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### Dear OGP LocalTeam

The Great Salt Municipality has always been committed to the OGP values, and participating in the OGP Local initiative will help us reinforce our commitments achieve the highest international standard that we seek. Our commitment is evident in our desire to improve our capabilities to a standard that will inspire other municipalities to follow suits and benefit from in the future. We seek a permanent, sustainable solution for long-existing and lasting structural issues through a tool that can unlock positive potential. Al Salt seeks to join OGP local to fulfil our desires of enhancing the level of our integration with the national government in order to become more effective and efficient in addressing issues at a local level. This will also decrease our dependence on the national government and create a more balanced relationship. We will also benefit from joining OGP local as it will support us in fulfilling our aim of enhancing local citizens integration within the municipality. This will lead to the municipality's work becoming more transparent and it will also empower the citizens to hold us accountable and improve our work by providing us valuable feedback.

The value proposition or benefit of Al-Salt joining OGP is that it will help us enhance our efforts of pursuing an effective open government system which we have been trying to achieve for a number of years, strengthen the ability of our local community and stakeholders to access open and relevant data, enhance public participation in local governance and ensure transparency and accountability in all our governance processes. Furthermore, we will benefit by joining OGP local as it will expose us to new knowledge, experiences, best practices and lesson learned which will help us develop our municipality and take it to new heights. Additionally, the innovative knowledge and experiences that we will hopefully gain through joining OGP will help us become a model municipality that will inspire neighboring municipalities to follow suit and adopt OGP's best practices and values of open governance, thus creating a local network of advocates that promote a more transparent and open local government. Finally, and most importantly, it will help us work in the best interest of our local community and stakeholders.

The future directions of open government action including priority thematic areas that we seek to advance are creating a more open and transparent form of local government within our municipality, encouraging citizen participation in local governance issues and in shaping local legislation and policies. We seek to improve the lives of our people which will seep into future generations thus creating a domino effect of consistently improving social cohesion within our local communities that can be handed over to our future generation. The Great Salt Municipality has various resources that support our service delivery and implement substantial action plans

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such as the OGP action plans. Some of these resources and capabilities are include the following: The Great Salt Municipality has a total of 650 staff members. These staff members are both experienced and well-versed with technology and electronic governmental platforms and have an extensive background in community development. The Single Platform initiative, which is a system put in place to allow the local community and stakeholders to interact with The Great Salt Municipality and track its services through web platforms, or through the use of a mobile application. Our detailed guide of the services, procedures, and timeframe for each option that the Great Salt Municipality presents to its local community and stakeholders. The availability of numerous paths in and around The Great Salt Municipality that cater to people with special needs. These paths ease the process of transportation within our jurisdiction and the process of reaching our offices which will encourage citizens including the most vulnerable such as the physically impaired citizens to participate in meetings and discussions. A detailed annual report regarding the performance of The Great Salt Municipality, which allows our local communities and stakeholders to view and review all aspects of the municipality's work including financial, cultural, or social, thus enhancing our future actions. A non-government stakeholder which partners with us in our activities is Hayat-RASED, which has an extensive track record in civil development, national and international partnerships, and has a good cohort of experienced and accomplished staff.

Our track record on open government or co-creation with non-governmental stakeholders include our previous initiatives and actions, which were implemented to push forward the concept of open local government, efficient and relevant services, and enhanced participation of local community and stakeholders in decision-making. One example was our strategic plan for the year 2019-2023 which was formulated with the participation and collaboration of our local community and stakeholders who were consulted with during numerous meetings that included representatives from various local sectors. The involvement of the local community helped us set and specify relevant priorities for projects based on the needs of the local community and in a manner that was accommodative and helped implement tangible development within the municipalities. We also set up a strategic plan to establish an efficient means for community communication, through organizing local focus groups who helped us specify the most important means of communication that could be used as a bridge between the municipality and the local community and stakeholders. We established a 2019 guide for local needs that was developed through conducting various meetings and field visits to our local community and stakeholders and all the sectors that fall under the municipality. In addition, we created a mobile application, that allowed our local community and stakeholders to track the local government's financial transactions and paperwork. This application was created

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to build trust and enhance communication between the local community and stakeholders and the municipality. Furthermore, we conducted a joint study with our local community and stakeholders focused on the factors and actions that can create or lead to a conducive situation for achieving resilient social cohesion.

Thematic policy areas where we can contribute with good practices and lessons learned for other members of the cohort are through introducing them to innovative technological tools that can be created for citizens to interact with and provide feedback to their local elected officials and municipalities, on creating strategic action plans for the municipal year by taking into consideration the needs and priorities of citizens and aligning them with the action plans of the municipality, on creating a more open and transparent system where citizens can track and provide valuable feedback to their municipalities on their financial spending and overall performance, on the pitfalls to avoid for the creation of a more socially cohesive society, creating a detailed guide of the services, procedures, and timeframes for various options that a municipality can present to its people for easy hassle-free access and on creating regular/annual reports that accurately record the performance of the municipality and allows their citizens to view and review all aspects of their work including financial, cultural, or social, thus improving future actions.

We are highly willing to participate in peer learning and sharing experiences, both within the cohort and with other locals in Jordan, and thematic circles with other potential cohort members. We commit to this so that other municipalities can benefit from our experience, implement good practices and consider our lessons learned as this will not only enhance local governance in Jordan but across the world thus benefitting people globally and making the world a much better place to live in.

We are already through our current work spreading the practice of open local government amongst other locals as our work abides by the values of transparency, openness and accountability that are promoted by OGP. Even within our activities and programs, we ensure that these values are promoted among other government departments, non-government organizations, and local communities. Thus, we intend to inspire other municipalities and government bodies through our actions and achievements.

This opportunity will help us build relationships with other local participants which will provide us with fresh perspectives and ideas to learn from and imbibe in our work. It will also provide us with a blueprint for future ideas and areas that could be improved on and also enable us to





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provide our best practices and ideas to other members of the cohort. Therefore, we hope to be considered as worthy participants of OGP local's global space and work towards creating a well-functioning, open and transparent municipality that works in the best interests of our people.

Thank you and Looking forward to hearing from you!

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