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Sanjay Pradhan
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Dear Mr. Pradhan:

I write to acknowledge your letter regarding deficiencies in the U.S. government approach in developing our 2019-2022 National Action Plan and to express U.S. commitment to the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

As one of the eight founding members, the Government of the United States of America strongly believes that the OGP is an effective and valuable platform where governments and civil society organizations can partner in sustaining democratic norms, advancing transparency and accountability, and bolstering citizen engagement. U.S. participation in the OGP is a recognition that good governance requires work and commitment, and we recognize that, ultimately, the success and quality of our efforts hinges on the ability of citizens to work alongside their government to develop and realize a shared vision for reform. To that end, we look forward to addressing the issues raised in your letter and to supporting OGP's work around the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kara C McDonald', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Kara C McDonald
Deputy Assistant Secretary