



September 12, 2017

Honourable Dr. Augustine P. Mahiga
Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation
Dar es Salaam
Republic of Tanzania

Dear Minister Mahiga,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 1, 2017 indicating the Government of Tanzania's withdrawal from the Open Government Partnership.

We are disappointed to lose such an active member of the Partnership. Tanzania was one of the first countries to join OGP after its launch in 2011 and it has set a high standard for consultation with civil society; making ambitious and transformative commitments that other countries have aimed to follow. Tanzania further demonstrated its regional leadership by successfully hosting the second of Africa's three OGP Regional Meetings, bringing together reformers from across the continent to advance our shared agenda of government that is responsive to citizens.

The most recent OGP National Action Plan (NAP) included commitments considered as making outstanding progress in opening government. The initiatives of the Government of Tanzania on open data, open budgets, transparency on land use and extractive industries as well as the gazettement of the "Access to Information Act" are key reforms that can make a real difference in people's lives.

As an independent participant in the OGP Subnational Program, Kigoma-Ujiji's engagement in the Partnership is recognized. As part of the pilot program, OGP will continue to provide technical support to the municipality and civil society partners to achieve their local goals in terms of open government.

We are confident that the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania will continue to foster and promote transparency, accountability and responsiveness to citizens. We also hope that Tanzania will in the future consider re-joining OGP as a global initiative. We stand ready to support you in any way that you may find useful.

Yours sincerely,
OGP Steering Committee Co-Chairs

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Mounir Mahjoubi
Minister of State for the Digital Sector
Government of France

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manish Bapna".

Manish Bapna
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