



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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OGP Support Unit
Mr. Rudi Borrmann, Deputy Director, OGP Local
Government Letter of Support: Call for new members to OGP Local 2024

The City of New York is pleased to apply to join OGP Local as part of our continued commitment to advancing the principles of access to information, public participation, and public accountability in the way the government carries out its mandate.

By joining OGP Local, we endorse the [Open Government Declaration](#) and commit to upholding the principles within it.

We acknowledge that, as a member of OGP Local, we are embarking on a journey of collaboration, learning and action, and commit to working together as partners with non-governmental stakeholders to deliver an open government action plan in 2024 and implement its commitments. In addition, we embed the values of open government in our OGP local process and ensure it is transparent, participatory and accountable.

We recognize that by joining OGP Local, we 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. This global community is strengthened by the actions of its members, hence, we pledge to be an active member of this global community, leading by example and supporting other members with peer exchanges and engaging at the local, national, and international level to promote the values of open government.

If given the opportunity to become a member of OGP Local in the 2024 call, the Mayor's Office of Engagement, led by our Chief Engagement Officer, will be responsible for leading locally the OGP Local process and liaising with the OGP Support Unit. In addition, we commit to making available the necessary human, financial, and technical resources to co-create, implement, and learn from ambitious commitments within the action plan.

In my role as Chief of Staff to the Mayor of the City of New York, I have prioritized the work of open and accessible government in this administration. Joining OGP Local will allow New York City to further increase its open government capacity and commitment and we are grateful for the opportunity to apply.

Sincerely,

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Camille Joseph-Varlack



Global Hub for
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Democracy

January 25th, 2024

OGP Support Unit
Rudi Borrman, Deputy Director, OGP Local

Non-governmental Letter of Support: Call for new members to OGP Local 2024

Dear Rudi, José, and OGP Support Unit,

I am thrilled to support the application of the City of New York to join OGP Local. I personally encouraged NYC Chief Engagement Officer, Betsy MacLean, to look into OGP Local and apply for this opportunity. By joining OGP Local, I am confident that the City of New York will be better able to advance open government principles and practices, and contribute to the global open government community.

People Powered commits to supporting the City with developing and implementing an open government action plan - and I commit to supporting this work personally as well. New York City has launched some of the most innovative and powerful open government programs in the world, but this work has too often been fragmented, disconnected from broader global work, and lacking adequate community and political support. Membership in OGP Local can help give clearer direction and legitimacy to the city's engagement work. It can also help other OGP Local members learn from NYC's experiences, in particular for challenges and best practices of inclusion of marginalized communities and of efforts to mainstream participation.

If the City of New York is given the opportunity to become a member of OGP Local in the 2024 call, the Mayor's Office of Engagement (ENG) led by Chief Engagement Officer Betsy MacLean will be responsible for leading locally the OGP Local process and liaising with the OGP Support Unit. In addition, People Powered and its local members and partners will participate in the co-creation, implementation, and learning from action plan commitments.

I enthusiastically support the City of New York's application to OGP Local. Having NYC at the table in this work will be a tremendous asset. I look forward to working with the City and their team to make the most of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Josh Lerner
Co-Executive Director

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