

**Resolution of the OGP Steering Committee regarding the Government  
Eligibility Criteria to Serve on the Steering Committee  
April 11, 2025**

Acknowledging the Steering Committee's (SC) responsibility to oversee the elections of SC members, and recognizing the need to streamline the government SC eligibility criteria to better reflect current rules and enhance expectations of the SC role approved in the 2024 Governance Review, the OGP Steering Committee hereby resolves to amend the criteria as outlined below. The revised criteria will be effective for the 2025 SC election cycle onwards, and will not apply retroactively to sitting SC members:

<b>Current Criteria</b>	<b>Amended Criteria</b>
1. Improved or maintained their Core Eligibility Scores since submitting a letter of intent to join OGP.	1. Countries must meet OGP's current <a href="#">eligibility criteria</a> , including the values check, as outlined in the most up-to-date database of scores used to determine OGP membership eligibility.
2. Acted in accordance with the OGP Declaration.	2. Must not have an open <a href="#">Response Policy</a> case.
3. Countries must have acted in accordance with OGP processes for the most recently completed Action Plan cycle (i.e. must not have acted Contrary to Process)	3. Countries must not be in <a href="#">inactive status</a> as designated by the SC.
4. Paid their financial contribution to OGP at or above minimum amount for the past two consecutive years.	4. Paid their financial contribution to OGP at or above minimum amount for the past two consecutive years. Countries that have not met this requirement must include in their letter of intent a commitment to meet country contributions by the end of year in which they are elected, and every year during their tenure on the SC. <i>(Consequences for non-compliance will be further defined by the SC).</i>
5. Complied with the minimum Participation and Co-creation Standards	Remove due to duplication with criterion #3.
<p><b><i>[Current]: Additional requirements when running for a second term:</i></b></p> <p>In addition to the above criteria, current Government members of the SC running for re-election must have regularly attended and actively participated in meetings of the SC and</p>	<p><b><i>[Amended]: Additional requirements when running for a SC seat (first or second term):</i></b></p> <p>In addition to the above criteria, <b>new or returning candidates</b> must adhere to the following</p>

<p>the SC subcommittees with Ministerial-level participation where applicable.</p>	<p>requirements and include in their candidacy letters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>High-Level Political Commitment:</b> Candidates must have ministerial or higher-level political commitment to actively fulfill the roles and responsibilities of the SC, both domestically and internationally.</li> <li>2. <b>Support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA):</b> Candidates must have explicit support from their MFA to actively participate in the SC, including the appointment of an MFA liaison.</li> <li>3. <b>Working-Level and Ministerial Representation:</b> Candidates must appoint both a ministerial representative and a working-level representative, at a minimum level outlined in the governance review, to ensure effective engagement.</li> <li>4. <b>Active Participation in OGP Activities:</b> Candidates must commit to ensuring appropriate representation at SC and subcommittee meetings, as well as key OGP events (e.g., Regional Meetings, Global Summits), including in-person participation when required.</li> </ol>
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