

Best regards,
Jennryn

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Dear colleagues,

I hope this email finds you well. This is to remind you of our monthly open education and Open Government Partnership call on 9/28 at 14:00 UTC/ 10:00 EDT on the following conference line: **https://www.uberconference.com/SPARCconference or dial +1 ⬚ (no pin needed).**   B2

Please join us for a conversation with Ovidiu Voicu, Executive Director of Romania's Center for Public Innovation. Ovidiu will share updates from Romania, including *recent OGP commitments to OER and open data & transparency in education!* We encourage everyone to share thoughts and questions, as well as their own country updates.

Speaker Bio: Ovidiu Voicu leads the Center Public Innovation, a spin-off of the Open Society Foundation Romania. He joined the Foundation in 2000 to coordinate its social research programs, and in April 2012, he took the leadership of the newly created public policy unit. In 2015, with the Foundation phasing-out its activities in Romania, Ovidiu and his team created the Center for Public Innovation, to continue the open society legacy and work on the ground. Ovidiu has an academic background in Computer Sciences and Political Sciences, and he specialized in social statistics. The Foundation, and now the Center, are the leading Romanian NGOs working in the field of open government, monitoring the implementation of the OGP Action Plan and actively supporting the public institutions responsible with it.

For background and notes from our last call, featuring SPARC's Director of Open Education, Nicole Allen, please see the bottom of this email.

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Background: Last fall, we hosted an open education workshop at the Open Government Partnership Summit in Mexico City. From the conversations started, we realized there was growing international interest in open educational resources (OER), and their overlap with OGP goals, including: government transparency, civil society and government collaboration, effective use of federal funds, and increased access to education. We wanted to create opportunities to continue momentum from the in person discussions, & provide additional support.

We co-host these global calls for civil society and government colleagues with the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) on a monthly bases. Our last call featured SPARC's Director of Open Education, Nicole Allen. Nicole leads SPARC's work on Open Education, with a dual focus on public policy and engaging the library community to advance this issue on college campuses. As an internationally recognized expert and leading voice in the movement for open education, Nicole shared the following tips:

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How to be an effective advocate and work with the policy process:

1. When you have identified a policy goal, understand the process by which the policy decision will be made. (Write out steps to see where you as an advocate can influence.)
2. Understanding where key decision makers are and what influences them.
3. Always think about the audience to whom you are advocating, and speak their language; in other words, don't talk about why you care about the issue--talk about why they care about it.
4. Worked with champions inside the government. Ideally civil society and government work in partnership.
5. Consult the people who will be affected by the policies. Understand those stakeholder concerns. (Applied example: Encourage faculty to publish open resources-- if you require it, there may be pushback.)
6. Start by asking for more than you expect to get. You can scale down later.
7. At the same time, understand that smaller commitments are better than no commitments. In other words: sometimes it's necessary to just get a 'foot in the door.' Look for easy wins.
8. Advocacy is a process. Recognize it will be hard and you will sometimes lose. That's ok-don't give up. (Note Gandhi quote: first they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you... then you win).

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