

## **Resolution of the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee regarding the participation status of Sri Lanka in OGP**

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The Criteria & Standards Subcommittee welcomes Sri Lanka's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and recognizes the 2 OGP action plans it has co-created to date.

In February 2023, the Government of Sri Lanka was placed under Procedural Review due to acting contrary to process for two consecutive action plan cycles (failure to meet minimum standards in its 2019-2021 action plan and failure to submit a 2021-23 action plan by 31 December 2021). Furthermore, the government of Sri Lanka did not deliver a new action plan by the December 31, 2022 deadline.

Considering that the Government of Sri Lanka has now acted contrary to the OGP process for three consecutive action plan cycles, and in line with the fair and consistent approach to enforcing OGP requirements for all participating countries, the **Criteria & Standards Subcommittee hereby resolves to maintain the government of Sri Lanka under Procedural Review** until the IRM concludes that it has met the minimum requirements in the co-creation of its new OGP Action Plan, as assessed in the Action Plan Review report to be published within four months after submitting the plan.

Furthermore, to prevent being recommended for inactivity to the full Steering Committee, the Government of Sri Lanka would have to submit a new action plan by December 31, 2023. Not submitting an action plan by this date will result in a recommendation to the full SC to place Sri Lanka in inactive status. Not meeting the minimum requirements in the new action plan, or otherwise acting contrary to process, could also lead to inactivity recommendation.

The C&S Subcommittee remains committed to provide all necessary support to resolve this matter as soon as possible.

