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Sarra Rejeb
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Dear Sarra Rejeb,

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

On June 27, 2022, the OGP Steering Committee approved the new "Eligibility Review" process to separate eligibility requirements to join and maintain a good standing in OGP, from the participation & co-creation requirements when developing and implementing action plans ("Procedural Review"). In line with the Eligibility Review process, countries that fall below the minimum core eligibility requirements for two consecutive years will receive enhanced support by the Support Unit and the Steering Committee until they meet the minimum requirements. The list of countries under Eligibility Review is published on the OGP website and updated on a rolling basis.

The OGP Support Unit updates the eligibility scores for all countries on an annual basis, based on the most up-to-date versions of objective, third-party indicators to determine a countries' performance on the following dimensions: fiscal transparency, access to information, public official's asset disclosure, and citizen engagement. Details about the OGP Eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

According to the latest update completed by the Support Unit in June 2022, Tunisia currently scores 11 out of 16 (69%) in OGP's eligibility criteria, below the minimum 75% required for all participating countries. This is the third consecutive year that Tunisia's eligibility score has remained below the minimum requirement. Copies of the letters dated September 16, 2020 and July 12, 2021 notifying of the first occurrences are enclosed for your records.

The updated rules means that Tunisia has been shifted from Procedural Review to Eligibility Review until it meets the minimum eligibility requirements. While failing to meet eligibility requirements alone will not result in being placed in 'inactive' status, it may inform such a decision by the Steering Committee if a country also fails to meet the minimum procedural requirements on numerous occasions.

We encourage Tunisia to leverage its action plan process to put into place reforms that help raise its OGP eligibility score above the minimum requirements. We stand ready to provide you and your team with any assistance necessary. If you consider any of these scores to be inaccurate or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the OGP Support Unit.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan



Chère Sarra Rejeb,

Nous saluons la participation du gouvernement de la Tunisie au Partenariat pour un gouvernement ouvert (OGP), qui comprend désormais 77 pays travaillant à la mise en œuvre des engagements du gouvernement ouvert pour promouvoir une plus grande transparence, responsabilité et engagement des citoyens dans l'élaboration des politiques.

Le 27 juin 2022, le comité directeur de l'OGP a approuvé le nouveau processus d'examen d'éligibilité pour séparer les conditions d'éligibilité pour rejoindre et maintenir une bonne réputation dans l'OGP, des exigences de participation et de co-création lors de l'élaboration et de la mise en œuvre des plans d'action ("Examen procédural"). Conformément au processus d'examen de l'éligibilité, les pays qui ne satisfont pas aux exigences minimales d'éligibilité de base pendant deux années consécutives recevront un soutien renforcé de la part de l'Unité d'appui et du Comité de pilotage jusqu'à ce qu'ils satisfassent aux exigences minimales. La liste des pays faisant l'objet d'un examen d'éligibilité est publiée sur le site Web de l'OGP et mise à jour sur une base continue.

L'unité de soutien OGP met à jour les scores d'éligibilité pour tous les pays sur une base annuelle, sur la base des versions les plus récentes d'indicateurs objectifs et tiers pour déterminer la performance d'un pays sur les dimensions suivantes : transparence budgétaire, accès à l'information, la divulgation des avoirs des agents publics et l'engagement des citoyens. Les détails sur les critères d'éligibilité OGP peuvent être trouvés [ici](#).

Selon la dernière mise à jour réalisée par l'Unité d'appui en juin 2022, la Tunisie obtient actuellement 11 sur 16 (69%) dans les critères d'éligibilité de l'OGP, en dessous du minimum 75% requis pour tous les pays participants. C'est la deuxième année consécutive que le score d'éligibilité de la Tunisie reste inférieur au minimum requis. Une copie de la lettre datée du 12 juillet 2021 notifiant le premier événement est jointe pour vos dossiers.

Les règles mises à jour signifient que la Tunisie est passé de l'examen procédural à l'examen d'éligibilité jusqu'à ce qu'il satisfasse aux exigences minimales d'éligibilité. Bien que le fait de ne pas satisfaire aux seules conditions d'éligibilité n'entraîne pas le statut «inactif», cela peut éclairer une telle décision par le Comité de pilotage si un pays ne satisfait pas non plus aux exigences procédurales minimales à de nombreuses reprises.

Nous encourageons la Tunisie à tirer parti de son processus de plan d'action pour mettre en place des réformes qui contribuent à augmenter son score d'éligibilité au PGO au-dessus des exigences minimales. Nous sommes prêts à vous fournir, à vous et à votre équipe, toute l'assistance nécessaire. Si vous considérez que l'un de ces scores est inexact ou si vous avez des questions, n'hésitez pas à contacter l'unité de support OGP.

Cordialement,



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July 12, 2021

Khaled Sellami
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Dear Director General Sellami,

We welcome the Government of Tunisia'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, OGP's eligibility criteria dictates that governments must meet a certain minimum threshold in key areas of open government in order to join and remain in the Partnership. The OGP Support Unit updates the eligibility scores for all countries on an annual basis, based on the most up-to-date versions of objective, third-party indicators to determine a countries' progress on each of the following dimensions: Fiscal Transparency, Access to Information, Public Officials' Asset Disclosure and Citizen Engagement.

According to the latest update completed by the Support Unit in June 2021, Tunisia currently scores 2 out of 4 in Fiscal Transparency; 4 out of 4 in Access to Information; 2 out of 4 in Asset Disclosure; and 3 out of 4 in Citizen Engagement. Therefore, the Government of Tunisia currently scores 11 out of 16 (69%) in OGP's eligibility criteria, below the minimum 75% required for all participating countries.

This is the second consecutive year that Tunisia's eligibility score has remained below the minimum requirement. A copy of the letter dated 16 September 2020 notifying of the first occurrence is enclosed for your records. In this regard, the OGP Articles of Governance state:

"If a Participating Country's Core Eligibility score falls below the minimum performance criteria, as reported to the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee by the Support Unit, it should take immediate and explicit steps to address the situation so that it meets the criteria within one year of that determination. If a country fails to meet the Core Eligibility Criteria within that one-year period, the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee will place the country under Procedural Review..." (Article II.B.3)

Consequently, in line with the OGP Articles of Governance, the government of Tunisia has been placed under Procedural Review and must take the necessary steps to raise above the minimum eligibility criteria. If Tunisia fails to raise its score by the next annual update (typically completed by June of each year), it will risk being designated as *inactive* in OGP.

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If you consider any of these scores to be inaccurate or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the OGP Support Unit. We stand ready to provide you and your team with any assistance necessary to help raise Tunisia's OGP eligibility score.

Yours sincerely,



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16 September 2020

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Dear Director General Sellami,

We welcome the Government of Tunisia'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 may be aware, OGP's eligibility criteria dictates that governments must meet a certain minimum threshold in key areas of open government in order to join and remain in the Partnership. The OGP Support Unit updates the eligibility scores for all countries based on the most up-to-date versions of objective, third-party indicators that are used to determine the extent of countries' progress on each of the following dimensions: Fiscal Transparency, Access to Information, Public Officials' Asset Disclosure and Citizen Engagement.

The most recent update shows that the Government of Tunisia has not published its 2016 Audit Report on time (as assessed by the International Budget Partnership's Open Budget Survey, no later than eighteen months after the end of the reporting year) and has consequently fallen below the minimum eligibility score that is required for all OGP members. In this regard, the OGP Articles of Governance state:

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In line with the Articles of Governance, Tunisia must take the necessary steps to raise above the minimum eligibility criteria by 31 July, 2021 to avoid being placed under Procedural Review.

We stand ready to provide you and your team with any assistance necessary to help raise Tunisia's OGP eligibility score. If you have any questions or require any further support, please do not hesitate to contact the OGP Support Unit.

Yours sincerely,



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