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Dear Kevin,
Dear members of the UK Open Government Civil Society Network,

Thank you for your letter dated October 12, 2022, and for sharing the very helpful overview of the recent meetings hosted by the UK Open Government Network (UK OGN), and the positioning of the civil society organizations regarding the UK's participation status in OGP.

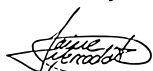
The concerns and requests outlined in your letter were shared and discussed with the Criteria & Standards (C&S) Subcommittee during its October 14 meeting. As you are aware, the Subcommittee met to review and discuss the events that led to the UK being placed under procedural review in 2021, and the most recent findings from the Independent Reporting Mechanism indicating that the UK has not met the minimum co-creation standards in its 2021-23 Action Plan, thus acting contrary to OGP process for a third consecutive cycle.

The Subcommittee agreed that any course of action must align with the [Procedural Review](#) guidelines in order to ensure a fair and equal application of the rules and minimum requirements expected from all OGP members. Furthermore, the C&S agreed to use the Governance Review process embedded in the development of the 2023-28 OGP Strategy to review and discuss the protocol to follow when an OGP Steering Committee government is designated 'inactive'.

Following this initial discussion, and considering the recent political changes in the UK, the C&S Subcommittee agreed to reconvene in early December to revisit this issue with the aim to make a recommendation on the future status of the UK's participation in OGP. To inform its deliberations, the Subcommittee has invited the UK government to provide an updated positioning regarding its participation in OGP, and to share its plans to ensure a successful implementation of the UK's 2021-23 Action Plan.

We look forward to sharing the outcomes of our next meeting in due course. Thank you for your continued engagement in OGP.

Sincerely,



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(On behalf of the Co-Chairs of the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee)

