

**Resolution of the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee  
regarding the Participation Status of the United Kingdom in OGP**

December 20, 2022

The Criteria & Standards Subcommittee welcomes the United Kingdom's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and recognizes the five action plans it has co-created since co-founding the OGP in 2011.

Furthermore, the C&S Subcommittee welcomes the commitment to open government and participation in the Partnership, and the efforts made by UK government and civil society actors to deliver the commitments in the UK's 2021-23 OGP Action Plan outlined in the [letter](#)<sup>1</sup> from Alex Burghart MP, Parliamentary Secretary for the Cabinet Office, dated November 29, 2022.

In February 2021, the UK was placed under Procedural Review due to acting contrary to process for two consecutive action plan cycles (failing to deliver its 2018-20 Action Plan on time; and failure to meet the minimum co-creation requirements in its 2019-21 Action Plan). In addition, the UK has failed to meet the minimum requirements in the co-creation of its 2021-23 Action Plan.

Considering that the government of the UK has now acted contrary to the OGP process for three consecutive action plan cycles as outlined above, and striving to maintain a consistent and fair approach to enforcing OGP requirements asked of all participating countries, **the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee hereby resolves to maintain the UK under Procedural Review** until the IRM concludes that it has met the minimum requirements in the implementation of the 2021-23 Action Plan, as assessed in the Results Report to be published within four months after completing implementation (Q1 2024). Furthermore, to prevent being recommended for inactivity to the full Steering Committee, the C&S Subcommittee asks the UK government to provide evidence of meeting the minimum requirements during implementation of the 2021-23 Action Plan by 30 June 2023.<sup>2</sup> Failure to do so would result in the C&S subcommittee automatically recommending the full Steering Committee to place the UK under inactive status.

The Subcommittee expresses its concern over the situation at hand and respectfully calls on the UK government, a founding member of OGP and current Steering Committee member, to strive to lead by example in its domestic OGP process (e.g., by going beyond the minimum requirements in the new Participation & Co-Creation Standards). The C&S Subcommittee stands ready to provide all the necessary support to resolve this situation as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Alex Burghart MP, Parliamentary Secretary for the Cabinet Office to the OGP CEO (November 29, 2022):

[https://www.opengovpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/United-Kingdom\\_Update-Process-Response-to-Contrary-to-Process-Letter\\_20221129.pdf](https://www.opengovpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/United-Kingdom_Update-Process-Response-to-Contrary-to-Process-Letter_20221129.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Under the 2017 version of the [Participation and Co-creation Standards](#) by which the UK will be assessed, in order to meet the minimum requirements the UK has to meet the International Association for Public Participation "inform" during implementation of the NAP as assessed by the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) and collect, publish and document a repository on the national OGP website/webpage in line with IRM guidance.