

The Consultative Body with Civil Society Organizations of the
Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region



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Open Government Partnership Selection Committee,

Dear Madams and Sirs,

The Kingdom of Morocco has, since the adoption of the 2011 Constitution, accorded special importance to decentralization and the strengthening of regional consultative bodies. The objective is to reinforce the participation of young people and civil society in the management of public affairs within the framework of participatory democracy.

In the Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceima Region, the Regional Council was one of the first at the national level to create consultative bodies including the Consultative Body with Civil Society. Since its creation, the Consultative Body with Civil Society has not ceased to implement several initiatives aimed at better involvement of civil society in decision-making at local and regional levels in several areas, in particular: citizenship, good governance, the approach to gender, sustainable development, participatory democracy, etc. Thanks to its dynamism, it also succeeded in submitting several opinions and recommendations during the ordinary sessions of the Regional Council, the majority of which were adopted.

The TTA Regional Council's Consultative Bodies experience is considered as one of the most successful models in the country, especially with the capacity building support that has been provided to them in the following areas:

- Developing evidence based consultative opinion reports which were submitted to the TTAH Regional Council upon their request;
- Developing a community needs assessment (CNA) survey on social media to collect data on specific matters the Consultative Bodies advocate for and represent;
- Developing three internal bylaws for the three Consultative Bodies along with an amended bylaw between the Regional Council and the Consultative Bodies;
- Developing policy proposals based on the CNA in order not to limit the prerogatives of the Consultative Bodies only to consultative opinions upon request but to take their work further by being able to provide proposals to the Regional Development Program (PDR) on their own initiative.

The work of the Regional Consultative Body with civil society is not limited only to the national framework, in fact, its activities have reached a very important international dimension hence this candidacy to join your prestigious program.

In this regard, I allow myself, on behalf of the Consultative Body with Civil Society, to reiterate the Regional Council's interest in joining the OGP Local Program and our commitment to support their candidacy.

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