

Mérida, Yucatán, México, September 28th 2020

## OGP Selection Committee

Dear all;

In my capacity as Constitutional Governor of the State of Yucatán, on behalf of the government that I am honored to head and through this letter, I express before you and formally, the will and desire that the joint candidacy of the Executive Power of the State of Yucatán and the H. Municipality of Mérida is taken into account to be considered members of the Local OGP in order to have assistance and advice from their body to be able to implement in our territory the best practices in the field of open government, and even improve existing ones.

Demographically, the State of Yucatán is located in the southeast of the Mexican Republic, the territorial division has 106 municipalities including the capital of the State: Mérida. The population of our state is close to reaching 2 million 100 thousand citizens and the economy of our entity is sustained mainly by industry, agriculture, livestock and tourism.

In Yucatán, we pride ourselves on being one of the safest states in the country and that has allowed many transnational companies to focus on our land to invest, which translates into the creation of more sources of work that, in turn, improves the quality of life of all citizens that inhabit the entity.

The limited accessibility of public information, as well as the low quality of the information generated by governments, coupled with the existence of acts of corruption, cause opacity, low confidence in them and that the decisions made in the public and private sectors, academics and society in general are not the most appropriate and timely. That is why, in the current State administration 2018-2024, one of our pillars and axes of the State Development Plan, which, by the way, was the result of an open government exercise in which thousands of citizens participated, is that of "Open Government, Efficient and with Healthy Finances."

Another example of the support that this administration gives to the issues of open government, transparency and accountability, is that from the first day of my government the Consultative Council of the Budget and Expenditure Exercise was installed, which has among its objectives, to be an institutional mechanism that encourages debate and citizen participation on the design and monitoring of state public finances. It is made up of 9 members of organized civil society, including academics and businessmen, as well as 8 members of the public sector involved in the state public administration. This council is the first of its kind in Mexico that functions as a citizen consultation body with the powers to issue pertinent recommendations,

Much has been done in the State of Yucatán in terms of Transparency and Open Government, but there is even more that we still need to do and without a doubt, if we have your approval and favorable results for our candidacy, the support of the OGP will be of vital help for all of us who live in the entity.



Juntos transformemos  
**Yucatán**  
GOBIERNO DEL ESTADO

DESPACHO DEL  
GOBERNADOR



Attached to this letter, you can find the **ACTION PLAN** that we will be working with the **Red de la Sociedad Civil para el Gobierno Abierto (REDGADY)**. We are sure that this action will contribute to making open government practices sustainable in space and time.

I reiterate my gratitude and full support for the work you do in favor of government openness, transparency and accountability, hoping that you find our application attractive and that our government can count on the support of the Local OGP.

Mr. Mauricio Vila Dosal  
Constitutional Governor of the State of Yucatán

## LOCAL ACTION PLAN YUCATÁN

The idea of an Open Government in Yucatán has been forging from initiatives focused on the participation of citizens through spaces, mechanisms and tools to demand transparency and accountability from their leaders. This covers the idea that they can easily access information of interest or that which is useful to solve problems close to society.

Our commitment to Open Government became a path towards a new paradigm in public management and in the way of governing; As a governance model that bets on closeness with citizens in the State, a greater government openness has been established with effective, responsible and inclusive decisions since before the signing of the Open Government Declaration in July 2019.

In Yucatán, the pillars of Open Government are clear, there is the firm conviction to work, develop and comply with the commitments that will be reflected in this Local Action Plan (PAL) with the greatest willingness, collaboration and joint work of civil society and government because the common objective is the strengthening of an Open Government in Yucatan with the support and backing of the Alliance for Open Government (OGP).

This document describes the commitments to carry out the implementation of actions directed at strategic and priority issues in our State. For our candidacy, in our expressions of interest to join OGP Local, we established our interest in continuing with the axes and actions indicated in our State Development Plan 2018-2024, which primarily promotes that the government's actions are aimed at guaranteeing development human rights in the state, taking human rights and the SDGs of the United Nations 2030 Agenda as a frame of reference, so that conditions are guaranteed for citizens, including those of future generations, to enjoy a dignified life.

### INTEGRATION

For of the public sector, representing by the Government of the State of Yucatan and for the civil society, Red de la Sociedad Civil para el Gobierno Abierto (REDGADY).

For the design and development of our Action Plan **objective** is to work with citizens seeking transversality in decisions incorporating different perspectives and visions to enrich the responsibility scheme and take advantage of the capacity, experience and collective interests of social actors.

### COMMITMENTS

The commitments are planned to be executed through a collaborative and coordinated work between the actors involved; its impact and application are intended to have the expected results. We believe that the use of objective criteria to identify areas of opportunity to solve and address priority situations will have favorable effects on citizens and this will produce a fundamental governmental transformation in the relationship with society:

- I. **Transparency, right of access to information and accountability.** Yucatán, in 2019 obtained a 95.48 rating in the Index of Transparency and Availability of Tax Information of Federative Entities (ITDIF) the highest in its history, it is a statistical instrument of



Regional Consulting that quantifies the availability and quality of information tax generated and published by the states. Similarly, there are precedents at the local level in the matter aimed at the provision of information, citizen participation and accountability. The idea is to strengthen skills and innovate to be more transparent governments.

- II. **Security and Governance** We are sure that the way to advance towards a solid model of open government is to continue promoting the transversal axis of our State Development Plan called open government, efficient and with healthy finances; which fosters an austere and efficient government that is transparent, close to the people, that combats corruption and is accountable to be a government recognized as efficient, austere, open, transparent, innovative, honest, financially sustainable, with public interventions that improve the quality of life and solve the problems of the population in a participatory, inclusive and sustainable way, with a close relationship with the various sectors of the population. In that context, It is important for us to direct our actions based on the principles of open government because we are committed to the opening of public data, citizen participation and collaboration; We seek integrity when conducting ourselves and making decisions, therefore it is essential for us to generate and improve systems of responsibility and integrity to expand security and trust towards the public sector.
- III. **Citizen participation** We are absolutely committed to promoting and strengthening citizen participation to be a link with citizens; we have project ideas for the development of effective government-society mechanisms. We are committed to achieving cooperation for the discussion, proposal and evaluation of public policies, with strategies that facilitate the exchange and monitoring of good practices. We have managed to establish an approach to issues of citizen participation; An achievement in this regard that we are proud to mention is that Yucatán is the first state to have an Advisory Council on the Budget and Exercise of Public Expenditure, which was installed in October 2018; which has been recognized as one of the best practices of transparency and accountability by various national associations; for having the majority, by citizen members, and being represented all the productive areas of the State, as well as the academy and the professional associations and experts in administration and finance.

## Mission

To materialize the ideas and initiatives that have been identified in this diagnostic exercise, we are convinced that our co-created Action Plan will include all the citizen potential collected through work tables, citizen consultations, forums, workshops and all the necessary actions so that our proposals become a reality.

- I. Develop mechanisms, tools and strategies to increase citizen participation in the creation of public policies at the state level.
- II. To improve the performance of policies, programs and projects, for this purpose it is proposed to strengthen the technical, financial and regulatory capacities of the information systems in the State so that citizens can evaluate the actions implemented.
- III. Have quality and inclusive information, so that citizens have a greater opportunity to participate in decision-making by promoting open government actions.
- IV. Greater collaboration between civil society and the government in order to promote the instrumentation, design and implementation of public policies, meeting the needs of the population with the aim of increasing the well-being of citizens.

Finally, defining the way forward will allow us to specify expectations within the design and formulation of the action plan.

### **Monitoring mechanism**

In order to have real-time monitoring of the progress of the Action Plan, a review team will be formed, made up of a representative from each partner. (Government and REDGADY)

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