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OGP Support Unit
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Government Letter of Support: Call for new members to OGP Local 2023

Dear Co-Chairs of the Open Government Association:

The Municipal Government of La Paz - Bolivia expresses its intention to join the Open Government Alliance (OGP) and to adhere to the values of the OGP, recognizing the importance of this multilateral international initiative to support the actions of National and Local Governments as well as civil society to promote transparency and access to information, strengthening democracy and participatory mechanisms.

In this sense, the municipality of La Paz is committed to the principles embodied in the declaration of Open Government, which we support and promote by translating these actions into a series of initiatives as pioneers in Bolivia; this work begins with the promulgation of the first Law of Access to Municipal Public Information implemented long before having a National Law. The first Directorate for Information Technology and Open Government was established in the public sector, which has allocated resources for its operation.

The Municipal Autonomous Government of La Paz is aware of the value of good governance and citizen participation as a key body in local development, which is reflected in the Municipal Plan "La Paz City on the Move" and its Axis: Peace with Open and Effective Government, which shows the political will of municipal management. Participation will promote the generation of public value in the delivery of services in an agile and timely manner, with transparency, efficiency and effectiveness. In addition to strengthening local governance and social co-responsibility to contribute to the integral and sustainable development of the municipality, with inclusion, equity and solidarity. Currently, the Municipality of La Paz has mechanisms of participation such as the Assembly of the Paceañidad, district citizen hearings, citizen councils among others.

Technological tools were implemented for the participation and constant involvement of citizens in municipal affairs, such as the open data portal of the municipality of La Paz that promotes the reuse of data, promoting its use through events such as Datathons and Hackathons, the platform "My Neighborhood" which seeks to offer a space to make visible each area of the municipality where neighbors can manage its content and publicize the different activities of the place where they live, likewise, the levels of transparency in our web portal were

increased with information on the monitoring of works, investment of resources, municipal statistical yearbook, building permits, publications of accountability, municipal public finance dossier among others.

Implementing open government implies a cultural change within the institution, to promote this, a data analytics platform has been implemented as a transparency mechanism within the management and an interactive and innovative tool for data-based decision-making, This tool allows you to visualize large volumes of data in real time, through different dashboards or dynamic dashboards, based on descriptive analysis and advancing to predictive analysis.

This tool makes the Municipal Autonomous Government of La Paz the first public institution in Bolivia to carry out data-based management (Data Driven) and has made it possible to transcend cultural change at all levels of the institution.

In this context, we are sure that our participation in the OGP will be a clear sign of the commitment of the Municipality of La Paz to the principles of open government and will be able to contribute to good practices for other municipalities in our country and/or members of the OGP. Our vision is to be a national and international benchmark that promotes open government.

Therefore, we look forward with great enthusiasm to being members of the OGP to then carry forward the preparation of the municipal action plan of open government through our Directorate of Information Technologies and Open Government under the Executive Secretary Municipal, who will be responsible for leading the OGP process.

Sincerely,

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