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**Honourable Noxolo Kiviet
Minister of Public Service and Administration
Government of South Africa**

Dear Minister Kiviet,

We welcome the Government of South Africa's 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.

We recognize South Africa's efforts and the initial documents submitted that reflect the Cabinet approved high-level commitments and complementarity between OGP and APRM. The commitments show broad political support and potential ambition. However, as of December 31, 2022, the OGP Support Unit did not receive the final new action plan from the government of South Africa. Therefore, South Africa has acted contrary to the OGP process for the 2022-2024 cycle. The government of South Africa is also now considered to have started a new action plan cycle. South Africa's new action plan must be delivered by 31 December 2023.

Failure to meet this deadline would result in South Africa acting contrary to OGP process for a second consecutive cycle, and therefore would be placed under Procedural Review by the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you during the implementation of your current action plan and the development of your next one to make sure all requirements are met.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer