

## Open Government Partnership

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**Stanislas Guerini**  
**Minister for Transformation and Public Service**  
**Government of France**

Dear Minister Guerini,

We welcome the Government of France'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 an Action Plan outlining a concrete set of open government reforms, in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards.

For its 2021-2023 action plan, the Government of France 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, France has therefore acted contrary to the OGP process for the 2021-2023 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 France makes every effort to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards during the development and implementation of its next action plan. Please note that in 2021 the Steering Committee approved new Participation and Co-creation Standards that all OGP participating countries will have to observe in order to avoid acting contrary to process. Guidance on how to meet the new minimum participation and co-creation requirements can be found in the [OGP National Handbook](#); guidelines for their assessment by the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) can be found [here](#).

In this regard we very much welcome the positive and proactive engagement from DITP officials in recent months in exploring how to address the issues raised by the IRM and in so doing strengthen the France OGP process. In particular, recent efforts aimed at establishing a permanent OGP Multi-Stakeholder Forum as a space for ongoing government - civil society dialogue are an important development.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sanjay Pradhan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'S' being particularly large and stylized.

Sanjay Pradhan  
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