

Statement by the Government of Turkey on their Participation in OGP

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The Government of Turkey joined the Open Government Partnership in April 2012 and is one of 65 participating countries. Turkey's participation has been under review by the OGP Criteria and Standards subcommittee after they were [found acting in contrary](#) to the OGP process for two consecutive action plan cycles due to inactivity. The Criteria and Standards subcommittee invited the Government of Turkey to participate in a meeting in Washington DC on March 9, 2015, to discuss steps to fully re-engage in OGP. The official point of contact in the Government of Turkey was unable to attend due to illness, however, in response to this review the Government of Turkey sent the following statement for public release:

We would like to start again the OGP process with full enthusiasm and make considerable progress to achieve our goals. We are fully aware of the difficulties and challenges of our task, but we also fully know that OGP would be a golden opportunity to move forward our current boundaries of open, accountable and responsive government. To this end, we are planning to invite prominent and related representatives of civil society, private sector, academics and think tank to the PM Office with the relevant public institutions.

The main aims of the meeting are to explain what is the OGP initiative, why we joined it, what are the problems we are facing, and how to find solutions to ongoing and upcoming challenges; as well as to receive their expectations for OGP and to discuss their potential contributions to the process. We also intend to consult a wide range of specialists and experts on public management, transparency, accountability, and integrity, public participation to policy formulation and implementation process, open and clean government, e-government and open data.

The OGP Steering Committee and Support Unit stands ready to support the Government of Turkey with all appropriate technical knowledge, peer exchange opportunities, and guidance so that Turkey can re-engage in the OGP process.

Minutes of the Criteria and Standards March 9, 2015, meeting can be downloaded [here](#).

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