

**Resolution of the OGP Steering Committee on Membership, Affiliate Status, and
Participation in the Open Government Partnership
April 6, 2023**

Any State that is a [member of the United Nations](#) or any [Specialized Agency](#) of the United Nations, without prejudice to its international recognition status, shall be able to become an OGP member by adhering to the terms for participation outlined in the Articles of Governance. Jurisdictions that do not fall under these two categories, but that are members of a major intergovernmental organization or forum, may participate in OGP as affiliates. Local jurisdictions from OGP member countries, or from eligible non-member countries, may participate in OGP Local.

Affiliates and OGP members that are not universally recognized, as determined by UN membership, shall not be eligible to run for the OGP Steering Committee or vote in the selection of its members. Participation in OGP shall not constitute support and/or recognition of a State's international status, nor shall it affect the individual position of any OGP participant in this regard.

Membership in the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, as well as the [process to obtain such membership](#), is governed by the Charter of the United Nations and by the respective Specialized Agencies. OGP does not have the authority to recognize either a State or a Government.

Additional guidelines:

1. Any State that wishes to join OGP, regardless of international recognition, shall adhere to the OGP [eligibility criteria](#) and process to join outlined in the Articles of Governance, which includes:
 - Meeting the Core Eligibility criteria and pass the OGP Values Check (the onus is on the prospective member to provide evidence of meeting the eligibility criteria if it is not covered under the datasets used to measure OGP eligibility)
 - Submitting a letter of intent and committing to uphold the principles of open and transparent government by endorsing the Open Government Declaration.
 - Developing and implementing an Action Plan in line with OGP standards.
2. With the exception of being able to run and/or vote in Steering Committee elections, non-voting members and affiliates receive the same benefits and services offered to all other national members.
3. Non-voting members and affiliates shall be held accountable to the same participation requirements (e.g. paying country contributions, meeting Participation & Co-Creation Standards and timelines, upholding OGP values, etc.) as all other members.
4. Non-voting members and affiliates shall be subject to the same OGP accountability mechanisms as all other members.
5. Non-voting members or affiliates are identified as such on the OGP website and in other public lists of OGP membership.

Any future changes to this policy fall under the purview of the OGP Steering Committee.

