

Open Government Partnership

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The Honorable Mohamed Shafeeq
Minister of Finance
Republic of Maldives

Dear Minister Shafeeq,

On behalf of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Steering Committee, it is with great pleasure that we extend our congratulations on Maldives' entry into the Partnership. We warmly welcome Maldives as the newest member of our broad and diverse community of government and civil society reformers working together to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy-making.

We are confident that Maldives' participation will enrich our collective efforts in promoting open government values. As a member of the Partnership, Maldives will gain access to a wealth of knowledge, best practices, and innovative approaches to open government generated by our dynamic community. By leveraging these resources, Maldives will have the opportunity to drive transformative change and foster an open, inclusive and accountable government. To assist you as you embark on the next steps of your OGP membership journey, we have appended [OGP's strategy for 2023 – 2028](#). This document outlines partnership-wide priorities that could serve as a reference point to determine how Maldives can contribute to the accomplishment of shared goals.

On behalf of the OGP Co-Chairs, we call on all OGP countries to make every effort to go beyond OGP's minimum requirements in their domestic action plan processes, fulfilling annual financial contributions, and promoting and safeguarding the Partnership's values, principles and interests. We extend our support to Maldives in accomplishing this.

To properly welcome Maldives into the Open Government community, we propose a delegation from the OGP Support Unit to visit Malé in the week of 12 August, to meet with members of your ministry and Maldives civil society who will be spearheading the governance reform in your country. I hope we can count on your support to organize the meetings with the government and civil society stakeholders in Maldives.

To foster interaction and exchange among open government reformers, we also extend a warm invitation to Maldives to attend and send a delegation to the upcoming OGP Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting to be held in Manila, the Philippines on February 6-7, 2025. The Regional Meeting will provide an opportunity for reformers from government and civil society to meet with their peers from across the partnership, share lessons with one another, and draw inspiration from successful practices implemented around the world. A formal invitation will be issued in the coming months.

The OGP Steering Committee and Support Unit stand ready to support and assist you throughout this exciting process. We look forward to a fruitful partnership as we work together to drive positive change and explore ways to deepen Maldives' involvement in shaping an open and accountable government.

Sincerely,



Sanjay Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer

