

28 March 2022

Dr. Berenice Barinas
Executive Director
General Direction of Government Ethics and Integrity
Government of the Dominican Republic

Dear Dr. Barinas,

We welcome the Government of the Dominican Republic's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 77 countries and 76 local governments working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy-making.

As you know, the Dominican Republic failed to meet the minimum co-creation standards in its 2018-20 action plan as notified in a letter dated July 14, 2020 and thus was considered to have acted contrary to process (a copy of the letter notifying the previous occurrence is enclosed for your records).

We greatly appreciate the letter sent by Dr. Milagros Ortiz Bosch on 8 November 2021, and acknowledge the work you have done since then in order to establish a Multi-Stakeholder Forum (MSF) to allow for the equal participation and influence of civil society, and start the action plan co-creation process in accordance with the OGP Participation and Co-creation standards. Considering that an MSF was not yet formally established, we understand your decision to shift action plan cycles in order to meet the required minimum standards and avoid being placed under Procedural Review for such a reason, which would have lasted until the assessment of the next action plan (i.e. for at least two years). Nevertheless, shifting action plan cycles, and consequently not delivering the action plan by the formal deadline, resulted in the Dominican Republic acting contrary to process for a second time and therefore being placed under Procedural Review by the Criteria & Standards (C&S) Subcommittee. However, this review process can and will be finalized upon the timely delivery of a new action plan no later than December 31, 2022.

We encourage you to continue work to deliver an ambitious action plan that could be showcased in the Dominican Republic regional meeting in September. We stand ready to provide you with any support necessary to ensure the timely delivery of the new plan and look forward to learning about the new and innovative commitments being co-created in the lead up to the regional meeting later this year.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer



14 July 2020

Dr. Lidio Cadet
Directorate General of Government Ethics and Integrity
Government of the Dominican Republic

Dear Director Cadet,

We welcome the Government of the Dominican Republic's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 78 countries working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy making.

As you are aware, the OGP Articles of Governance state that all participating governments are expected to co-create an action plan outlining a concrete set of open government reforms, in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards.

For its 2018-2020 action plan, the Government of the Dominican Republic did not meet the participation and co-creation requirements during the development of the action plan, as determined by the Independent Reporting Mechanism ("IRM"). Therefore, the Dominican Republic has acted contrary to the OGP process for this cycle. In order to avoid the possibility of future review by the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee of the OGP Steering Committee, we recommend that the Government of the Dominican Republic makes every effort to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards during the development of its next action plan.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. The Support Unit will contact you and your team to provide additional information regarding this assessment.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer
Open Government Partnership