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Honourable Noxolo Kiviet
Minister of Public Service and Administration
Government of South Africa

Dear Minister Kiviet,

I am writing to express our appreciation for South Africa's engagement in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and for submitting South Africa's fifth OGP Action Plan on 31 March 2024.

I am also writing to inform you of South Africa's participation status in OGP. As outlined in my letter dated 27 March 2024, to date, the Government of South Africa has acted contrary to OGP process for three consecutive cycles and is currently under Procedural Review.

Following the third instance, and in line with the fair and consistent approach to upholding OGP requirements for all participating countries, the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee has resolved to maintain the Government of South Africa under Procedural Review until the OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) confirms compliance with minimum co-creation requirements in its newly submitted 2024-2026 action plan. This assessment will be part of the Action Plan Review Report, to be published within four months after the plan was delivered. In line with the resolution (attached for your reference), not meeting the minimum requirements may lead to a recommendation to the full Steering Committee to designate the Government of South Africa as inactive.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you during the implementation of your current action plan and of course, note with sincere appreciation the deposit of the required financial contribution to the OGP, which was made on 22 April 2024.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer



Resolution of the OGP Steering Committee Regarding the Participation Status of South Africa in the Open Government Partnership

15 April 2024

The Criteria & Standards Subcommittee extends its appreciation to the Government of South Africa for its engagement in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and acknowledges the five OGP action plans it has co-created thus far, including the most recent submission on 31 March 2024.

In August 2023, the Government of South Africa was placed under Procedural Review due to acting contrary to the OGP process in two consecutive action plan cycles¹: failing to meet minimum standards in implementing its 2020-22 action plan, and not delivering an action plan in 2022. Furthermore, it has not delivered a new action plan by the deadline of 31 December 2023.

Considering that the Government of South Africa has now acted contrary to the OGP process for three consecutive action plan cycles, and in line with the fair and consistent approach to upholding OGP requirements for all participating countries, the **Criteria & Standards Subcommittee resolves to maintain the Government of South Africa under Procedural Review until the OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) confirms compliance with minimum co-creation requirements in its newly submitted 2024-2026 action plan.** This assessment will be part of the Action Plan Review Report, to be published within four months after the plan is delivered. Failure to meet the minimum requirements may lead to a recommendation to the full Steering Committee to designate the Government of South Africa as inactive.

The Criteria & Standards Subcommittee remains committed to provide all necessary support to address this issue promptly.

¹ Letter for reference:

https://www.opengovpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/South-Africa_Under-Review-Letter_20230811.pdf