



March 22, 2016

Mr. Apisak Tantivorawong
Minister of Finance
Government of Thailand

Dear Minister Tantivorawong,

Thank you for your letter dated February 5, 2016, expressing your intention that the government of Thailand join the Open Government Partnership. We welcome your interest in participating in the OGP process with the 69 governments and thousands of civil society organizations that are already working together to enhance transparency, accountability and public participation.

Now that the letter has been received, there are a few steps which your government must take before you can be considered a fully participating country:

First, a government department should be appointed to lead the OGP process in Thailand. This department should have the power to lead cross-government coordination and help monitor implementation of open government reforms, once they are included in a National Action Plan. Your government should also designate an individual official-level point of contact within government that can coordinate with civil society to develop the first action plan.

Second, the government should begin engaging with a wide range of civil society organizations to co-create specific open government reforms as part of a National Action Plan. The action plan should be submitted by June 30, 2017.

Third, after your National Action Plan is published the government will need to work with civil society organisations to implement it over two years. OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism will begin an assessment of progress after one year and continue to issue reports in subsequent years.

Once the first two steps have been taken, Thailand will be considered a participating country in OGP. We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Joe Powell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joe Powell
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