

2 August 2022

Heather Wheeler
Parliamentary Secretary in the Cabinet Office
Government of the United Kingdom

Dear Ms Wheeler,

We welcome the Government of the United Kingdom's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 77 countries and 106 local governments working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy making.

As you are aware, all OGP participating governments are expected to co-create action plans outlining a concrete set of open government reforms, in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards and timelines.

In February 2021, the UK was placed under Procedural Review due to acting contrary to process for two consecutive action plan cycles (late delivery of its 2018-2020 action plan, and not meeting the minimum standards during co-creation of its 2019-21 action plan). Letters informing the UK of these instances are enclosed for your reference. Procedural Review involves enhanced support by the Support Unit and Steering Committee to help address the issues that have led to being placed in this status.

On August 1, 2022, the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) published the [2021-23 Action Plan Review](#), which establishes that the UK did not meet the minimum standards and therefore has now acted contrary to process for a third consecutive action plan cycle.

For now, the UK will remain under Procedural Review. This process can be concluded by meeting the minimum requirements during implementation of the UK's 2021-23 action plan as assessed by the IRM in the action plan's Results Report, to be published within four months after completing its implementation.

Furthermore, please be advised that the Procedural Review protocols outline that if a country acts contrary to process on numerous occasions and in different ways, the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee may, in consultation with the Support Unit, recommend that the country be designated as "inactive" in OGP. **The Criteria and Standards Subcommittee will review and discuss the UK's participation status in OGP when it meets in October 2022.**



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The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you during the implementation of your current action plan and the development of your next one to make sure all requirements are met.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer



10 February 2021

Julia Lopez MP
Parliamentary Secretary for the Cabinet Office
Government of the United Kingdom

Dear Ms Lopez,

We welcome the Government of the United Kingdom'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, all OGP 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 2019-2021 action plan, the Government of the United Kingdom did not meet the OGP minimum requirement for public influence during co-creation - "Involve" - as assessed by the Independent Reporting Mechanism ("IRM") in their [report](#). Therefore, the United Kingdom has acted contrary to the OGP process for that cycle.

The United Kingdom has now acted contrary to the OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles. A copy of the letter notifying the previous occurrence is enclosed for your records (late delivery of its 2018-2020 action plan). In line with [OGP policy](#), the United Kingdom will be placed under review by the OGP Criteria & Standards Subcommittee (C&S). This review process involves enhanced support by the C&S, the OGP Support Unit and the OGP Steering Committee in order to help address the issues that have led to it being placed under review.

The review process can be finalized by addressing the most recent occurrence of acting contrary to process. In this case, by meeting the minimum co-creation standards in the United Kingdom 2021-2023 action plan, as assessed by the IRM in the Action Plan Review report.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you during the implementation of your current action plan and the development of your next one to make sure all requirements are met.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

Margot James MP
Minister for Digital and the Creative Industries
United Kingdom

15 January 2019

Dear Minister James,

We welcome the Government of the United Kingdom's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 79 countries and 20 local governments 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. Governments that are more than four months late in submitting their action plan will be considered to have acted contrary to OGP process for that action plan cycle.

As of 1 January 2019, the United Kingdom has not submitted its action plan, four months after the deadline of 31 August 2018, and therefore has acted contrary to OGP process. As a result, the United Kingdom has been shifted from the "even year" to the "odd year" cohort of OGP participants, and considered to have started a new action plan cycle with a deadline of 31 August 2019 to submit its action plan. 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 United Kingdom makes every effort to deliver its action plan by the established deadline.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact the Support Unit if you require any assistance in the finalization of your action plan.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer
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