

## **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 cycles<sup>1</sup>: 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter for reference:

[https://www.opengovpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/South-Africa\\_Under-Review-Letter\\_20230811.pdf](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/South-Africa_Under-Review-Letter_20230811.pdf)