

Open Government Partnership

Criteria & Standards Monthly Call

16 February 2023 | 09:30 - 10:30 EDT

Summary

Attendees

- Lucy McTernan, Scottish OGP
- Government of Germany: Sebastian Haselbeck
- Natalia Carfi, ODC
- Doug Rutzen, ICNL
- Government of Canada: Jean Cardinal, Minverva Hernandez-Iraheta
- Government of Chile: Claudia Montero

Apologies

- Lysa John
- Government of Nigeria

Summary of discussion and next steps

- Criteria and Standards (C&S) pleased to see the progress made by countries that were previously under review/inactivity and applauds the efforts made to regain active status.
- C&S instructed the Support Unit (SU) to draft resolutions for the five countries that have acted contrary to process in different ways for three consecutive action plan cycles (Albania, Norway, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Sweden). Resolutions should include that in order to end the review process they must submit action plans by December 31, 2023 and meet the minimum standards. Failure to deliver an action plan by this deadline would result in being recommended for inactivity. **Action:** SU to draft resolutions and send to C&S for approval via circular.
- C&S members offered to support these countries, including by conducting outreach to government and civil society counterparts. C&S chairs will update the rest of the SC and invite others who are willing and able to support engagement efforts to get in touch with the SU for further coordination.

Agenda

I. Procedural Review update Q1 2023 (45 min)

The deadline to submit action plans to avoid acting contrary to process was December 31, 2022. Below is an overview of which countries regained active status, which are under Procedural Review, and which are inactive in OGP.

According to the Procedural Review policy, if a country fails to deliver an action plan for three consecutive years, the C&S Subcommittee will automatically recommend that the country be designated as “inactive” in OGP by resolution of the Steering Committee. The C&S Subcommittee, in consultation with the Support Unit, may also recommend inactivity when a country acts contrary to process on numerous occasions and in different ways. Detailed Procedural Review policy and protocols can be found [here](#).

For C&S discussion: Consider ways to approach cases of countries that have now acted contrary to process for multiple occasions (e.g. for failing to meet standards or not submitting an action plan on time) but that have otherwise active OGP processes.

A. No longer inactive

1. Malawi

B. No longer under review

1. Cabo Verde
2. Dominican Republic

C. Inactive Countries, resolutions set, no further C&S action recommended:

1. Israel newly inactive following [SC resolution from 2022](#)
2. [El Salvador](#) and [Malta](#) remain inactive and must submit AP by March 24, 2023 to not be withdrawn from OGP

D. Countries Under Review, new acting contrary to process instance, no further C&S action recommended:

1. Australia - No AP submitted in 2021 or 2022
2. Georgia - No AP submitted in 2021 or 2022
3. Greece - Late AP in 2018 and did not meet standards in 2019-21 AP
4. Honduras - No AP submitted in 2021 or 2022
5. Kyrgyz Republic - No AP submitted in 2021 or 2022
6. Moldova - No AP submitted in 2021 or 2022

E. Countries Under Review, no new acting contrary to process instances and no further C&S action recommended:

1. United Kingdom - Late AP in 2018; did not meet standards in 2019-21 AP or 2021-23 AP

F. Countries Under Review, new acting contrary to process instance, C&S action recommended:

1. Albania - did not meet standards in 2018-20 AP or 2020-22 AP; no plan submitted in 2022
2. Norway - Late AP in 2018 and did not meet standards in 2019-22 AP; did not submit AP in 2022
3. Seychelles - did not meet standards 2019-21 AP; did not submit AP in 2021 or 2022
4. Sri Lanka - did not meet standards 2019-21 AP; did not submit AP in 2021 or 2022
5. Sweden - Late AP in 2018; did not meet standards in 2019-22 AP; did not submit AP in 2022