



Official Communication from the Open Government Partnership Support Unit

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Dear Ms. Jiyoung Kim,

We welcome South Korea's participation in the Open Government Partnership, which now has 64 countries working on national commitments to advance transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption and utilize technology to improve governance.

As you are aware the OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism publishes regular progress reports on each participating country. The OGP Articles of Governance state:

"Should the IRM process find that a participating government repeatedly (for two consecutive action plan cycles) acts contrary to OGP process or its Action Plan commitments (addenda B and C), and fails to adequately address issues raised by the IRM, the SC may upon recommendation of the Criteria and Standards (C/S) sub-committee review the participation of said government in OGP."

On recommendation of the Criteria and Standards subcommittee of OGP, this letter is to inform you that the 2014 IRM report found South Korea to be acting contrary to OGP process in its last National Action plan cycle.

This was due to the finding by the IRM that the National Action Plan was developed with neither online nor offline engagement with civil society, which runs counter to the expectation in the Articles of Governance that each country must: *Develop country action plans through a multi-stakeholder process, with the active engagement of citizens and civil society.* In order to avoid a future review by the Criteria and Standards subcommittee we recommend that South Korea make a concerted effort to involve citizens and civil society in the development of your new National Action Plan. Please see the guidelines available on this link: <http://www.opengovpartnership.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Additional%20Guidance%20Consultation%202014.pdf> or contact the Support Unit if you need more information.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support South Korea with all appropriate technical knowledge, peer exchange opportunities and guidance.

We thank you for your continued participation in the Open Government Partnership. We look forward to shortly receiving your second National Action Plan, for which the deadline to begin implementation on is 1st July 2014. Please do not hesitate to contact the OGP Support Unit if you require any assistance in the finalization of your Action Plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Frey".

Linda Frey
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