



23 February, 2016

Attn: OGP Steering Committee

Re: Endorsement for Kigoma Municipality's application to join OGP Subnational Government Pilot Programme

I am writing as Executive Director of Twaweza, a Tanzanian civil society organisation, to endorse the application by Kigoma Municipality to join the OGP Subnational Government Pilot Programme. Twaweza has played a leading role in the OGP, both within Tanzania as a founder member of the OGP Tanzania Steering Committee, and global level. My predecessor as head of Twaweza was Rakesh Rajani, a past member of the OGP global Steering Committee.

We are of course aware of Zitto Kabwe, the Member of Parliament for Kigoma Urban and the party leader of ACT Wazalendo, the party that runs Kigoma Municipal Council and have noted his leadership at the national level on extractive industries transparency and on protecting civic space.

We can attest that he and the ACT Wazalendo party have a strong commitment to open government, exemplified by their admirable approach to asset declarations of party leaders and candidates, and of councillors in Kigoma.

As such, we are confident that Kigoma Municipality would fully engage with the subnational programme. Further, as Twaweza we commit to working with the Municipality on their open government work.

Yours sincerely,


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Executive Director

