

**Resolution of the Criteria & Standards Subcommittee regarding the
Temporary Suspension of the Enforcement of Time-Bound Minimum Requirements
for Participation and Co-Creation
August 1, 2025**

Background

The Participation and Co-Creation Standards, approved by the OGP Steering Committee, are a cornerstone of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), designed to ensure that action plan processes are inclusive, transparent, and collaborative.

In 2022, the Steering Committee approved updates to these standards and introduced a two-year grace period (for plans developed in 2022 and 2023) to give members time to adapt to the new requirements. During this period, the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) continued to assess all national member governments against the new minimum requirements and noted any instances of noncompliance in its reports. However, these instances were not considered as acting ‘contrary to process,’ and governments were not penalized for failing to meet the minimum requirements during the grace period. With the conclusion of the grace period, governments are now subject to the current standards and consequences of noncompliance.

A key change in the 2022 update of the standards was the introduction of time-bound elements to the minimum requirements, which are outlined in the table in the below resolution. These were intended to increase predictability and structure in participation and co-creation processes. However, feedback from stakeholders and early evidence from implementation suggest that these requirements have not meaningfully improved the quality of participation. In some cases, they have caused confusion or frustration—particularly when national actors conducted substantive engagement but were penalized for narrowly missing a deadline.

Resolution

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Acknowledging that the time-bound elements of the [Participation and Co-Creation Standards](#) may not accurately reflect the overall quality or inclusiveness of co-creation processes, and aiming to preserve the integrity of the Standards, the Criteria & Standards (C&S) Subcommittee resolves to establish a moratorium on the enforcement of the time-bound elements of the minimum requirements. The moratorium will:

- Apply exclusively to the time-bound elements of the minimum requirements (1.1, 2.2, 3.1, and 5.1. as described on the table below). All other aspects of the Participation and Co-Creation Standards remain unchanged and in effect.
- Not alter IRM assessments: The IRM will continue to assess compliance with the minimum requirements, including the time-bound elements. **Non-compliance with time-bound elements alone will not trigger a finding of acting contrary to process.**

- Remain in effect until the [Action Framework Task Force](#) completes its review and proposed changes are in effect, or until C&S resolves otherwise.

This resolution takes immediate effect and applies to all members currently implementing plans delivered on or after January 1, 2024.

Minimum Requirement	Time-Bound Element (subject to moratorium)
1.1: A space for ongoing dialogue with participation from both government and civil society members, and other non-governmental representatives as appropriate that meets regularly (at least every six months) is established. Its basic rules on participation are public.	MSF must meet at least every 6 months
2.2 A publicly available document repository on the OGP online site which provides access to documents related to the OGP process, including, at a minimum, information and evidence of the co-creation process and of the implementation of commitments is maintained and regularly updated (at least twice a year).	Repository must be updated at least twice a year
3.1: The MSF where established, or the government where there is no MSF, publishes on the OGP website/webpage the co-creation timeline and overview of the opportunities for stakeholders to participate at least two weeks before the start of the action plan development process	Timeline and participation overview must be published 2 weeks before start
5.1: The MSF where established, or the government where there is no MSF, holds at least two meetings every year with civil society to present results on the implementation of the action plan and collect comments.	MSF must meet twice annually to present results and collect comments

