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Ahmed Afif
Vice President
Government of Seychelles

Dear Vice President Afif,

We welcome the Government of Seychelles participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 76 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.

Unfortunately, the OGP Support Unit did not receive a new action plan from the government of Seychelles by the deadline of December 31, 2022. Therefore, Seychelles has acted contrary to the OGP process for the 2022-2024 cycle. This is Seychelles' third consecutive cycle acting contrary to process (failure to meet minimum standards in its 2019-2021 action plan and failure to submit a 2021-23 action plan by 31 December 2021).

The Criteria & Standards (C&S) Subcommittee — the body in charge of upholding OGP's policies and procedures — will review Seychelles' participation in OGP during their meeting in mid-February. Following the C&S Subcommittee's deliberations, you will be informed of their decision.

The Support Unit remains at your team's disposal to provide the necessary support to finalize and successfully deliver Seychelles' OGP action plan in the planned period.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer



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**The Honorable Nadeer Hassan
Minister for Finance
Economic Planning and Trade
Government of Seychelles**

Dear Minister Hassan,

We welcome the Government of Seychelles's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 77 countries and 76 local governments working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy-making.

This letter is to inform you that Seychelles has acted contrary to process for its 2019-2021 action plan by not publishing an OGP repository with evidence of implementation or co-creation, as assessed by the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) in their [latest report](#).

Seychelles has now acted contrary to process for two consecutive action plan cycles. A copy of the letter notifying the previous occurrence (failure to submit a 2021-23 Action Plan by 31 December 2021) is enclosed for your records. In line with OGP policy, Seychelles will be placed under Procedural Review by the Criteria & Standards (C&S) Subcommittee, which involves enhanced support to help address the issues that have led to this review.

The review process can be finalized by submitting a new action plan by the deadline of 31 December 2022. In order to avoid the possibility of further review by the C&S Subcommittee, we recommend that the Government of Seychelles makes every effort to meet this deadline.

While we encourage the swift development of Seychelles's action plan, it is important to underscore the need to meet minimum standards. 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 materials for the new standards will be available soon.

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 have any questions regarding this notification.

Yours sincerely,



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Minister Nadeer Hassan
Minister for Finance, Economic Planning and Trade
Government of Seychelles

Dear Minister Hassan,

We welcome the Government of Seychelles's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 78 countries and 76 local governments working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy-making.

This letter is to inform you that as of the deadline of 31 December 2021, the Support Unit has not received Seychelles's 2021-23 Action Plan, and therefore has acted contrary to the OGP process. The Government of Seychelles is also now considered to have started a new action plan cycle.

Please be mindful that in 2021 the Steering Committee approved new Participation and Co-creation Standards that all OGP participating countries will have to observe. As per the new standards, your new Action Plan has to be delivered before 31 December 2022 in order to avoid acting contrary to the OGP process again. Governments that act contrary to process for two consecutive cycles are placed under review by the OGP Steering Committee, which involves enhanced support to resolve the issues that led to being placed in that status. Guidance materials for the new standards will be available soon.

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 have any questions regarding this notification.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
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