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President of the Oriental Region To M. Rudi Borrmann, Deputy Director, OGP Local OGP Support Unit

Submission letter for the Oriental Region's open government action plan

Honorable Mr. Deputy Director,

We are very pleased to inform you that the Oriental Region is honored to join the Open Local Government alongside the regions of Souss-Massa, Drâa-Tafilalet and Laâyoune-Sakia El Hamra, thus constituting the first Consortium in the world made up of four territorial collectivities that are members of the OGP.

The Oriental Region's membership of the local OGP is part of a global strategy of partnership and exchange, the overall aim of which is to make our region an open, sustainable, inclusive and resilient space.

The specific objectives of our membership are to achieve sustainable socioeconomic development with a view to improving citizen participation, reinforcing both transparency and the values and principles of the OGP, and including gender in regional projects.

Within this framework, the Council of the Oriental Region has undertaken to set up a Steering Committee made up of thirty-two members (sixteen men and sixteen women) representing civil society and the Region's administration in equal measure, to oversee the development, implementation and monitoring of our action plan, using a participatory approach and adopting the co-creation process, as a member of the OGP Local.

The working sessions organized within the framework of the Steering Committee were attended by more than 160 representatives of the various territorial actors, namely: elected representatives and executives of the Oriental Region; representatives of deconcentrated government services; members of consultative instances; contact points of local authorities belonging to the Moroccan Network of Open Local Authorities (REMACTO) in the Oriental Region; national and regional civil society associations and the media.

The working sessions led to the identification and co-definition of three commitments. The first of these is the development and implementation in the four regions forming the consortium, with the involvement of civil society, of an integrated regional action program to raise awareness and implement innovative solutions for adapting to climate change.

The second is to reinforce the digital transition in the Oriental Region through the development and implementation of various high-impact digital transformation projects and actions. The final commitment is to support the integration of the gender approach into development projects in the Oriental Region, particularly during the planning and evaluation phases.

It is important to specify that these commitments constitute the generics of the Oriental Region's action plan, which its Council unanimously adopted at its ordinary session held on Monday 03 March 2025, and testify to the Oriental Region's effective adherence to Local Open Government.

While confident that the methodological approach to the development of our action plan is perfectly aligned with the guidelines and orientations specified in the OGP manuals, and that the lines of the action plan meet the objectives assigned to it, we are pleased, in accordance with the provisions of the OGP membership process, to officially submit to you the Oriental Region Open Government Action Plan.

Please accept, Mr. Deputy Director, the assurances of my highest esteem.

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