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Ministry of Finance, Trade, Investment and Economic Planning**

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Dear Open Government Partnership Co-chairs,

**GOVERNMENT OF SEYCHELLES' INTENT TO JOIN THE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP  
INITIATIVE**


It is an honor to formally submit the Government of Seychelles' intention to participate in the Open Government Partnership initiative, after having received confirmation earlier this year that Seychelles meets the eligibility criteria to participate in the OGP initiative.

In the past two years, we have undertaken numerous measures aimed at improving governance and increasing transparency of our actions. We have submitted a national Access to Information Bill to create a better framework in which our citizens can submit requests for information and be provided with this information. We have altered the governance of our State Owned Enterprises to increase the number of representatives from the private sector and to separate the regulators from the operators.

Going forward we want to do more – particularly with regards to the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in order to achieve the aims outlined in the OGP Declaration. We are confident that the OGP initiative will help catalyse our governance reforms and better structure our partnership with civil society. Rest assured that the Open Government Declaration embodies the values of the administration particularly with respect to Transparency, Accountability and Good Governance which have been the focus of our public policies under President Faure – as outlined in his first speech to our Parliament the week he took Office.

We look forward to working with you, our local counterparts and the other members of the OGP for Seychelles to further advance the principles of the OGP initiative.

Yours sincerely

  
**AMBASSADOR MAURICE J. L. LOUSTAU-LALANNE**  
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