



14 November 2016

Mr. Maxie Cuffie
Minister of Public Administration
Government of Trinidad and Tobago

Dear Minister Cuffie,

We welcome the Government of Trinidad and Tobago's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now has 70 countries working to implement national commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability, and engagement of citizens in policy making.

As you are aware, the OGP Articles of Governance state that all participating countries are expected to: *Make concrete commitments, as part of a country action plan, that are ambitious and go beyond a country's current practice. All OGP participating governments are expected to develop National Action Plans that specify concrete commitments over a two year period.*

Countries more than four months late in submitting their National Action Plan (NAP) are considered acting contrary to the OGP process for that action plan cycle. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has not submitted its new NAP as of October 31, 2016, four months after the deadline of June 30, 2016.

This letter is to inform you that, based on OGP policies, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has now acted contrary to the OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles (A copy of the previous letter where we notified the government of Trinidad and Tobago is enclosed for your records). As such, the Support Unit has to refer the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee of the OGP Steering Committee, which will review Trinidad and Tobago's participation in OGP. We encourage the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to respond quickly with an update on the latest developments with regards to OGP in the country, so as to inform the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee in their deliberations.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support the Government of Trinidad and Tobago with all appropriate technical knowledge, peer exchange opportunities and guidance so that Trinidad and Tobago can re-engage in the OGP process and finalize the Action Plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Sanjay Pradhan".

Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer
OGP Support Unit