

Resolution of the Governance and Leadership Subcommittee on the 2021 Steering Committee Elections

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The Governance and Leadership Subcommittee (GL) recognizes the vital leadership of the OGP Steering Committee, and the importance of recruiting strong candidates to serve as stewards of the partnership through an annual elections process.

The GL further recognizes the importance of the annual required country financial contributions to OGP, as stipulated in the Articles of Governance, and the central role that these play for the financial sustainability of the Partnership.

As stated in the Articles of Governance, one of the criteria to run for election is for participating countries to have paid their financial contribution to OGP. In accordance with this rule, a total of 49 countries would not be able to participate in this year's Steering Committee elections due to not having made financial contributions in 2020, thus excluding nearly two-thirds of all OGP countries from this process.

Recognizing the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent financial recession, and in the spirit of ensuring a credible, participatory and democratic elections process, the GL hereby resolves to waive this criteria for the 2021 elections. A review of these criteria will be undertaken in 2021.

We encourage all OGP members to meet their annual financial obligations in the future.

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