

LINDSEY MARCHESSAULT

To the members of the Open Government Multi-Stakeholder Forum,

Over the past several years, I have been deeply engaged with the Open Government Partnership through my work at the World Bank and the Open Contracting Partnership. I have worked with policy makers and civil society representatives in many countries (including Mexico, Colombia, Paraguay, the United States, the Ukraine, and Canada) to develop and implement OGP commitments related to Open Contracting.

I am currently part of the Senior Management Team of the Open Contracting Partnership. As Director of Data and Engagement, I am responsible for leading our technical assistance to partners, development of our core products and services (including the Open Contracting Data Standard), and contributing to the strategy of the organization. As part of my work, I lead high level engagement and advocacy efforts at the supranational, national, and subnational levels. For example, I successfully led engagement in the lead up to the UK Anti-Corruption summit convened by David Cameron last year. This advocacy resulted in 16 commitments to implement open contracting and the establishment of the 'Contracting 5' collaboration between Colombia, France, Mexico, the UK, and Ukraine. I am also leading engagement with the European Union, World Trade Organization, World Bank, and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. These engagements often involve collaboration with other multi-stakeholder initiatives and organizations, including NREGI, the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency, and local civil society champions to advocate for joined up approaches to governance reforms. By working together, we can achieve more impactful reforms, which is why I give so much importance to outreach and collaboration in my work.

While I was based in Washington, DC for several years, the Open Contracting Partnership has recently established a Canadian legal presence so that I could move back to Canada. I care deeply about the Open Government agenda and want to see Canada as co-chair lead by example by delivering reforms that are truly impactful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Lindsey Marchessault

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CAREER PROFILE

- Senior manager specialized in leading teams to deliver targeted technical assistance on complex governance reforms
 - Leading expert on public procurement, open data standards, and citizen engagement
 - Substantive knowledge of public financial management, governance of extractive industries, beneficial ownership, international tax, international investment law, legal reform, and dispute resolution
 - Manager who delivers results in research, advocacy, technical assistance, and impact through empowerment, process, team building, and technology
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OPEN CONTRACTING PARTNERSHIP, Washington DC

Oct 2015 – Present

Director, Data & Engagement

- Managing 20 people in multiple teams to deliver technical assistance in English, French, Spanish, and Russian to nearly 50 supranational, national, and subnational government to improve the value for money, integrity, fairness, and effectiveness of public contracting
- Implementing open data standards, user-centered collaborative design, feedback mechanisms between government and non-government actors to improve public contracting
- Overseeing the governance and ongoing improvement of the Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS), the leading global standard for procurement transparency being implemented in more than 20 countries
- Representing the Open Contracting Partnership at high level meetings with heads of state, ministers, and other senior officials at international events and forums, such as the Open Government Partnership, the EU, and the WTO, to advance open contracting
- Leading engagement with the EU to incorporate open contracting principles & the open contracting data standard into EU procurement standards
- Advocating joined up approaches to enhance interoperability of public information – such as budget data, corporate registers, EITI reports, and international aid data – in collaboration with partner organizations
- Providing inputs to the Open Contracting Partnership's strategies, fundraising, and results framework as part of the Senior Management team

Key Achievements

- Led engagement at the UK Anti-Corruption summit (May, 2016) convened by David Cameron that resulted in 16 country commitments to open contracting and the establishment of the 'Contracting 5' collaboration between Colombia, France, Mexico, the UK, and Ukraine to advance open contracting

- Led country support programs to governments and other stakeholders, including:
 - Ukraine – to document measured improvements in value for money, fairness of competition, and trust in government
 - Nepal – to engage students and community based organizations to use open data to monitor service delivery
 - Mexico – to pilot open contracting in a multi-billion dollar telecom Public Private Partnership
 - Nigeria – to work with a coalition of civil society organizations to establish a national open contracting portal
 - UK – to advance interoperability between procurement and beneficial ownership data
- Co-developed innovative tools to publish, validate and utilize OCDS data for civil society and government

WORLD BANK GROUP, Washington DC

Aug 2012 – Oct 2015

Senior Consultant, Governance Global Practice

- Delivered technical advice to make public contracting more transparent and accountable in Indonesia, Mexico, Nepal, South Africa, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Zambia
- Provided critical inputs as a member of the core team that developed the OCDS
- Led the consultations, drafting, and launch of the Open Contracting Principles
- Developed a methodology to assess the public contracting systems against open contracting principles and standards, and conducted assessments in South Africa, Vietnam, and Indonesia delivering recommendations for improvement
- Conducted an assessment of the governance of the Zambia mining sector, delivering recommendations for improvement
- Authored several comparative legal publications capturing best practices of open contracting and public participation in the budgeting process
- Contributed to the development of open source platforms for disclosure of investment contracts related to the oil, gas, mining, forestry and agriculture sectors in collaboration with the Natural Resource Governance Institute and Columbia University

WORLD BANK GROUP, Washington DC

Aug 2010 – Aug 2012

Council—Institutional Matters, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes

- Coordinated internal research and policies related to public international law, international investment law, arbitration procedure, ICSID membership issues, ICSID caseload, and other institutional matters
- Coordinated the annual meetings of Member States and the preparation of the annual report
- Co-managing editor of the *ICSID Review—Foreign Investment Law Journal*, the *Investment Treaties* collection, and the *Investment Laws of the World* collection

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- Conducted extensive legal research on matters related to natural resource, international investment, environmental, corporate, commercial, and securities law
 - Advised clients, drafted pleadings, performed due diligence, made applications in court, conducted negotiations, and drafted contracts
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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor (J.D.) (2008) *University of Ottawa*, Ontario, Canada

- Graduated *cum laude*
- *Ottawa Law Review*

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (2005) *McGill University*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

- Joint Honors, International Development Studies and Political Science
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PUBLICATIONS

Hayman, Gavin & Marchessault, Lindsey (2015), “Public Contracting”, in *Open Government Guide*, edited by Transparency & Accountability Initiative, available at <http://bit.ly/1NzDvhj>

Jarvis, Michael & Marchessault, Lindsey (Oxford University Press, 2015), “The Trend toward Open Contracting: Applicability and Implications for International Investment Agreements” in *Yearbook on International Investment Law & Policy 2013-2014*, edited by Andrea K Bjorklund

Marchessault, Lindsey (2013), “Open Contracting: Accountability through Enhanced Disclosure and Participation”, in *Commonwealth Governance Handbook 13/14*, page 77, available at <http://bit.ly/26tNLho>

Marchessault, Lindsey (2013), “Open Contracting: A New Frontier for Transparency and Accountability”, *World Bank Institute and Open Contracting Partnership*, available at <http://bit.ly/2xu93D6>

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York, USA (2010)
 - Alberta, Canada (2009)
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LANGUAGES

English (Native)

French (Advanced)

Spanish (Intermediate)