



*Tetouan, March 14, 2022*

***The President of the Municipal Council of Tetouan***

***At***

***Mr. Rudi BORRMANN, Deputy Director of the local OGP***

**Subject: Letter of support.**

Dear Mr. Deputy Director of the OGP Local,

The Municipal Council of Tetouan (MOROCCO) has the honor and the privilege to submit its application to join the OGP Local community with a view to continuing its commitment to advance and disseminate the principles of transparency and free access to information, public information, citizen participation and accountability and republishing of accounts framing the way in which the council and its executive office fulfills its mandate.

By joining the OGP Local community, the Municipal Council of Tetouan fully endorses the Open Government Declaration and commits to respecting the OGP values and criteria.

We recognize that by becoming a member of OGP Local, we are engaging in a constructive process of collaboration, learning and action and we are committed to pooling our efforts with our partners, the non-governmental stakeholders who have expressed their interest in supporting and being part of all stages of the OGP Local process, in particular in the co-creation phases, implementation of a realistic and committed action plan on priority themes: citizen participation and participatory democracy, transparency and free access to public information, gender and social inclusion, contribution to the local implementation of sustainable development goals (in particular SDG 11) as well as concerted adaptation and mitigation measures the effects of climate change, and finally innovation and digital transformation.



The Municipal Council and its non-governmental partners will ensure the alignment of these priority axes of the action plan with the strategic and thematic priorities of the local OGP, and learning in order to improve services. Additionally, we will work to practice open government values in our local OGP process to ensure that it is participatory, transparent, and accountable.

Having carried out participatory urban planning processes, established spaces for citizen participation and social cohesion and established mechanisms for transparency and free access to information produced by the municipal administration, we are committed to sharing and to improve these practices together with our future partners in the local OGP community.

We believe that by joining OGP Local, we become part of a global community of governments and civil societies striving to innovate, drive progress, and promote learning within and across jurisdictions. As this global community is strengthened by the thoughtful and innovative actions and initiatives of its members, we are committed to promoting the values of open government within the many national city networks; regional and international meetings in which the municipality of Tetouan is an active and contributing member.

Being able to have the opportunity to become a member of the Local OGP during the 2022 call, the Tétouan municipal council chaired by Mr. **Mustapha El BAKKOURI** appoints the 1st vice-president Mr. Nassar FAKIH LANJRI to locally lead the Local OGP process and liaise with the OGP Support Unit. In addition, the council is committed with its non-governmental partners to making available the human, financial and technical resources necessary to co-create and implement an ambitious action plan whose commitments are clear, realistic and achievable at due date.

Pending your favorable opinion, please accept, Mr. Deputy Director, the expression of my best regards.

**The President of the Municipal Council of Tetouan**



  
**Signed: Mustapha El BAKKOURI**