

Bogotá, December 26, 2023

Sirs

Open Government Partnership Local
Washington, D.C.

*Subject: Support for the nomination of the Municipal Autonomous Government of La Paz
- Bolivia in OGP Local*

Dear Sirs:

It is an honor to address you as manager of the first Open Government model in Bogotá. On this occasion I am pleased to support the request presented by the Autonomous Municipal Government of La Paz, Bolivia; for your application and intention to belong to the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

I have had the privilege of learning firsthand about some of the initiatives and efforts that the Peace Government has undertaken in the area of transparency, citizen participation and accountability. The Government of Peace has implemented concrete initiatives to guarantee transparency in decision-making, facilitate access to public information, encourage government-citizen collaboration and promote public innovation. Among the main initiatives are:

- *Website "This is how we invest your resources"*, a space that promotes transparency and access to information on the use of resources in the municipal management.
- *"Chukuta Informed" website* allows access to information about a good property to know if a building has approved planimetry.
- *Open Data Portal*, seeks to promote transparency, access to information, citizen participation and the reuse of public data municipal.
- *Event: ECO-DATATON*, a space that brought together young university students to perform analysis of atmospheric, water and solid waste data where proposals came out to be implemented in the Municipality.
- *Data Analytics Platform*, is a data-based management tool (Data Driven) for decision making, this tool allows visualize large volumes of data in real time, through different dashboards or dynamic boards with descriptive analysis and advancing to predictive analysis.
- *MI NEIGHBORHOOD Platform*, promotes citizen participation and involves neighbors with the activities of their neighborhoods.

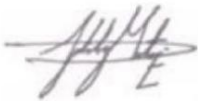
• *Citizen Participation Platform* is a tool that allows involve the inhabitants of the municipality in decision-making through citizen consultations.

• *LaPazTec* is a program that seeks the participation of young people through of an innovative ecosystem to promote economic development, has opened spaces to make visible the capabilities of young talents in events such as technology fairs, hackathons, datathons, Grand Developer among others.

I highlight the will of the Municipal Autonomous Government of La Paz - Bolivia to face municipal challenges in a collaborative manner with the various actors of civil society. The commitment demonstrated by the Government of Peace allows me to support them in their application and recommend them as a promising government with great potential that will undoubtedly enrich the global community of local open government.

I appreciate your attention and am willing to offer additional information to support the request of the Autonomous Municipal Government of La Paz to join the Open Government Partnership.

Cordially,



Fredy Martínez García

Manager of the Bogotá Open Government Project
General Secretariat of the Mayor's Office of Bogotá, DC



La Paz - Bolivia, December 14, 2023

OGP Support Unit
Mr. Rudi Borrmann, Deputy Director, OGP Local

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 Pacesidad, 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.

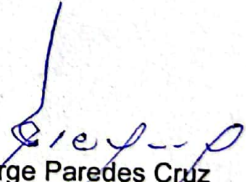

This tool makes the Municipal Autonomous Government of La Paz the first public institution in Bolivia to carry out data-based management (Data Driven) and has made it possible to transcend cultural change at all levels of the institution.

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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LA PAZ - BOLIVIA




La Paz, Bolivia
December 14, 2023

To
Mr. Rudi Borrmann
Deputy Director
OGP Local-OGP Support Unit

Mr. Borrmann,

Ref.: Non-governmental Letter of Support-Call for new members to OGP Local 2023

Regarding the Call for new members to OGP Local 2023, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Bolivia country office is pleased to express its support for the application to OGP Local submitted by the Municipal Autonomous Government of La Paz (Gobierno Autónomo Municipal de La Paz).

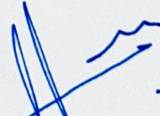
UNDP Bolivia and the Municipal Autonomous Government of La Paz have worked with open government issues such as the implementation of the "MI BARRIO Platform," which allows citizens to get closer to their neighborhood, and other innovation initiatives such as Datatones meetings, Hackathons, and LaPazTec were also promoted in joint cooperation. In this sense, we recognize the political intention and commitment to work on Open Government issues.

As a member of OGP Local, UNDP Bolivia will join this journey of collaboration, learning, and actions, being committed to working together with the government as partners to deliver an open government action plan in 2024 and implement its goals. In addition, the country office has integrated the values of open government in our OGP local process and ensures transparency, participation, and accountability.

By joining OGP Local, UNDP Bolivia also recognizes that the office has become a member of a global community of government and civil society who strive to innovate, catalyze progress, and promote learning within and across jurisdictions. The actions of its members strengthen this global community; hence, we pledge to play an active role and support other members with peer exchanges and engaging at the local, national, and international levels to promote the values of open government.

If given the opportunity to become a member of OGP Local in the 2023 call, the Directorate of Information Technology and Open Government of the Autonomous Municipal Government of La Paz will be responsible for leading the OGP Local process and liaising with the OGP Support Unit. In addition, UNDP Bolivia will support with human, and technical resources to participate in the co-creation, implementation, and learning from ambitious commitments within the action plan.

Best regards,


Aldo Garcia
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UNDP Bolivia