

## **Resolution of the OGP Steering Committee Regarding the Participation Status of Israel in OGP**

24 March 2022

The Steering Committee welcomes Israel's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and recognizes the three action plans it has co-created since joining the OGP in 2011.

In February 2020, Israel was placed under Procedural Review due to failing to deliver an action plan on time for two consecutive action plan cycles. In addition, Israel has failed to deliver a new action plan by the 31 December 2021 deadline, and thus acted contrary to process again.

We acknowledge and welcome the progress made in developing Israel's fourth action plan and the high-level commitment of the government to ensure a strong co-creation process and to deliver the action plan as soon as possible, as outlined in the letter from Mr. Shahar Bracha, Acting CEO, Government ICT Authority of Israel from 10 January 2022<sup>1</sup>. We are hopeful Israel indeed will deliver a strong action plan this year.

However, in order to maintain a consistent and fair approach to enforcing OGP requirements asked of all participating countries, and considering that the government of Israel has now acted contrary to the OGP process for three consecutive action plan cycles as outlined above, **the Steering Committee hereby resolves to keep Israel under Procedural Review until 31 December 2022. Failure to deliver an action plan by this date, developed in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards, will automatically result in Israel being designated as inactive in the OGP as of 1 January 2023, without the need of further deliberation by the Steering Committee.**

The OGP Steering Committee further agrees to offer all the necessary support in order to help Israel remain engaged in the Partnership.

For countries designated inactive in the OGP, the inactivity status may last up to one year, or until:

- The country publishes an action plan, developed in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation Standards, or
- The country works with the Steering Committee to set a clear timeline to start a new action plan cycle and re-engage with civil society to develop a new action plan.

The inactivity status would be lifted immediately upon the submission of an OGP action plan. However, if a country remains inactive for a year without communicating its intention to continue to participate in the OGP, it would automatically be withdrawn from the list of OGP members.

Inactive countries are ineligible to participate in Steering Committee elections, and may only attend OGP events as observers for learning purposes. A country's inactive status will be noted on the OGP website and public information materials, where appropriate (e.g., in a list of participating OGP countries). Any country, whether in active or inactive status, may at any time decide itself to withdraw from the OGP.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Shahar Bracha, Acting CEO, Government ICT Authority of Israel (January 10, 2022): [https://www.opengovpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Israel\\_Request-to-Postpone-Submission-of-Action-Plan\\_20220110.pdf](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Israel_Request-to-Postpone-Submission-of-Action-Plan_20220110.pdf)

