



**Anambra
East.**
Local Government Area

Government of
Anambra State



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The Civil Society Adviser,
Open Government Partnership (OGP).

Dear Sir,

Letter of Support for Anambra East Local Government Area's Application to Join OGP Local

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the application submitted by Anambra East Local Government Area, Nigeria, to join the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Local initiative. As an individual committed to fostering transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement, Anambra East LGA's inclusion in OGP Local will significantly contribute to advancing open government values and practices at the local level.

Commitment to OGP Values and Criteria

We fully support Anambra East LGA's commitment to upholding the OGP Values and meeting the outlined criteria. This partnership will enhance governance practices, promote transparency, and strengthen civic participation in decision-making processes.

Value Proposition for Anambra East LGA

Joining OGP Local allows Anambra East LGA to leverage international best practices and collaborate with a global network committed to open government. The value proposition lies in the potential for increased citizen trust, improved service delivery, and establishing a participatory environment that fosters innovation and inclusive development.

Future Directions of Open Government Action

Anambra East LGA envisions advancing open government principles in key thematic areas such as transparency, public accountability, civic engagement and participation, inclusion, etc., aligning with OGP's strategic and thematic priorities. Our joint efforts will focus on engaging citizens to shape and oversee policies, ensuring that governance reflects the needs and aspirations of the local community.

Capacity and Resources for Co-Creation

In collaboration with the Centre for Inclusive Social Development, Anambra East LGA is well-equipped to co-create and implement open government initiatives. The responsible agency within the government has been identified, and we are confident in the commitment and resources allocated for this purpose.

Track Record on Open Government

Anambra East LGA has demonstrated a remarkable track record in open government and co-creation with non-governmental stakeholders. The LGA firmly commits to transparency and citizen engagement by regularly publishing audited financial statements in collaboration with CSOs, involving citizens in the budgeting process through the Charter of Demand, hosting continuous sessions for citizen feedback, and fostering an active partnership with CSOs to enhance governance accountability.

Contribution to OGP Local

Anambra East LGA is eager to contribute good practices and lessons to the OGP Local community, sharing experiences that have led to successful open government reforms. Our insights can benefit other members, fostering mutual learning and improvement.

Peer Learning and Collaboration

Anambra East LGA is willing to actively participate in peer learning and share experiences with other OGP Local members within Nigeria and relevant thematic circles. The exchange of knowledge will contribute to continuously improving open local government practices.

Spreading the Practice of Open Local Government

Anambra East LGA is committed to actively spreading the practice of open local government within its jurisdiction. Outreach programs, capacity-building initiatives, and awareness campaigns will be conducted to engage and educate other localities on the benefits of open governance.

We wholeheartedly endorse Anambra East LGA's application to join OGP Local. This collaboration will catalyse positive change, empower citizens, and create a more transparent and accountable local governance framework.

Thank you for considering our letter of support. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact that Anambra East LGA's membership will bring to the OGP Local community.

Sincerely,



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**Folahan Johnson,
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Open Government Partnership Local.

Dear Sir,

Letter of Support for Anambra East Local Government's Application to Join OGP Local

We support Anambra East Local Government's application to join the Open Government Partnership Local (OGP Local). Our organisation, the Centre for Inclusive Social Development, recognizes the importance of fostering transparent, inclusive, and participatory governance at the local level, and we believe that Anambra East Local Government's commitment to these principles aligns seamlessly with the values and criteria set forth by OGP Local.

As an organisation dedicated to promoting inclusive governance, we commend the commitment of Anambra East Local Government's political leaders, as evidenced in the Letter of Support from the head of strategy, partnership and special duties. This commitment is a testament to the genuine intention to create a more open and accountable government that actively involves non-governmental stakeholders in decision-making.

Anambra East Local Government has an impressive record of engaging in open government and participatory governance initiatives. This includes active participation in national open government initiatives, demonstrating their commitment to fostering government and civil society collaboration. We are particularly impressed by the successful examples of participatory governance, which showcase the local government's dedication to innovation and community-driven decision-making. Anambra East Local Government is committed to working with the community for its betterment.

The sufficient time left in the current local government administration's term ensures uninterrupted participation in the action plan process, emphasising a commitment to see the OGP Local journey through to its conclusion. This foresight aligns well with OGP's strategic and thematic priorities, emphasising citizen engagement in shaping and overseeing policies and services.

Anambra East Local Government has demonstrated existing capacity and resources for co-creation and implementation of progressive citizens initiatives, with identified staff in government and civil society/non-government counterparts. The clarity on mechanisms for co-creation and monitoring further underscores the local government's preparedness to engage actively in the OGP Local initiative.

The reason for Anambra East Local Government's decision to join the OGP Local is apparent. It aims to improve its governance structures' transparency, accountability, and effectiveness. The potential benefits of open government action, such as public accountability, civic engagement and participation, inclusion, and more, align with OGP's strategic goals. This move highlights the local government's determination to meet the needs and aspirations of its constituents.

With its exemplary track record in open government and co-creation with non-governmental stakeholders., we are confident that Anambra East Local Government will make valuable contributions to the OGP Local community. The local government's willingness to participate in peer learning and share experiences demonstrates its commitment to collective growth and improvement.

We pledge our support to Anambra East Local Government's OGP Local application and look forward to witnessing the positive impact of its inclusion in this transformative initiative. We believe this collaboration will benefit the local government and serve as a beacon of inspiration for other jurisdictions aspiring to adopt open governance practices.

Sincerely,



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