

## Open Government Partnership

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Johnny S. Tarkpah  
Deputy Minister for Administration  
Ministry of Information Culture Affairs and Tourism

Dear Deputy Minister Tarkpah,

I'm writing to express our appreciation for the Government of Liberia's participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), a global initiative encompassing 76 countries and 106 local governments dedicated to advancing transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy making.

Central to participation in OGP is the co-creation of an action plan by each member government, outlining specific open government reforms consistent with OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards.

Regrettably, the OGP Support Unit did not receive an action plan from the Government of Liberia by the 31 December 2023 deadline. Consequently, the Government of Liberia has acted contrary to the OGP process for the 2023-2025 cycle.

This marks the second consecutive cycle in which the Government of Liberia has acted contrary to the OGP process (the first occurrence was failing to deliver an action plan in 2022). In accordance with OGP policy, Liberia has been placed under "Procedural Review" by the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee (C&S). This review process entails enhanced support from the OGP Support Unit and the Steering Committee to address the underlying issues leading to the review.

The Procedural Review can be resolved by submitting an OGP action plan by the upcoming deadline of 31 December 2024. Any country failing to deliver an action plan for three consecutive years will be recommended by the C&S Subcommittee to be designated as "inactive" within OGP. To avert the risk of such designation and to resolve the Procedural Review, the Government of Liberia must submit a new action plan by 31 December 2024. We congratulate Liberia on its peaceful elections in October 2023 and the establishment of its government in February 2024. We hope that the OGP and the development of its outstanding NAP will be used as an opportunity to shape impactful open government reforms that contribute to the policy priorities of the newly elected government.

Please be assured of our unwavering commitment to assisting you in implementing your current action plan and developing the next one, ensuring full compliance with all requirements.

Yours sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan  
Chief Executive Officer

