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Dear Administrator Forst,

Thank you for your letter informing us of the United States' decision to withdraw from the Open Government Partnership (OGP). We acknowledge your notification and have carefully noted the views you have shared.

The OGP was founded as a voluntary, country-led partnership grounded in respect for democratic governance, constitutional traditions, and national sovereignty. Participation has always been optional, and all commitments are defined, implemented, and overseen by participating governments and their citizens in accordance with their own legal and institutional frameworks. OGP does not exercise authority over national policy, nor does it prescribe ideology. Rather, it provides a public platform through which governments, accountable to their own citizens, work together to define and deliver on their own priorities to strengthen transparency, integrity, and trust.

Since its founding in 2011, OGP has supported thousands of concrete reforms across the membership of more than 70 countries and 150 local governments. These reforms include expanding public access to information, strengthening anti-corruption safeguards, improving public procurement and service delivery, enhancing fiscal transparency, and creating new channels for citizen participation. Independent assessments show that many of these commitments have produced measurable improvements in government openness, institutional effectiveness, and responsiveness to citizens' needs.

We are proud of the impact OGP has achieved together with its members and partners, including the United States, which played a critical role in shaping the Partnership's vision and growth. Across a variety of political systems and contexts, OGP aims to foster a culture of collaboration - between government institutions, across branches of government, and between public authorities and civil society - focused on finding common ground and delivering meaningful improvements in governance and its outcomes for citizens. This multistakeholder approach has been central to successfully advancing more open, inclusive, effective, and efficient government.



