



PREFEITURA MUNICIPAL DE VITÓRIA DA CONQUISTA
Gabinete da Prefeita

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OGP Support Unit

Mr. Rudi Borrmann, Local OGP Assistant Director

Supporting Letter from the Government: **Call for Local OGP new members, 2024**

Vitória da Conquista is pleased to submit its application to join the Local OGP as part of our ongoing commitment to promote the principles of access to information, social participation and public responsibility in the way the government carries out its term of office.

With 183 years of political emancipation, Vitória da Conquista is located in the state of Bahia, in the Northeast region of Brazil, and is part of the Territory of Identity of Southwest Bahia, made up of 24 municipalities. It is considered the 3rd largest Municipality, with a territorial extension of 3,254.186 km² and a population of 370,879 people, according to the 2022 data, provided by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE). It is relevant to highlight that it is the 6th highest Gross Domestic Product - GDP (IBGE, 2021) among the state's 417 municipalities, as well as an important hub connecting the south and north of the country, with flights to the main cities and capital cities.

The City's history has shown movements towards opening up the Government to a greater relationship with its citizens, going through administrations, governments and times, facing different challenges and realities. In the last three years, its actions and initiatives have aimed at bringing citizens and organized civil society closer together to participate more actively in social policies and with normative acts (laws, decrees and ordinances) that guarantee access to data and information, transparency, citizen participation, accountability and responsibility.



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This assertion is evidenced in the 1st edition of the Transparent Brazil Scale (TBS) - 360° (2018), promoted by the Union General Comptroller (UGC), which recognized Vitória da Conquista as the 7th Municipality with the most transparent public management in Brazil and the first one in Bahia. In the 2nd edition of the TBS (2020), Vitória da Conquista remained as the most transparent Municipality in Bahia and the sixth in Northeast Brazil. Recently (2023), it was awarded with the Silver Seal of Quality in Public Transparency by the National Public Transparency Program 2023 (PNTP), promoted by the Association of Members of Brazilian Audit Courts (Atricon), which guarantees citizens the right to access information (Law No. 12.527/2011) on public affairs on federal, state and municipal levels.

Furthermore, the three awards won by the Municipality, two through the Municipal Ombudsman's Office, in 2022 and 2023, in the II and III editions of the Marathon for the Defense of the Rights of Public Service Users, promoted by the National Network of Ombudsman's Offices/CGU, and one by the Municipal Ombudsman's Office with the Competition for Good Correctional Practices (2023), promoted by the the Union General Comptroller (CGU), reinforce the commitment to continuing actions in favor of a management focused on the citizen.

Also in this context, it is worth highlighting the award for Good Practices and Strategies in Public Policy Management, from the International Forum of Brics Municipalities (Imbrics Forum), for its performance in the area of Health and Technology in 2022. In addition, in 2023, it held the Control and Corruption Prevention Week, providing na opportunity for dialogue and discussion between government, citizens, organized civil society, higher education institutions from different states and municipalities, in line with the Open Government actions.



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Due to this record of successful actions that are in accordance with the principles of Open Government, there is a need for Vitória da Conquista to bring together the underway initiatives such as: Governing with People Program, Ombudsman Panel, Transparency Portal,

Conecta Conquista - Service Portal, Social Control, from the implementation of the Social Observatory "Open Conquista", which will have the active participation of members of organized civil society (social councils, residents associations, class associations and universities), in order to contribute to a more open relationship with citizens and social institutions, as well as spreading the culture of open government in the Northeast region, in the state of Bahia and in Brazil..

By joining the Local OGP, we endorse the Open Government Declaration and commit ourselves to uphold its principles.

We recognize that, as members of the Local OGP, we are going on a journey of collaboration, learning and action, and we commit ourselves to working together as partners with non-governmental stakeholders to deliver an open government action plan in 2024 and implement its commitments. Moreover, we have incorporated the values of open government into our local OGP process and ensured that it is transparent, participatory and accountable.

We also recognize that by joining the local OGP, means to take part, as members of a global governmental community and civil society that strives to innovate, catalyze progress and promote learning within and across jurisdictions. This global community is strengthened by the actions of its members, so we pledge to be an active member of this global community, leading by example and supporting other members with peer-to-peer exchanges and engaging at local, national and international levels to promote the open government values.

If our Department has the opportunity to become a member of the Local OGP in the 2024 call, the Municipal Secretariat for Transparency, Control and Prevention of Corruption



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(STPC), led by Mr. Mateus Nascimento Novais, will be responsible for the Local OGP process locally and the contacts with the OGP Support Unit. Furthermore, we commit ourselves to providing the human, financial and technical resources needed to co-create, implement and learn from the audacious commitments in the action plan.

Truly yours

Ana Sheila Lemos Andrade
Mayoress of Vitória da Conquista / Bahia / Brazil.