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THE STEERING COMMITTEE
OPEN GOVERNANCE PARTNERSHIP
1014 TORNEY AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94129
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Sir/Madam

## LETTER IN SUPPORT OF STMA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENT PILOT PROGRAM

We would like to offer our support to the Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (STMA) in its participation in the Subnational Government Pilot Program.

Berea Social Foundation is a local Civil Society Organization (CSO) that has been partnering with STMA in carrying-out various projects that are geared towards sensitizing the citizenry on public financial management and accountability. Through this partnership, the Social Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (SPEFA) which has an overall aim of improving citizens' perceptions on urban management and increase their engagement with the Metropolitan Assembly is being implemented.

We believe STMA's participation in the Pilot Program will not only help to improve transparency and accountability in governance and financial management but also serve as a platform for capacity support and knowledge sharing.

Yours faithfully,

BENJAMIN EPTON (DIRECTOR)