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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing this letter in support of Anloga District Assembly in their application to join the Open Government Partnership. I believe that principles of Open Government Partnership will deepen the local level participation in the governance process, create transparency and accountable local level governance among citizens of the Anloga District.

Anloga District has the Vision **"To be among the leading performing District Assembly in Local Governance to achieve the highest level of socio - economic development and a healthy environment in Ghana"**.

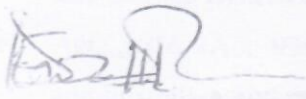
As a local level development authority, we believe that the policy focus of OGP including public services delivery (education, health, water and sanitation and security), anti-corruption, digital governance, fiscal openness, gender, natural resource governance, women in governance and right to information play critical role in promoting transparency, openness and accountability in the development process. The Anloga District Assembly over the years has implemented policies and programmes including participatory planning and budgeting, participatory monitoring and evaluation, town hall meeting on plan and budget performance among others that has enhanced local level governance.

As the Coordinating Director for the District, I am highly motivated to join the Open Government Partnership to deepen. I believe joining the OGP will provide space for the district assembly to learn from the best practices of other local development authorities and enhance citizen participation on governance process. The Anloga District Assembly has carefully studied the governance practices and development commitments of Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly and Shama District Assembly who are members of the OGP. I must say local governance in those districts has improved in terms of transparency, accountability, openness and digitized governance and we will be happy to improve the local governance in the Anloga District in the same direction.

MOTTO: DEKAWOWO, KUTRIKUKU, DGOYIYI

Thank you for the opportunity to enroll onto the OGP and we will be grateful if our application is considered. My office is opened for further engagements.

Your sincerely,



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To whom it may concern

LETTER OF SUPPORT

This is to exhibit Friends of the Nation's support for the Expression of Interest from Anloga District Assembly (AnDA) of the Volta Region to join the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Local 2022 cohort. Friends of the Nation (FoN) as a civil society organization, has over 25 years' practice in advocacy and research on civic participation, good governance and the use of technology and innovation to demand transparency and public accountability. FoN is the OGP Local civil society partners for Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (STMA) and Shama District Assembly (SDA) in the Western Region of Ghana.

Since 2019, FoN we have been working with the AnDA in promoting social accountability and active citizenship, and particularly in the area of resource management. We have collaborated with the AnDA to empower communities to effectively engage with the Assembly and relevant state agencies to address issues that affect citizens in fisheries livelihoods, coastal lands protection, sand mining; and also service promotion of access to low-cost financial services, public health and education. We have also facilitated development of their capacities on the planning, budgeting and monitoring cycles of coastal land-use and fisheries. Currently, we are working on an initiative to stimulate effective participation of stakeholders in revenue generation in the fisheries sector (main occupation of inhabitants and the potentially the biggest source of internally generated funds to AnDA) and how to maximize revenue for projects and programs to effectively benefit all residents especially women and children who are the targeted primary beneficiaries to achieve gender equity and economic empowerment.

We believe in the AnDA which has enthusiastically demonstrated commitment towards public accountability, transparency and civic participation in governance which are in line with the OGP values, thus joining the OGP Local 2022 cohort will provide the opportunity for the Assembly to share their experiences and learn from others in deepening transparency, accountability and good governance. The Assembly will also benefit from technical support from the OGP to advance open governance.

For any follow-up information please contact Randolph Kwesi Benyi Johnson through email: k.johnson@fonghana.org ;and kbr.johnson1969@gmail.com. We look forward to a successful application from the Anloga District Assembly.

For Humanity,

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(Executive Director)