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# Introduction :

The Open Government Partnership in Tunisia is considered the commitment to a set of principles, mainly represented by the enhancement of transparency and integrity in the public and the promotion of financial transparency at the local sector, the consecration of open government at the local level, level). and the digitization of administrative services through the involvement of citizens in the use of modern communication As for the commitments included in the Fifth National Action technologies. These principles aim to achieve reforms that are Plan (2023-2025), their importance lies in their development consistent with the needs of citizens and their demands, and to improve the management of public affairs and the quality situation that the country is experiencing, which requires of public services, while adopting the participatory approach efforts to overcome a number of challenges, perhaps the followed within the framework of the global initiative for this most important of which is the improvement of the economic partnership.



Tunisia's accession to the global Open Government • Partnership initiative in 2014 is considered as the culmination of its commitment to open government. The open government program within the public sector requires the adoption of many reform programs that includes the framework of developing In this context, it should be emphasized that the development the role of civil society in this participatory pathway, which into the mechanisms of government and administration. was embodied in the development and implementation of four national action plans from 2014 to 2023. This success It should also be noted that the preparation, production and is reflected on the one hand, in the important technological, institutional, and legal achievements that these plans have and financial support of Expertise France (EF), through of public awareness of the importance of moving towards (PAGOF2), financed by the French Development Agency government openness in its various dimensions and the (AFD). availability of real political will to achieve it along with citizen participation.

Government Partnership is marked by its participatory many reforms and initiatives in this area, resulting in positive process reflected in the significant involvement of civil society, which substantially supports its activity in the field of Open Government Partnership, by the participation of many Since joining the OGP initiative in 2014, Tunisia has associations in the extensive public consultation to develop the Fifth National Action Plan, whether online or organized in some regions (Gafsa, Kairouan and Kef). The statistics related included 20 commitments. The second action plan covered to the proposals registered in this consultation demonstrate the period from 2016 to the end of August 2018 and the level of civil society involvement and engagement in the included 15 commitments. The third action plan included area of OGP. Furthermore, the significance of civil society



within the framework of the social, economic and political situation, which in turn requires efforts to combat corruption and promote good governance of public funds, particularly the management of natural resources.

The extensive public consultation, especially during the workshops organized in some regions (Gafsa, Kairouan and Kef), led to the registration of a number of key proposals reflecting the aspirations and priorities of Tunisian citizens, which have been translated into commitments along the following axes:

- Support transparency,
- Governance of natural resource management,
- Promote public participation,
- Establish open government at the local level,
- Instill accountability and integrity,
- Develop and digitize public services.

public services, improving their quality and supporting the of the Fifth National Action Plan is seen as a continuation participatory approach between government, citizens and of Tunisia's participation in the OGP initiative and its partnership in the paths of public decision-making, as well as commitment to integrating the principles of open government

dissemination of this present PAN benefited from the technical led to and, on the other hand, in the extent of the growth the Support Project for Open Francophone Governments

# II. Open government consolidation reforms

The development of the Fifth National Action Plan for Open The Open Government Partnership program has enabled impacts at the national and local levels.

> developed and implemented three national action plans. The first action plan covered the period 2014-2016 and 13 commitments and covered the period from 2018 to 2020.





While the fourth Action Plan included 13 commitments second prize for the Africa and East Asia region was awarded and covered the period 2021-2023. All the commitments to Tunisia for the Right to Access to Information program. concerned the promotion of openness in government, the This award relates to the second commitment of the second fight against corruption, the establishment of a participatory National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership. approach, and the improvement of public service quality. This award is Tunisia's recognition by the international Within the framework of this program, the Tunisian community for what it has achieved in the field of supporting government has achieved many successes in recent years, the right to access to information, and for the efforts Tunisia has made in the field of OGP since joining this initiative in which can be classified according to the axes of open government as follows: January 2014.

# 1. Promoting transparency in government processes and opening access to public data:

As part of its efforts to increase the transparency of aovernment operations and enshrine the right of access to information, Tunisia has made great efforts to support the legal and regulatory framework at the national and local levels to enhance and enrich Tunisia's experience in the field of open government. The following statements are some of the most important accomplishments:

- Reaffirming the recognition of the principle of the constitutionality of the right of access to information in the new Constitution of the Republic of Tunisia dated July 25th, 2022, in which Article 38 states: «The State guarantees the right to information and the right of access to information.»
- The issuance of Organic Law No. 2016-22 dated March 24, 2016, related to the right of access to information, and the issuance of the executive regulations for the requirements of this law in accordance with Circular No. 2018-19, dated May 18, 2018, on the right of access to information.
- Establishment of the Access to Information Authoritu in accordance with Article 37 of Organic Law No. 2016-22, the members of which were elected by the Tunisian People's Assembly on July 18, 2017.
- These gains have been strengthened by working to promote the right of access to information and the dissemination of its culture by:
- Developing a guide concerning access to information for public officials and a guide on access to information for citizens. These guides are designed to instill a new culture based on openness and information sharing, and to improve the process of engagement in the transparency effort.
- Capacity building related to access to information through the organization of several training courses for those responsible for access to information at the central and local levels, in partnership with a number of international donors interested in this area.

In this context, it is worth mentioning that within the framework of the Seventh Global Summit of the Open Government Partnership, hosted by the Republic of Korea on December 15-17, on 2021 awards were presented to the outstanding projects implemented within the framework of the Member States' Action Plans for this Partnership. The





The following actions were taken to achieve financial transparencu

- Publication of the budget closing report of 2018 on July 25, 2020 and publication of the budget closing report of 2019 on December 28, 2021. The 2020 budget closing report was published on August 12, 2023.
- Publication of Organic Law No. 2019-15, dated February 13, 2019, on the Organic Law of the Budget.

In addition, open data is a fundamental pillar for supporting the transparency of the administrative system and the creation of value-added services. Tunisia is considered as a pioneer in this field, as it was the first to establish a national open data portal, as published online at the end of September 2016, in addition to the development of many sectoral portals such as :

- National Institute of Statistics Open Data Portal
- The Ministry of the Interior's Open Data Portal
- Open Data Portal for Industry and Energy
- The Ministry of Culture's Open Data Portal
- The Ministry of Finance's Open Budget Portal "Mizaniatouna"
- The Ministry of Transport's Open Data Portal
- The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Fisheries Open Data Portal

In addition, a network of open data project coordinators has been established in various ministries, a data reuse license has been created, and an inventory of public data that can be published with an open form has been conducted at the level of 14 ministries. An electronic system was developed to digitize the public data inventory process, pdims.data.gov.tn, which was previously performed manually.

Furthermore, it supports the general framework for opening public data through:

- Developing a new version of the national open data portal data.gov.tn based on open source technologies and putting it into use since March 2023.
- Organizing the second edition of the national competition «OpenGovDataHack2023» related to the project of developing reuse cases based on open public data, from 17 to 19 March 2023, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Ministry of Education.
- Developing a practical quide on opening public data in Tunisia in Arabic and French during the year 2022. This guide aims to explain the conceptual framework of open data, present an overview of the initiative in Tunisia, and clarify the necessary steps to dedicate the process of









opening public data at the level of public structures.



Organizing the first edition of the «OpenGovDataHack2020» competition at the end of declared. January 2020 targeting several public structures, in particular the Ministry of Transport and Logistics, the In addition, Tunisia has made significant efforts at the this competition, with the aim of developing them into including: real projects and emerging institutions.

- Issuing a regulatory text that regulates the opening of public data, which is the Governmental decree No. 2021-3, dated January 6, 2021, related to the opening of public data, which was prepared according to a participatory approach that allowed the involvement of various active stakeholders in the field of open data.
- Organizing a number of training sessions in 2019 for representatives of ministries, such as Transport, Culture, Agriculture, Industry and Social Affairs (National Health Insurance Fund), with the aim of developing skills in the field of open data.

The development of a national strategy for open government . in Tunisia has also been completed, which will make it possible to develop a reference framework for coordinating reforms in this area at the national and local levels and to set objectives and priorities to be effectively implemented. This is in addition to providing a strategic framework for the Open Government Partnership Action Plans, which are developed and implemented every two years, and consolidating the . culture of open government within the public sector at all levels and among all stakeholders.

# 2. Promoting integrity and fighting corruption in the . public sector:

Tunisia has undertaken many reforms and initiatives to improve public sector integrity and fight corruption. As for the legal level, many legal texts have been issued that incorporate and support these principles, such as:

Organic Law No. 2017-10, dated March 7, 2017, on the local governance: reporting of corruption and the protection of whistleblowers. Executive regulations for this law have also been issued:

2019, regulating the conditions and procedures for granting incentives in the field of prevention of corruption.

Governmental Decree No. 2019-1124, dated December 9, 2019, which regulates the mechanismsand criteria for granting financial rewards to those who report corruption.

Law No. 2018-46, dated August 1, 2018, related to the declaration of profits and interests and the fight against illicit enrichment and conflicts of interest. Executive regulations have also been issued for this law, specifically Governmental Decree No. 2018-818, dated October 11, 2018, which establishes the form for declaring profits and interests and the minimum amount of profits, loans and gifts that must be

Ministry of Culture and the National Health Insurance organizational, institutional and communication levels to Fund. In addition to supporting 7 models emerging from strengthen the government's anti-corruption mechanisms,

- Conducting a feasibility study on the development of a platform to follow up the implementation of the recommendations contained in the audit reports in 2023, Developing a practical guide on «The Supervisory Report from Development to Publication» by the Tunisian Association of Public Accountants,
- Strengthening the mechanisms for establishing transparency in the work of oversight structures, and thus accountability, through the issuance of Governmental Decree No. 2020-375, dated June 29, 2020, on the regulation of the process of publishing the reports of oversight bodies and the follow-up reports issued by them.
- Developing the online public procurement system "Tuneps", which represents a digital processing of all phases of public procurement. It aims to create an integrated system for concluding public transactions and purchases through a one-stop shop. This system also allows intangible procedures to be followed at all phases of public procurement,
- Developing the National Reference for Corporate Governance, whose main objective is to provide guidelines and requirements for responsible and civic management in public and private companies,
- Developing the CABRANE system ( http://www.cabrane. com/) by the Tunisian Association of Public Auditors, which aims to improve the monitoring of the progress of the completion of public projects by evaluating these projects, expressing an opinion on them and reporting violations and infringements related to their completion.

# 3. Strengthening the participatory approach and

The process of establishing local governance and decentralization in Tunisia has witnessed remarkable Governmental Decree No. 2019-1123, dated December 9, developments since 2011. In recent years, Tunisia has

taken important steps toward decentralization by working to consolidate participatory democracy. In this context, we can point to main achievements that support this process, including:

- · The constitutional enshrinement of decentralization through the creation of the Council of Regions and Districts in the Constitution of July 25, 2022.
- Publication of collections of open data relevant to municipal work through an electronic platform for open data at the local level collectiviteslocales.gov.tn, ,
- Developing an open data platform for municipalities, openbaladiati.tn , by the "Onshor" Association.

Given the importance of public participation and the extent of its influence on decision-making and the development and implementation of public policies, the Tunisian government has set up several mechanisms dedicated to the participatory approach, such as:

- Developing an integrated electronic system «e-people» for complaints https://www.e-people.gov.tn/ This system represents a portal for participation and interaction between the administration and those who deal with it, as it includes in particular different channels of communication compatible with the needs of citizens, allowing them to submit their petitions, suggestions or requests online,
- Issuing Governmental Decree No. 2018-328', dated March 29, 2018, related to the organization of public consultations.
- The second version of the public consultation portal http://www.e-participation.tn/ was launched, providing an expanded space for citizens to further participate in public affairs by enabling them to participate electronically in public consultations, submit and exchange proposals and ideas, and discuss various public policy-related issues,
- Issuing 3 circulars related to citizen engagement, respectively: Circular No. 2011-12on the Participation of those working with the administration in the evaluation of public services, Circular No. 2011-13 on the operationalization of the participatory approach in the improvement of basic services, and Circular No. 14 of 2011 on the quality of legislation.
- Empowering the role of youth in the different regions of the Republic in the formulation and follow-up of public policies, and creating practical mechanisms that allow them to express their aspirations and concerns, and to communicate their voice and proposals on issues and problems that affect them or their region. In this context, local youth councils have been created that include representatives of civil society and public authorities, with a strong presence of young people. Five model local youth councils were established in Kasserine, Ben Guerdene, Kef, Testour and Ibn Khaldoun.
- During the fourth work plan of the Open Government Partnership, efforts were made to develop «Youth Action





Plans» (Plans d'action Jeunesse), which aim to develop innovative projects to increase youth participation in local affairs. The development and implementation of these plans was founded on a participatory approach based on the principle of co-creation between young citizens, municipalities and local structures interested in youth affairs at the level of 12 municipalities (Hammam Chatt, Gabes, Dar Chaabane El Fehri, Zariba, Zaouia Sousse, Carthage, Metlaoui, Sidi Bourouis, Tboursek, Ghazala, Enfidha, Bichri Fatnassa Nagga).

Launching open government initiatives at the level of a number of municipalities, such as the Open Government Partnership Initiative at the national level, using the same participatory approach. The peculiarity of this initiative is that it allows municipalities to include commitments coherent with the specificities and needs of the region, and to increase the participation of citizens in the control and implementation of these commitments. Open government action plans have been developed in the municipalities of Requeb, Carthage, Hammam Chatt, Gabès, Dar Chaabane Al Fihri, Al Zariba, Zaouiet Sousse and Souassi. As part of the implementation of the OGP Fourth Action Plan, work has been done to support the implementation of these plans through the development of communication plans according to the needs and characteristics of the municipalities participating in the initiative, as well as the development of a visual identity for each municipality to facilitate the communication process.

# 4. Strengthening the Governance of the State's Financial Resources and Natural Wealth:

Among the most important initiatives taken to regulate the management of the country's financial resources and natural wealth, we can mention the following:

- Developing an open data portal for the hydrocarbons and mining sector to increase transparency in the sector by publishing all information and data related to investments in the sector. The portal also allows the publication of contracts related to the exploration, research and exploitation of hydrocarbons in Tunisia, as well as the publication of participation contracts and production sharing contracts concluded between the investor and the Tunisian state.
- The portal also includes many contractual documents related to the mining sector in order to make the management system in the mining sector more transparent.
- Making progress in fulfilling the various conditions and procedures necessary to prepare Tunisia's accession to the International Initiative for Transparency in the Extractive Industries, through the appointment of a national coordinator to oversee the process of joining the Initiative. Furthermore, holding elections for civil society representatives in the Stakeholders' Council and determining its composition, which is considered









Development of the first version of the Open Budget Portal, which facilitates citizens' access to budget information and creates financial transparency by publishing financial data and indicators related to state resources and expenditures, treasury accounts, and public institutions of an administrative nature. During the fourth OGP Action Plan, the development of a new version of this sustem was launched.

# III. The Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership 2023-2025

# 1. The process for producing the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership:

during the drefting process of the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership, a participatory approach was used at all phases. In this context, public consultations were organized in two phases, using all available means of communication to collect proposals from citizens, civil society associations, non-governmental organizations and public structures on projects and reforms and ideas from the various participants in this consultation: that could be included in the Action Plan and that should be related to the basic axis of open government. The Joint Advisory Committee charged with preparing and monitoring the implementation of the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership has played a key role in this framework.

# 1. Amending the composition of the Joint Advisory Committee in charge of preparing and monitoring the implementation of the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership 2023-2025

With the aim of increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the work of the Joint Advisory Committee for the Open Government Partnership Program, which will continue to supervise the development and implementation of the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership, a change was made in the composition of this Committee at the level of its members representing the administration and public structures, as five representatives of these structures were substituted in order to complement and achieve greater efficiency in following the implementation of the National Action Plan and its requirements in terms of presenting proposals and solutions to the problems raised.

The new members have been included in accordance with the nature of the tasks assigned to them, which will contribute to improving the implementation of the commitments set out in the Fifth National Action Plan. For

an important step towards completing the process in the OGP, while the same members representing civil society particular. Comparative experience shows that many have been maintained, they have been selected according countries have stumbled in joining the Initiative due to a path that enshrines the principle of transparency in the creation of this committee and opens the way for different components of civil society to become members of this committee.



# 2. The first phase of the expanded national consultation on the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership

During the first phase of the Extended National Consultation on the reforms proposed in the Fifth National OGP Action Plan, several mechanisms were used to gather suggestions

# Organizing a briefing day to announce the launch of the process to develop the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership 2023-2025

With the aim of announcing the start of the process of preparing the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership 2023-2025, a briefing day was organized on February 8, 2023, by the e-government Unit of the Presidency of the Government in cooperation with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

This briefing day provided an opportunity to present the framework for the implementation of the Fourth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership. The independent evaluation expert in charge of preparing a report to assess the coordination of the implementation of this plan at the level of the International Initiative for the Open Government Partnership also highlighted the importance of the participatory approach adopted in Tunisia to develop the action plans for the Open Government Partnership. He also noted the existence of a number of commitments that are considered important in terms of their ability to bring about change.

The proposed program for the development of the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership was also presented, clarifying the mechanisms and



participatory methodology that will be used. In this context, was organized on May 12, 2023. Representatives of many the first phase of the online consultation has been launched public structures and bodies, civil society activists and partner to collect proposals for commitments that could be included institutions of the OGP program participated in this workshop in the Fifth National Action Plan between February 8 and with the aim of presenting and discussing the list of proposals March 31, 2023. collected during the first phase of the public consultation and identifying priority commitments that can be included in the This briefing day was attended by representatives of first version of the Action Plan.

ministries and public bodies such as the High committee for Administrative and Financial control, the Access to Information Authority and several municipalities. civil society representatives, as well as financial and technical partners of the Open Government Partnership Program, also participated.

# Electronic consultation on the public consultation website

The electronic consultation was opened in its first phase on the public consultation website www.e.participation.tn during the period between February 8, 2023 and March31, • 2023. These deadlines were subsequently extended to May 9th, 2023. Participants in this consultation were invited to submit their ideas and proposals for projects that they believe are necessary and feasible to develop, initiatives and In order to gather suggestions and ideas from different reforms that embodu the principles of open advernment in accordance with the themes proposed in the consultation.

## • Organization of workshops in a some regions

Public consultations were held in a number of regions The mechanisms adopted in the first phase of the public with the aim of widening the range of participants in this consultation allowed for the collection of a large number consultation and gathering as many suggestions as possible of proposals (more than 320), which formed the focus of for inclusion in the first version of the Action Plan. These the work of the Joint Advisory Committee charged with consultations were organized within workshops attended continuing the development and implementation of this Plan. by a number of executives from a number of municipalities in In this context, a series of working sessions were held in which these regions, as well as with the participation of a number the members of the Joint Advisoru Committee were divided of representatives of associations active in the field of open into three teams to study, evaluate and sort the proposals in government, with the participation of representatives of order to develop the priority version of the Action Plan. Each public structures in the region concerned. The workshops team, within the framework of a working session, sorted the were organized as follows: proposals that concern one of the axes of open government. The teams' working sessions were divided as follows: A workshop in the region of Gafsa on May 3rd, 2023,

- with the participation of the municipalities of Gafsa, Metlaoui, Al Ksar and Mdhilla.
- A workshop in the region of Kairouan on May 4th, 2023 On May 24th, 2023: The session related to integrity and with the participation of the municipalities of Kairouan, digitization of administrative services, Oueslatia, Bouhaila and Hafouz.
- On May 25th, 2023: The session related to public A workshop in the region of Kef on May 9th, 2023, with • participation and open government at the local level. the participation of the municipalities of Kef, Tajerouine, Nebeur, Sers and Bahra.
- Organization of a workshop to present the results of the first phase of the expanded national consultation

A workshop to present the results of the first phase of the national consultation for the development of the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership









# Sending official correspondence to various ministries and public agencies to submit their proposals for projects to be included in this plan

seaments of the participants, official correspondence was sent to various ministries and public structures to submit their proposals for projects and reforms that could be included in the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership.

On May 23rd, 2023: The session related to transparency and governance in natural resource management,

During these sessions, the collected proposals were sorted, examined, and classified according to the following criteria:

- Specific: The problem is identifiable, solvable, includes clear procedures or actions to be taken, and describes the results expected from its implementation,
- Measurable: The commitment can be scheduled







overtime to track progress toward its fulfillment,

- Responsible Authority (Answerable): Identify the entity responsible for executing the commitment and any intervening parties.
- Related to the principles of open government (Relevant): Related to the implementation of one of the fundamental themes or challenges of open government, which is transparency, accountability and participation.
- Time-Bound (Define the duration of achievement): Can be implemented in two years: A commitment to be fulfilled in two years. A clear schedule can be set for completion over the two years, divided into precise phases.
- Potential Impact: Evaluate the change expected as a • result of implementing the commitment.

The work of the Joint Advisory Committee then continued by reviewing the proposals from each team and making OGP program in Tunisia, in addition to the various National Action the necessary modifications to them during an online meetingheld on June 12, 2023, which made it possible to committees, evaluation reports and various commitments and maintain an initial list of twenty-eight (28) proposals on the projects completed. various axes of open government.

# 3. The second phase of the national consultation on the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership

After the initial version of the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership was approved by the Joint Advisory Committee, it was submitted for consultation at a second session to identify priority proposals for inclusion in the final version of the Action Plan.

In this context, the same approach was followed during the first phase of the consultation, as the public consultation website www.e.participation.tn was used during the period from June 13 to June 25, 2023. Subsequently, the committee's work continued with two online meetings on July 12, 2023, and August 24, 2023, to determine the final list of commitments to be included in the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership.

# 4. Workshop on co-creating the commitments of the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership

As part of the continuation of the participatory approach in the development of the fifth national action plan for the Open Government Partnership 2023-2025, a workshop was organized in Tunis on 20 September 2023 to discuss and enrich the content of the list of commitments that will be included in the action plan. This workshop was attended by representatives of involved public structures and institutions, civil society activists, and partner institutions of the Open Government Partnership Program in Tunisia.



importance of the Open Government Partnership website in Tunisia

One of the main communication mechanisms adopted in the development of the Fifth National Action Plan for the OGP is the website of the Tunisian OGP http://www.ogptunisie.gov.tn as this site contains various activities and developments related to the Plans for the OGP, minutes of meetings, composition of steering

# 2. The role of civil society in the development of the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership

The participatory approach is one of the fundamental principles of the OGP initiative and a pillar of its implementation and success. This approach requires the promotion and consolidation of an effective partnership between public structures and civil society organizations in the definition of the various commitments contained in the Action Plans and in the monitoring of their implementation.

In this context, the civil society associations and organizations represented in the Joint Advisory Committee charged with preparing and monitoring the implementation of the Action Plan contributed to the various phases of the development of the Fifth Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership. Several other associations also participated in the development of this plan by organizing an extended public consultation in parallel with a series of regional consultations for this purpose.

## 1. The extended public consultation on the development of the Fifth Action Plan Open Government Partnership the

On February 8, 2023, the e-Government Unit announced the start of the process of preparing the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership 2023-2025. This announcement was accompanied by the organization of an extensive online public consultation through the Public Participation Portal for a period of 3 months, from 8 February 2023 to 9 May 2023, with the aim of collecting proposals from citizens and civil society to present ideas and initiatives aimed at embodying the principles of open government.

The total number of proposals reached 320, distributed as follows:

- Proposals via the Electronic Participation Portal: 227 proposals,
- Proposals for workshops at the regional level: 60 proposals,
- Civil society proposals via email: 25 proposals,
- Proposals for public structures: 8 proposals.

# Proposals gathered through the extended national consultation















2. Regional consultations in the context of developing Proposals of the Tunisian Association for Local the Fifth Action Plan for the Open Government Governance: Partnership

A series of regional consultations were held on 3rd, 4th and 9th of May in the governorates of Gafsa, Kairouan and Kef, respectively, with the aim of consulting and dialoguing on the draft commitments that could be included in the fifth national plan for the Open Government Partnership. These meetings witnessed an important participation of associations and civil society organizations in these different regions. The regions where the number of participants exceeded approximately 70 participants were distributed as follows according to regions: 29 participants from the region of Gafsa, 24 participants from the region of Kairouan and 21 participants from the region of Kef. The members of the Steering Committee representing civil society participated in these different consultations by making different interventions on the role of civil society in the context of the Open Government Partnership Program, while respecting the privacy of each stakeholder, with the aim of collecting the largest number of proposals in line with the needs and aspirations of citizens.

For example, the regional consultation for the governorate of Gafsa highlighted the contribution of civil society in the design and implementation of various commitments related to energy and mines since 2014

As for the regional consultation in the governorate of Kairouan: Civil society representatives focused on water resources due to the difficulties faced by the region, but also on the availability and quality of public services in general.

As for the regional consultation for the governorate of Kef, the focus was on the experience of the municipality of Kef in the field of open government partnership, as the municipality of Kef joined this global initiative and committed to develop and implement an action plan over the course of two years 2021-2023. This plan includes 17 commitments related to increasing integrity, promoting participatory action and modernizing public administration. This plan included 17 commitments related to improving integrity, supporting participatory action, and modernizing public administration, and contributing to the improvement of public services in the municipality in coordination with civil society, which followed all phases, whether related to development, implementation, or follow-up and evaluation.

# 3. Submission of proposals for inclusion in the fifth action plan of the Open Government Partnership

In the context of the extended public consultation on the development of the Fifth Action Plan, the associations Civil society representatives participated in all the meetings submitted 25 proposals via the dedicated e-mail address, representing 8% of the total proposals submitted in the first phase of the consultation, not counting the proposals received through the electronic participation portal.

- Include a commitment for financial transparency;
- Carry out awareness and information campaigns on e-participation on portals using various channels (forums, brochures, information sessions, etc.);
- Work with the Tax Administration to determine a list of general data that will be made available to the public as part of access to information and transparency, such as: Number of persons liable to pay taxes by gender and sector of activity. As a result, a proposal has been made to use this information in the context of tax awareness research and education;
- Conduct awareness-raising campaigns on women's rights with the aim of combating violence against women and strengthening their role in society;
- Further promote the Open Government Partnership initiative, especially among young people and at the local level;
- Simplify and digitize services offered to investors.

# Proposals of the Tunisian Association for Local Governance:

- Establish an advanced legal framework compatible with the e-government and open government program;
- Develop mobile phone applications and websites to facilitate access to government services, focusing on the needs of citizens, institutions and administrations;
- Develop online administrative services related to the management of public enterprises, while establishing a legal framework related to the management of public institutions and enterprises;
- Launch an electronic portal for various government and administrative services that will enable a group of citizens to have effective and easy access to government services online. This is in addition to promoting the use of the «INJAZ» system, which is a national system for monitoring and evaluating public projects and programs and disseminating them to the public;
- Effective implementation of the system of digitalization of distribution channels developed by the Ministry of Trade, which contributes to the control of distribution channels, the fight against smuggling and monopolies, and the implementation of the governance of public enterprises.

# 4. Attend the various meetings organized by the e-Government Unit to discuss the commitments to be included

and workshops organized by the e-Government Unit to discuss the commitments to be included in the Fifth Work Plan of the Open Government Partnership. This participation was positive and constructive.

It is also worth mentioning that civil society organizations This was related to the participation in the media day participated in the meetings of the Joint Advisory Committee organized on February 8, 2023, to announce the launch for the Open Government Partnership Program in the of the process of preparing the Fifth National Action Plan framework of the development of the Fifth National Action for the Open Government Partnership. In this context, a Plan for the Open Government Partnership, as follows: representative of civil society and a member of the Joint Advisory Committee in charge of monitoring the development An online meeting on June 12, 2023, to review the list of and implementation of the Fourth National Action Plan proposals sorted based on the results of the first phase for the Open Government Partnership presented the role of public consultation resulting from the working group played by civil society and its various contributions during meetings held on May 23, 24, and 25, 2023. the development and implementation of the Fourth National Action Plan.

Representatives of various civil society organizations also participated in a series of meetings organized by the e-Government Unit to further study the proposals collected and to identify the proposals that will be included in the first version of the Action Plan, according to the criteria established for this purpose, as follows:

- May 23rd, 2023: Review of proposals related to the axes of transparency and governance in the management of natural resources,
- May 24th, 2023: Review of proposals related to the two pillars of accountability and digitization of administrative services.
- May 25th, 2023: Review of proposals related to the two pillars of public participation and open government at the local level.

Afterwards, on May 12th, the workshop organized by the e-Government Unit in partnership with the extended PAGOF Program to Support Francophone African Countries in the Field of Open Government , took place to present the results of the first phase of the national consultation for the development of the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership.





- an online meeting on July 13, 2023, to select the final list of commitments for the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership,
- an online meeting on August 24, 2023, to further determine the final list of commitments for the Fifth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership.



IV. Open Government Partnership Fifth National Action Plan Commitments



TRANSPARENCY AND **GOVERNANCE OF NATURAL** RESOURCES



# Commitment 1 Promote financial transparency





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Lead implementing agency/actor	Ministry in charge of Finance (Ministry of Finance)
to enhance integrity, fight corruption and acco is necessary to adopt a set of mechanisms an State's financial resources. In this context, this commitment aims to increas - Developing a new version of the open budg Law No. 2019-15, which is mainly based on the dev by objectives, allowing access to detailed data operational units, activities and types of expen - IImproving the current version of the citizen's • Developping the state budget in a simplifi • Presenting this budget in a way that is acc - The possibility of automatically accessing the	budget: ed form that can be viewed and understood by all citizens,
budget execution reports.	
Problem/Background	While the financial system is compatible with international standards and specifications in the area of financial transparency and the availability and exchange of information, still: - The mechanisms put in place at the practical level still fall short of the expectations of the various stakeholders and citizens, since they do not take into account the needs of all those interested in public finances, in addition to the limited effectiveness of the instruments established and aimed at increasing financial transparency. - The shortfall recorded by some organizations in meeting the deadlines for the submission of some reports has not been remedied.
Identification of commitment objectives/expected results	<ul> <li>Promote financial transparency through:</li> <li>Developing the current version of the Open Budget Portal in accordance with the strategic directions and vision of the Ministry and the aspirations of civil society, facilitating access to public data related to public finances and the implementation of the state budget, and making them available to the public in an open form that enhances their reuse and exploitation by users,</li> <li>Providing a simplified version of the budget that citizens can understand, taking into account people with disabilities,</li> <li>Ability to automatically view the first temporary data of the budget closing report.</li> </ul>
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem	<ul> <li>Strengthen financial transparency and fight corruption and misuse of public funds,</li> <li>Promote access to and re-use of public data of interest to public finance,</li> <li>Create practical and simple mechanisms that allow citizens to see and follow the process of preparing and implementing the state budget,</li> <li>Avoid the shortfall recorded at the level of publishing some of the required reports.</li> </ul>
Relevance with OGP values	<ul> <li>Instill transparency by facilitating access to financial management information and timely reporting,</li> <li>Strengthen accountability by establishing effective mechanisms to monitor the management of public financial resources and the extent to which they are managed.</li> </ul>
Source of funding /Relation with other programs and policies	<ul> <li>The World Bank (WB) regarding financing the process of developing a new version of the open budget portal (Mizaniatouna)</li> <li>Open Government Partnership Civil Forum (CIVIL FORUM OGP) to fund the processof preparing the state budget in a simplified way that can accessed and understood by all citizens, taking into account people with disabilities(</li> </ul>

Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline	
	Development of a new version of the open budget portal (Mizaniatouna)		
	Portal design, development, and testing The first phase concerns the state budget.	December 2023	
	Launch the portal (first phase) on line	March 2024	
	Design and development of the portal (remaining phases: Institutional budgets, municipal budgets, social spending,), testing and launch the Portal on line	December 2024	
	Promote open public finance data		
	Development of the simplified state budget for citizens and people with disabilities,	Decembre 2024	
	Contact point		
Name of the responsible person from implementing agency	Mr. Assad Al-Khalil		
Supervision position and institution	Director General in the Ministry in charge of Finance		
E-mail address(es)	akhalil@finances.tn assad.khalil71@gmail.com		
Other Actors involved	State actors involved	Divers ministères	
	CSOs, private sector, multilateral, working groups	- Open Government Partnership Civil Forum (FORUM CIVIL OGP) - Active civil society in the field of public finance	

Strengthen financial transparency and fight corruption and misuse of public funds











Lead implementing agency/actor

# **Commitment 2** The system of payment of fees for the use of hydraulic public domain

2023 - 2025

**Description of the commitment** 

public domain, the monitoring of the financial and technical status of the users of these resources, and the development of the exchange of information between the different departments of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries involved in the process of collection of fees for the use of hydraulic public domain. Therefore, this system will contribute to overcoming many problems by adopting an approach based on transparency and accountability, simplifying services for citizens and strengthening the right of access to

**Resources and Fisheries** 





Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline
	Create a multilateral working group within the Ministry of Agriculture to follow the development of the system between the regional delegations for agricultural development, identify the functional needs of the system, and discuss and select its technical processes.	January - June 2021
	Completion of the first phase of public and personal data management	January 2022
	Completion of the second phase of financial management of payments	December 2023
	Use of the system in its pilot phase	March 2024
	Link information with another information system for internal administrative management	November 2024
	Evaluation of the on-line electronic information system for the payment of fees for the use of hydraulic public domain.	December 2024
Contact point		
Name of the responsible person from implementing agency	- Nadia Ajala - Aladdin Al-Gatri	
Supervision position and institution	- Director of the Office of Water Evaluation of - Senior engineer at the Office of Water Eval	
E-mail address(es)	nadia.ajala@iresa.agrinet.tn Gatri.alaa.eddine@gmail.com	
Other Actors involved	State actors involved	<ul> <li>-Regional delegations for agricultural development,</li> <li>-General Administration of Water Resources at Ministry of Agriculture,</li> <li>- General Administration of Governance at the Ministry of Agriculture.</li> </ul>
	CSOs, private sector, multilateral, working groups	

**Promote efficiency and effectiveness** in the use of hydraulic public domain and combat corruption in order to foster transparency and integrity in this sector

Problem/Background	- Difficulties in tracking the payment of fees for the use of hydraulic public domain in
-	24 governorates, due to the distribution of use licenses among governorates for some
	(individuals or legal entities) persons.
	- The problem of updating information (change of address, change of property certificates,
	change of type of use) This causes problems for some people (physical or moral) in
	paying dues (accumulated old fees),
	- The process of payment of dues and fees, which is carried out in the traditional way
	through postal money orders, does not contain detailed information according to
	use, which makes it difficult to download and update the information on use at the
	administration. In addition, some users report the loss of postal orders,
	- Lack of human and material resources to monitor and verify the payment process at the
	<ul> <li>level of 24 governorates,</li> <li>The problem that some people (physical or moral) obtain new licenses without paying</li> </ul>
	or rescheduling the outstanding debts.
Identification of commitment	Simplify the payment process and bring it closer to the user.
objectives/expected results	Encourage and educate users in the regions to pay fees or outstanding debts by
	informing them and reminding them of easy ways to do so.
	Simplify the process of monitoring and tracking the payment of fees or charges
	according to the requirements of the intervening administrations.
	Incorporate the principle of transparency and improve access to information for
	users, especially when monitoring their financial and technical situation during use.
	• Adopt the principle of protection of users in accordance with the requirements of
	the Organic Law n. 63 of 2004, of July 27th, regarding the protection of public and
	personal data.
	Provide updated and detailed statistical information on the status of collection of face and outstanding dotte for the use of hudroulic public domain
	<ul> <li>fees and outstanding debts for the use of hydraulic public domain.</li> <li>Provide updated data in an easy and quick way to the information system responsible</li> </ul>
	for processing exploration/use license applications.
How will the commitment contribute	This information system will contribute to the strengthening of public governance
to solve the public problem	mechanisms in the follow-up and monitoring of payment processes related to the
to source the public problem	use of hydraulic public domain, through the availability of updated and detailed
	statistical information, thereby improving the financial resources of the State.
	• Overcome the various difficulties and problems related to paying the fees for the use
	of hydraulic public domain, which will have a positive impact on the lives of citizens,
	Improve the relationship between the citizen and the interests of the Ministry of
	Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, especially in the field of use of hydraulic
	public domain,
	Promote efficiency and effectiveness in the use of hydraulic public domain and
	combat corruption in order to foster transparency and integrity in this sector.
Relevance with OGP values	• Transparency and integrity : The commitment will help increase transparency and
	integrity in the public water sector by strengthening governance, follow-up and
	monitoring mechanisms for the process of paying fees for the use of hydraulic public
	domain.
	• Further development of electronic services for citizens and bringing them closer to
	users of services in the hydraulic public domain (a physical or legal entity exercising
	activities in the fields of agriculture/industry/packaging/sand extraction/temporary
	use).
Source of funding /Relation with other	«GIZ» German Agency for International Cooperation











# Commitment 3 System for managing applications for licenses to explore and use hydraulic public domain

2023 - 2025

Lead implementing agency/actor	Office of Water Assessment and Research of the Ministry of Agriculture, Wate Resources and Fisheries	
Description of the commitment		
use of hydraulic public domain by establishing relies on direct communication and administra	administration system for the management of claims and licenses for the exploration g an electronic information system instead of the traditional administrative structure that tive documents in various procedures. This system is designed to speed up the response to al data of applicants, thereby improving access to information and upholding the principle	
Problem/Background Identification of commitment objectives/expected results	<ul> <li>The process of collecting the applications and their technical documents, and their sending them to the competent actors and technical departments for follow-up and examination takes a long time because it involves all the governorates of the Republic.</li> <li>The difficulty of tracking the status of files between administrations and the delays in responding to some citizens' license applications.</li> <li>Problems in contacting applicants to complete their files in case some documents required for the study are missing.</li> <li>Lack of human and material resources to manage the files between the intervening administrations and structures, with the difficulty of archiving and documenting the files of applications and managing the archive for more than five years.</li> <li>Problems in updating the joint database on the status of water resources among line ministry departments,</li> <li>Accepting and managing license applications through costly traditiona administrative methods (ink, paper and related supplies).</li> <li>Mainstream the use of the information system for the management of applications.</li> <li>Simplify and expedite the process of responding to license applications and reduce processing delays,</li> <li>Simplify the process of following up the status of the application by the intervening administrations, as well as overcoming the difficulty of follow-up by the service beneficiaries,</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>management of hydraulic public domain,</li> <li>Provide practical solutions that help overcome many of the problems associated with requirements and licenses for exploration/use of hydraulic public domain viet the use of paper administrative documents.</li> </ul>	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem	<ul> <li>Promote integrity in the public sector, modernize management and comba corruption in the use of hydraulic public domain,</li> <li>Increase efficiency and effectiveness in the use of hydraulic public domain, thereby promoting transparency and integrity in this sector,</li> <li>Enhance multilateral participatory work within the administration, which contribute to improving the quality of administrative services and responding to the needs and aspirations of citizens.</li> </ul>	
Relevance with OGP values	<ul> <li>Transparency and integrity: The commitment will help increase transparency and integrity in the public water sector by strengthening governance, follow-up and monitoring mechanisms for the process of paying fees for the use of hydraulic public domain.</li> <li>Further development of electronic services for citizens and bringing them closer to users of services in the hydraulic public domain (a physical or legal entity exercising activities in the fields of agriculture/industry/packaging/sand extraction/temporar use).</li> </ul>	
Source of funding /Relation with other programs and policies	«GIZ» German Agency for International Cooperation	



Government Partnership TUNISIA

Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline
	<ul> <li>Establish a multilateral working group within the Ministry of Agriculture to oversee the completion and development of the system.</li> <li>Completing a schedule to segment the system according to the nature of</li> </ul>	June - December 2022
	exploitation	D
	Determine the functional needs required of the regional delegations of agriculture	December 2022 - June 2023
	Complete the first phase of managing public data among administrative departments	September 2023
	Set up and operate the system in its experimental phase and organize training for users	November 2023
	Link information with another information system for internal administrative management Sign licensing decisions for the use of hydraulic public domain using the system and adoptpt electronic signatures.	April 2024
	Respond to requests from regional agricultural delegations through the system and inform beneficiaries	May 2024
	Implement real-time information exchange between the claims management system for the operation of hydraulic public domain and the electronic management system in the documents and archives of the Ministry of Agriculture.	June 2024
	Evaluation of the system by the various stakeholders and drawing up of an action plan for its further development.	January 2025
Contact point		
Name of the responsible person from implementing agency	- Nadia Ajala - Aladdin Al-Gatri	
Supervision position and institution	- Director of the Office of Water Evaluation of - Senior engineer at the Office of Water Eval	
E-mail address(es)	nadia.ajala@iresa.agrinet.tn Gatri.alaa.eddine@gmail.com	
Other Actors involved	State actors involved	- Regional delegations for agricultural development,
		-General Administration of Water Resources at the Ministry of Agriculture,
		-General Administration of Governance at the Ministry of Agriculture,
		- Office of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries.
	CSOs, private sector, multilateral, working groups	









Lead implementing agency/actor

# Commitment 4 Enhancing transparency at the level of public projects

May 2023 - September 2024

Tunisia Association active in the field





Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline	
	-Communicate with all stakeholders	September 2023	
	- Data collection and validation	September 2023	
	- Platform development	December 2023	
	- Analytical content production	December 2023	
	- Digital platform deployment	April 2024	
	- Organization of workshops to enable stakeholders to use data and produce analytical content.	May 2024	
	- Expansion strategy	September 2024	
	- Completion of the second phase of public data management among administrative departments	January 2025	
	Contact point		
Name of the responsible person from implementing agency			
Supervision position and institution			
E-mail address(es)			
Other Actors involved	State actors involved		
	CSOs, private sector, multilateral, working groups	Tunisian Association Active in the field	

Adopt new mechanisms and methods to resolve the problems and obstacles hindering the implementation of a number of projects related to this commitment, thus accelerating their completion with the required efficiency

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<ul> <li>A mechanism for collecting, producing, up</li> <li>A mechanism for generating data-based ki</li> <li>A digital platform that allows data to be sh</li> <li>A space for exchange and collaboration w workshops and training activities for this</li> <li>The observatory focuses on two types of project</li> <li>At the regional level: Public projects in the in 2015 and second last in 2018),</li> <li>At the national level: Public projects relate critical nature and its social, economic, he</li> </ul>	with all stakeholders and entrepreneurs in the field of data, through the organization of purpose.
Problem/Background	<ul> <li>For regional public projects: Lack of completeness, accuracy, and updating of available data, which contributes to:</li> <li>Lack of complete and accurate technical data on waste management at the national and regional levels.</li> <li>Lack of knowledge among regional and national stakeholders about the use of data and evidence in monitoring and evaluation of these projects.</li> </ul>
Identification of commitment objectives/expected results	<ul> <li>This pledge aims to create an observatory that will provide the public with all the data related to public projects in the state of Jendouba, in addition to data related to waste management in all parts of the Republic, by collecting and concentrating them in a digital platform that can be accessed by all users, contributing to the production of data-based analytical content, evidencing that this analytical content takes into account the needs of the various parties interested in these projects.</li> <li>In addition, the Observatory will provide training and workshops to enable government agencies, civil society and the media to use data and produce analytical content based on modern scientific and technical foundations and open data to help evaluate performance, determine responsibilities and make effective decisions.</li> </ul>
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem	<ul> <li>The Public Projects and Reforms Observatory contributes to the establishment of practical and simple mechanisms that allow government structures, civil society, media and citizens to use data and information that contribute to increasing their level of knowledge and familiarity with the various aspects related to the development and implementation of public projects in the governorate of Jendouba and waste management projects at the national level, which contributes to increasing transparency and integrity at the level of implementation of these projects.</li> <li>The Observatory will also enable the development and modernization of the working mechanisms of the various stakeholders dealing with the administration by relying on modern digital technologies and mechanisms in the production of data and knowledge, which contributes to improving efficiency and governance in the monitoring and evaluation of these projects.</li> <li>Adopt new mechanisms and methods to resolve the problems and obstacles hindering the implementation of a number of projects related to this commitment, thus accelerating their completion with the required efficiency.</li> </ul>
Relevance with OGP values	<ul> <li>Transparency: The commitment is intended to help unlock collected data and promote its reuse.</li> <li>The commitment aims to create a complete digital platform that can be accessed through the web and other technological tools.</li> <li>Participation: The project includes a series of activities aimed at empowering government agencies, civil society and the media, especially in the regions, through workshops and training on data and its reuse.</li> </ul>
Source of funding /Relation with other programs and policies	Funding source: To be Confirmed









Lead implementing agency/actor

# **Commitment 5** Promotion of the proactive disclosure of information

2024 - 2025

The Access to Information Authority Description of the commitment Within the framework of enabling the Access to Information Authority to monitor, follow up and evaluate the extent of the commitment





Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline
	Prepare the terms of reference for the selection of the expert who will prepare the evaluation methodology	January 2024
	Organizing working sessions with the expert, the Access to Information Authority, and various stakeholders to define the components and characteristics of the methodology.	January 2024
	Development and submission of the methodology final version	February - March 2024
	Development and testing of the evaluation methodology electronic version	April - July 2024
	Establishing an electronic mechanism to contribute to the periodic assessment of the extent to which the right of access to information is being implemented.	January - March 2024
	Contact point	
Name of the responsible person from implementing agency		
Supervision position and institution	The head of the Access to Information Author	prity
E-mail address(es)		
Other Actors involved	State actors involved	
	CSOs, private sector, multilateral, working groups	- Article 19 - Idaraty Association

Reduce the number of complaints filed with the Authority

<ul> <li>of the structures subject to the Access to Information Law (nearly 5,000 structures) to publish and update the information subject to the automatic publication obligation pursuant to Articles 6, 7 and 8 of Organic Law No. 2016-22, dated March 24, 2016, on Access to Information, this commitment aims to:</li> <li>Develop a methodology to evaluate the extent of the commitment of the structures subject to the Law on Access to Information subject to the obligation of automatic publication, in accordance with the requirements or Organic Law No. 2016-22 on the Right of Access to Information,</li> <li>Develop an electronic methodology to monitor, follow up and evaluate the extent of the commitment of the bodies subject to the Law on Access to Information, based on the evaluation methodology,</li> <li>Establish an electronic mechanism that contributes to the periodic evaluation of the extent to which the right of access to information is guaranteed in the different structures subject to the Law on Access to Information</li> </ul>		
Authority as well as by those in charge of Problem/Background	access to information in these public structures. Difficulties at the level of the Access to Information Authority, due to its limited human resources, in following up all the websites of the structures subject to the Access to Information Law, in order to determine the extent of their obligation to publish the information covered by the obligation of automatic publication and to update it periodically, in accordance with the provisions of article 7 of the aforementioned Law, which stipulates that «the information specified in article 6 of the aforementioned Law shall be published on the website and shall be updated at least once every three months and whenever there is a change in it».	
Identification of commitment objectives/expected results	<ul> <li>Enable the Authority to provide more accurate quantitative and qualitative statistical data,</li> <li>Reduce the number of complaints filed with the Authority,</li> <li>Websites shall commit to the duty of automatic publication and various aspects of the right of access to information,</li> <li>Websites shall be updated in accordance with what is required by law in Articles 6 and 7.</li> </ul>	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem	<ul> <li>For structures subject to the Access to Information Law: Reduce the number of requests for access to the information provided,</li> <li>For the Access to Information Authority: Reduce the number of lawsuits filed with it.</li> <li>For citizens:</li> <li>Bring the services closer to the citizens, involve them in public policies, facilitate their access to public services and strengthen the trust between them and the administration,</li> <li>To enable citizens to exercise their right of access to information subject to the obligation of automatic publication and to exercise their right of access to information.</li> <li>At the website level: Ensure that websites comply with relevant international technical specifications.</li> </ul>	
Relevance with OGP values	<b>Transparency:</b> The purpose of this commitment is to establish transparency as one of the principles of good governance, so that all necessary information covered by the obligation of automatic publication is available and understandable to everyone, in order to strengthen trust and communication between the structures subject to the Law on Access to Information and the citizen. It also supports the Access to Information Authority and operationalizes its role in ensuring the follow-up of the implementation of the various provisions of the Organic Law on Access to Information.	
Source of funding /Relation with other programs and policies	Funding source: Go Act Association	







# **Commitment 6** Strengthening the process of making public data accessible in Tunisia





Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline
	The first sub-commitment: Development of the national register of public data	
	Determine the functional and technical requirements of the public data registry and select the research firm to develop it	December 2023
	Registry design and development	March 2024
	Test the registry and deploy it online	May 2024
	The second sub-commitment: Develop a national strategy to promote the reuse of	
		blic data
	Study and diagnostic phase: Goal setting and work methodology	June 2024
	Development of first version of national strategy and definition of goals, vision and stakeholders	September 2024
	Organizing workshops on the first version of the strategy	December 2024
	Amending and endorsing the final version of the strategy and establishing mechanisms to monitor its implementation.	February 2025
	Organizing a workshop to present the final	March 2025
	version of the strategy	
	The third sub-commitment: Establis implementation patterns of the Open Da	 sh a methodology for evaluating the ta Program and publish a public report o ndings
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Name of the responsible person from implementing agency	The third sub-commitment: Establis implementation patterns of the Open Da the fin Diagnosing the reality of the open public data program and studying comparative experiences Develop a methodology for evaluating the National Open Public Data Program and identify indicators Development of the first version of the evaluation report Review and approve the first version of the report and release it to the public	ta Program and publish a public report o ndings March 2024 June 2024 September 2024
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December 2023 - December 2024		
Lead implementing agency/actor	The E-Government Unit at the Presidency of the Government	
<ul> <li>contribution to improving governance and fost a remarkable development, as the governmen as to the technical, legal and regulatory aspect the economic and social impact.</li> <li>However, in order to strengthen the general of projects and complete the implementation of v Governmental Decree No. 2021-3 dated Janu Therefore, this commitment aims to reinforce measures, including:</li> <li>Develop the electronic system of public data Working on the creation of a public data re public data that have been inventoried, and that they have not yet been published in formers.</li> <li>Develop a national strategy to launch the sustainability.</li> </ul>	<b>Description of the commitment</b> to make this data available in an open and accessible format for users, and to enhance its ering innovation and creativity. Since 2012, the climate of open public data has witnessed t has developed and implemented many projects and reforms related to this area, as well ts, in order to strengthen the involvement of public structures in this initiative and increase climate of the process of opening public data, it is necessary to evaluate the completed various procedures and projects related to this area, in implementation of the provisions of ary 6, 2021, related to the opening of public data. the process of opening public data at national and sectoral levels through a series of ata inventory, enabling its use by public structures and making it accessible to the public: egistry that represents an interface for access by all users on the web to identify the list of and providing the opportunity to submit requests for publication of these data, in the event the National Open Data Portal. Open Data Initiative, stimulate the development of new uses of open data, and ensure its mplementation patterns of the Open Data Program and publish a report on the findings.	
Problem/Background	<ul> <li>There are challenges related to the identification and inventory of data in structures and the identification of those that can be published, as well as challenges related to the generalization of the use of the electronic platform for the inventory of public data to different public structures, and the weak participation of users in the determination of the priority data for publication, which requires the ability to view and interact with the list of public data.</li> <li>Weak frameworks and mechanisms to implement the program and promote the reuse of open data, in addition to the need to respond to the requirements of the government order on open public data.</li> </ul>	
Identification of commitment objectives/expected results	<ul> <li>Develop a national registry of public data, represented by a web interface that displays the data inventoried by public structures through the electronic data inventory platform. This interface will provide mechanisms for involving users in the process of opening public data,</li> <li>Complete the public data inventory project by mainstreaming the use of the electronic data inventory platform,</li> <li>Strengthen the communication aspects of the initiative by creating a communication plan to launch the initiative, stimulate the development of new uses of open data, and ensure its sustainability.</li> </ul>	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem	<ul> <li>Strengthen the principles of openness and transparency within the administration by providing practical mechanisms that allow these structures to inventory and publish their data in open formats that are accessible and usable by all,</li> <li>Foster innovation and create opportunities for economic development by developing strategic frameworks to promote the reuse and value of public data.</li> </ul>	
Relevance with OGP values	<ul> <li>Transparency: Supporting the process of inventorying and opening public data, and focusing on specific areas such as the environment, given its importance in rationalizing related public policies,</li> <li>Participation: Enhance community participation by developing mechanisms to increase end-user involvement in the data opening process.</li> </ul>	
Source of funding /Relation with other programs and policies	<b>Funding source:</b> Open Government Support Program in Francophone African Countries (PAGOF2)	









# Commitment 7 Establish the process for making environmental data available

2023 - 2025





	Redesign of the Ministry's open data portal	
	Develop reference checks for the development of the Open Data Portal and publish a consultation on the subject	March 2024
	Further develop the open data portal	May 2024
	Contact point	
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Other Actors involved	State actors involved	The E-Government Unit at the Presidency of the Government
	CSOs, private sector, multilateral, working groups	

Dedicate the process of opening up environmental data and promoting the reuse and valorization of these data to the development of applications and tools aimed at improving environmental awareness and management

2023 - 2025			
Lead implementing agency/actor	The Ministry of Environment		
Description of the commitment			
Environmental data play a crucial role in enhancing administrative efficiency, supporting informed decision-making, and deepening the understanding of environmental challenges. Their openness promotes awareness of environmental protection and strengthens both national and local efforts toward sustainable development. Despite its importance and positive effects, the path of focusing on the opening of environmental data has not witnessed significant progress due to the weak involvement of the structures reporting to the Ministry in this process. In this context, the project to focus on the process of opening environmental data falls within the framework of the implementation of the Ministry of the Environment's roadmap for digital transformation and the implementation of the provisions of Governmental Decree No. 2021-3 dated January 6, 2021 on Open Public Data. Therefore, this commitment aims to focus on the path of environmental data			
<ul> <li>Inventory of the data produced by the Mir</li> <li>Extract and enhance open data to develo</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop a work plan for the open data program at the Ministry of Environment,</li> </ul>		
Problem/Background	Weak involvement of the relevant struct     Decree No. 3 of January 6, 2021 on Ope	ures in view of the provisions of Government en Public Data,	
	Weak mechanisms for embedding data	openness in the field of the environment.	
Identification of commitment objectives/expected results		-	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem	<ul><li>challenges and issues. This facilitates and the implementation of more effection protection.</li><li>Dedicate the process of opening up er</li></ul>	public to better understand environmental the formulation of relevant public policies ive measures to contribute to environmental avironmental data and promoting the reuse evelopment of applications and tools aimed s and management.	
Relevance with OGP values	<ul> <li>Transparency and accountability: Improve transparency and accountability by increasing disclosure of environmental data by public entities,</li> <li>Participation: Increase the participation of environmental researchers and professionals by reusing open environmental data to develop solutions and applications that help improve environmental awareness.</li> </ul>		
Source of funding /Relation with other programs and policies	Funding source: Ministry budget		
Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline	
	Inventory environmental data and ide	ntify priority datasets for publication	
	Assess the current situation and inventory environmental data by organizing site visits and dialogues with various concerned departments.	October 2023	
	An in-depth audit of the Ministry of Environment's open data portal	November 2023	
	Preparing data for opening	and improving its quality	
	Identify data that can be opened and improve its quality	December 2023	
	Development of a work plan at the Ministry of Environment for the Open Data Program		
	Develop the department's vision, priorities, and goals for data opening	January 2024	
	Preparing the Ministry's work plan in the field of data opening and submitting proposals for the development of the open data portal	February 2024	





# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND OPEN GOVERNMENT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL







January 2024 - March 2025	
Lead implementing agency/actor	Municipalities involved in this initiative in collaboration with the General Authority for Prospection and Support of Decentralized Process at the Ministry of the Interior and the E-Government Unit at the Presidency of the Government.
	Description of the commitment
	nent initiatives at the level of a number of municipalities, similar to the Open Government
	adopting the same participatory process with the goal of implementing concepts related
	ticipation in programs and reforms at the local level that can bring about change. In this
context, the work will focus on the following:	
	d of promoting open government at the local level, contributing to the establishment of a
	sful experiences and avoid a variety of problems, by organizing a workshop for the benefit
	implementation of Commitment No. 11 of the Third National Plan for Open Government
<ul> <li>Partnership,</li> <li>Organize training courses for the benefit of</li> </ul>	f municipalities involved in the implementation of the Commitment, with the aim of building
	nent, local governance, communication and outreach,
	icipalities as they implement open government initiatives at the local level.
The peculiarity of this initiative is that it allow	ws municipalities to include commitments that are more in line with the specificities and
needs of the region. It will also make it possibl	e to bring the administration closer to the citizens by involving them in the control of these
	nplementation through the participation in the work of the joint committee composed of
representatives of the municipal administration	on and representatives of the inhabitants of the region.
-	nicipalities for the implementation of this commitment will take into account the territorial
	ablished by Decree No. 2023-589, dated September 21, 2023, concerning the determination f Tunisia and the governorates subordinated to each region.
of the territory of the regions of the Republic o	r failisia ana the governorates saboralitatea to each region.
A local communication plan will also be deve	loped to promote the initiatives undertaken as part of this commitment and to involve all
-	or representatives of civil society in the region.
Problem/Background	The Open Government Partnership Action Plans, which are set at the national level,
robtenii background	focus on commitments that cover various sectors and areas related to the concept of open
	government at the national level. As a result, reforms that directly affect local affairs are
	very limited and do not take into account the specific needs and basic requirements of
	each region separately.
Identification of commitment	Implement reforms that take into account the specificities of each party, but also take
objectives/expected results	into account national strategic directions in this area and draw on internationally
	recognized successful experiences.
	Develop integrated action plans that include reforms that take into account the
	specificities of each region and allow for the implementation of projects that will
	achieve development and improve services to citizens, provided that these reforms
	are based on the basic principles of the Open Government Partnership, especially
	transparency, participation, accountability, and the use of information and
	communication technology to consolidate these principles.
How will the commitment contribute	Implement projects and initiatives that serve the region and have a direct and
to solve the public problem	tangible impact on the lives of its inhabitants,
	Bring the concept of open government closer to the citizens and allow them to     activity at a size of the second s
	participate in its implementation in their region, improving the quality of the
	services they demand from the administration and participating in the creation of solid foundations for the management of public affairs at the level of their local
	governance.
Relevance with OGP values	This commitment is in line with most of the basic axes of the Open Government Partnership,
	as the action plans to be defined at the local level will ensure that commitments are
	made in relation to these different axes. However, this pledge has been included in the axis of participation and local governance, as it aims to give municipalities and citizens
	at the local level the opportunity to develop their programs and directions in the field of
	anchoring open government and the principles it contains.
Course of funding (Deletion with set	
Source of funding /Relation with other	The German Agency for International Cooperation - GIZ
programs and policies	1

Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline
	Opening the door to candidacy to select a number of municipalities to implement the commitment	January 2024
	Organize a workshop to assess previous experiences in promoting open government at the local level (municipalities participating in the Third Plan Commitment 11).	February 2024
	Organize an information day to present the project to all municipalities involved in its implementation.	March 2024
	Organize training courses for municipalities involved in the implementation of the commitment to build their capacity in open government, local governance, communication and outreach.	April 2024
	Organize workshops in the relevant municipalities to present the project and start developing a work plan for its implementation.	May - June 2024
	Guide and support municipalities in developing action plans based on a participatory approach.	July - November 2024
	Organize an information day to present action plans	November 2024
	Guide and support municipalities in implementing a number of commitments included in these plans.	December 2024 - March 2025
Contact point		
Name of the responsible person from implementing agency		
Supervision position and institution	The head of the General Authority for Prosp	ection and Support of Decentralized Process
E-mail address(es)		
Other Actors involved	State actors involved	Ministry of Interior
	CSOs, private sector, multilateral, working groups	

the region and have a direct and tangible impact on the lives of its inhabitants











programs and policies

Lead implementing agency/actor

# **Commitment 9** Promoting the participation of youth and women at the local level

January 2024 - March 2025

**Description of the commitment** The effective participation of youth and women is seen as a tool for positive change and for establishing a good model in the process of profound reform, in community development and in promoting the principles of accountability, integrity and transparency. This approach would contribute to consolidating collective responsibility and finding solutions to many of the problems faced by youth and women,

Ministry of the Interior.

The E-Government Unit at the Presidency of the Government in cooperation with the General Authority for Prospection and Support of Decentralized Process at the





Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline
	Opening the door to candidacy to select the relevant municipalities to implement the commitment	January 2024 - February 2024
	Present the project by organizing open days and workshops in the municipalities concerned.	February 2024 - March 2024
	Build work teams of youth and women who will oversee the implementation of the project	April 2024
	Implement the program related to the development of skills targeting youth and women	May 2024 - July 2024
	Organizing workshops to help youth and women conceptualize, develop, and formulate their projects	August 2024 - December 2024
	Implementation of projects developed by youth and women after evaluation and selection of the best ones according to a set of objective criteria	January 2025 - June 2025
	Contact point	
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Supervision position and institution	Director in charge of managing the E-Government Unit at the Presidency of the Government	
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Other Actors involved	State actors involved	Ministry of Youth and Sports
	CSOs, private sector, multilateral, working groups	"Exercise Your Right" Association

Improve the effectiveness of the decision-making process by establishing a relationship of trust and responsibility between youth, women and local authorities, based primarily on harnessing and accompanying the energies of youth and women in order to promote local development

-	ition, lack of opportunities to express opinions, unemployment, social inequality, and lack of and local affairs.
of the Republic, in decision-making, in formul abilities, and qualifications. In this regard, wo • Increase the participation of youth and v	women at the local level through the design, development and implementation of a series of number of municipalities, in cooperation with various actors involved in youth and women's
signing of partnership agreements between	sures will be implemented that will contribute to the sustainability of this trend, such as the the target groups, municipalities and relevant public structures, the organization of regular people and women and decision-makers at the national and local levels, with the aim of men in local development.
Problem/Background	<ul> <li>The reluctance of youth and women to participate in public life, especially in local affairs,</li> <li>The limited frameworks available for communicating with youth and women and listening to their concerns and aspirations,</li> <li>Lack of practical mechanisms to promote the participation of youth and women in public life at the central, regional and local levels.</li> </ul>
Identification of commitment objectives/expected results	This commitment will make it possible to develop and implement a group of pioneering projects based primarily on consolidating a culture of partnership among active youth and women at the local level and on strengthening the capacities of the various actors involved in governance and local development. This will allow many youth and women in different regions of the Republic to express their concerns and present their visions on issues that affect them, following a participatory approach based on the principle of co-creation, with the guarantee that their proposals will be taken into account in the decision-making process and in the design of government projects.
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem	<ul> <li>The participation of youth and women in the design of a series of projects at the local level will provide them with broader horizons to demonstrate competence, excellence and the ability to contribute to public life,</li> <li>Strengthening the capacity of both youth and women to work in a team spirit within a participatory approach that brings together the various actors involved in decision-making at the local level, enabling them to present visions and proposals that respond to their needs and expectations, thereby becoming a force for proposal and implementation,</li> <li>Improve the effectiveness of the decision-making process by establishing a relationship of trust and responsibility between youth, women and local authorities, based primarily on harnessing and accompanying the energies of youth and women</li> </ul>
Relevance with OGP values	<ul> <li>in order to promote local development.</li> <li>Participation: Enable youth and women to have access to decision-making</li> </ul>

**Relevance with OGP values** Participation: Enable youth and women to have access to decision-making processes related to public reforms, by allowing them to submit ideas and proposals on issues that affect them and respond to their aspirations, Accountability: Provide mechanisms to follow up with and question the relevant authorities, especially at the local level, on the development and implementation of public policies. The German Agency for International Cooperation - GIZ Source of funding /Relation with other

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Lead implementing agency/actor

# Commitment 10 Activate digital participation mechanisms in the public sector

January 2024 - March 2025

of the Government

The E-Government Unit and the Central Office for Citizen Relations at the Presidency





# How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem **Relevance with OGP values** citizen participation. Source of funding /Relation with other sub-commitment programs and policies sub-commitment Stages and implementation timeline Milest Diagnosis of the digita in Tunisia Elaboration of an acti public participation in Presentation of a st successful experiences field of digital public Improving the current participation portal features. Carrying out a number such as training and a the public participation of increasing its use Development and Organizing a national further promote the Organizing a numbe awareness-raising co system in a numbe Contact Mrs. Sana Oueslati Name of the responsible person from Mrs Ikram Ben Zaied implementing agency Director in charg Supervision position and institution Government Director in charge E-mail address(es) sana.oueslati@pm.gov ikram.zaied@pm.gov.t Other Actors involved State actors involved CSOs, private sector, aroups

# Description of the commitment Within the framework of stimulating digital public participation in Tunisia, as a principle of open government and an essential pillar of participatory democracy by strengthening communication channels between the administration and citizens and involving them at various levels of decision-making, many electronic portals and other technological solutions have been developed in the form of applications or mechanisms of electronic participation on public websites, owing to the large number of public structures at the central and local levels.

Among the most important national portals that have been developed in this field, we mention the National Electronic Participation Portal www.e-participation.tn and the "E-people" Portal www.e-people.gov.tn, which are two portals provide many mechanisms aimed at involving citizens in public affairs by organizing public consultations, submitting ideas, participating in a dialogue forum (e-participation portal), submitting notices, submitting complaints, suggestions, requesting guidance, engaging in a dialogue forum, or reporting corruption (the "E-people" portal).

Despite the importance of these two portals, their usage rates remain limited and have not contributed to the promotion of digital participation in Tunisia due to the presence of many problems, the most important of which are the limited human resources in charge of managing them in terms of number, the limited financial resources for their development, and the absence of an effective communication plan to increase their usage rates and further publicize them.

In particular, this commitment seeks to support and activate the field of digital participation in Tunisia and to consolidate the principles of participatory democracy and the openness of the administration to its general environment in order to interact with the demands and concerns of the various stakeholders, especially citizens:

Implement the first sub-commitment to develop and implement an action plan to increase digital participation in Tunisia, based on:

- Diagnosing the reality of digital participation in Tunisia,
- Developing an action plan to stimulate public participation in Tunisia,
- · Presenting a study on a range of successful experiences and expertise in the field of digital public participation,

Strengthening the mechanisms of interaction between the administration and its stakeholders through implementing a number of priority activities, such as training and awareness-raising activities on the public participation portal www.e-participation.tn and seeking to promote its use, improve the current version of this portal and improve its functions.

The second commitment is to develop and implement a communication plan to further introduce the electronic system of communication and interaction with citizens «E-people» www.e-people.gov.tn to the actors of the administration and civil society.

Within the National Portal for Public Participation, a section will be dedicated to the publication of various data related to the public consultations organized through these portals and to the adoption of the results of these consultations for public decisions and the design of public policies.

Problem/Background	<ul> <li>There are many portals related to citizen participation in public affairs, but communication and promotion activities regarding these portals to introduce and encourage citizens to use them are very limited.</li> <li>Limited rates of use of national e-participation portals, specifically the public participation portal «www.e-participation.tn» and the "E-Citizen" portal «www.e-people.gov.tn»</li> <li>The technical and functional characteristics of the National Electronic Participation Portal no longer respond to the technological developments adopted in the field,</li> <li>It is necessary to allocate a large number of human resources to manage the content of these portals, to ensure their constant updating, and to respond to users' requests, suggestions and notifications in a timely manner,</li> <li>The limited use of the different mechanisms and channels offered by these portals to involve citizens in public affairs, which requires further intensification of the work related to communication and promotion in order to publicise and encourage citizens to use them,</li> <li>The lack of an effective communication plan to increase the use of these portals, whether by public structures or those dealing with the administration.</li> </ul>
Identification of commitment objectives/expected results	<ul> <li>This commitment will make it possible to:</li> <li>Further develop the two portals (the Public Participation Portal www.e-participation. tn and the E-Citizen Portal «www.e-people.gov.tn», increase their effectiveness and broaden their use and adoption by public structures,</li> <li>Increase the participation of citizens and other stakeholders in these two portals to participate in public affairs.</li> </ul>



Provide effective mechanisms to enable citizens in different regions of the Republic and abroad to keep track of various issues related to public affairs, especially with regard to the conceptualization of public policies and programs and the monitoring of their implementation, to be an active player in the management of public affairs and to contribute to public decision-making.

**Participation:** This commitment will allow the activation and diversification of the mechanisms available to involve citizens in the management of public affairs. **Transparency:** The publication of all data related to the various public policies and reforms shall be authorized and, in particular, the publication of data related to citizen participation.

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OCDE): for the first

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) for the second

Implementation timeline		
March 2024		
June 2024		
August 2024		
July 2024 - December 2024		
December 2025 - March 2025		
munication plan to further promote the e system		
January 2024		
From January 2024 to June 2024		
ge of managing the E-Government Unit at the Presidency of the		
for Relations with the Citizens		



# THIRD AREA OF FOCUS

**ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTEGRITY IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR** 



# **Commitment 11** Improving integrity across sectors by adopting a corruption risk management methodology

Beginning of 2023 - end of 2024		
Lead implementing agency/actor		ce and the Prevention of Corruption under e Ministries of Defense, Agriculture, Water
Description of the commitment This commitment is intended to guide a range of ministries in establishing a corruption risk management policy in a set of sectors/services activities under their jurisdiction		
Problem/Background	major problem in the implementation of an	ls to achieve the desired goals constitutes a ti-corruption policies in a number of sectors, rts made and, in the long run, leads to a lack ability of corruption.
Identification of commitment objectives/expected results	<ul> <li>Apply the methodology to a number of working teams in the relevant ministries and the issues raised.</li> <li>Gradually extend the methodology to other The following sectors are concerned with co</li> <li>The area of licenses related to the pul concessions (Ministry of Agriculture, N)</li> <li>Fuel management and revenue collection</li> </ul>	rruption risk management: blic ownership of water and the granting of Nater Resources and Fisheries), on (Ministry of Transport), rivate supplementary activities and tenders
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem	enhancing integrity and raising the level concerned. This commitment enables the developmen relying on innovative tools and approaches corruption risks, resulting in increased levels provided. This commitment was chosen be conducted in the health sector, which allow helps to identify the risks of corruption in t verify the likelihood of their occurrence. The proposed methodology represents a pro- monitored and evaluated based on performa of a set of governance principles and obje	dology is an important practical means of of effectiveness and quality in the sectors at of mechanisms to prevent corruption by that enable the management and control of of integrity and improved quality of services used on the success of the pilot experience we the development of a methodology that he health sector and to work to assess and ctical scientific tool that can be implemented, nee indicators aimed at the actual application ectives. It also allows the establishment of use of injunctive intervention and deterrence.
Relevance with OGP values	<ul> <li>Transparency: The adoption of this strategy will ensure the rationalization and dissemination of the procedural manuals, thus complying with the requirements of automatic publication of information, in accordance with the requirements of Organic Law No. 2016-22 on the Right of Access to Information (particularly with regard to the information provided for in Article 6 of the aforementioned Organic Law).</li> <li>Accountability: The adoption of this strategy ensures the reliance on performance indicators and thus the establishment of effective accountability based on results that are periodically reviewed.</li> <li>Participation: The process of managing corruption risks involves multiple parties and is not limited to the areas involved in intervention alone. As a result, the working teams appointed in each sector include a variety of skills to ensure impartiality and objectivity.</li> </ul>	
Source of funding /Relation with other programs and policies	<b>Funding source:</b> The United Nations Development Program through the Regional Center for Anti-Corruption and Promoting Integrity in Arab Countries	
Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline
	Diagnosis of the digital participation reality in Tunisia	September 2023 - December 2024
	Elaboration of an action plan to stimulate public participation in Tunisia	January 2023 - June 2024





The Corruption Risk Management methodology is an important practical means of enhancing integrity and raising the level of effectiveness and quality in the sectors concerned







Director General of Governance and Prevention of Corruption General Administration of Governance and Prevention of Corruption at the

	The Ministry of National Defense	
	Ministry of Agriculture, Water	
	Resources and Fisheries	
	Ministry of Health	
	Ministry of Transport	
multilateral, working	The United Nations Development Program	
	through the Regional Center for Anti-	
	Corruption and Promoting Integrity in Arab	
	Countries	





# **Commitment 12** Development of Integrity and Anti-Corruption Training Modules via the National School of Administration's E-Learning Platform

2023 - 2024





Contact point		
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Other Actors involved	State actors involved	General Administration of Governance and Prevention of Corruption at the Presidency Government/ E-Government Unit
	CSOs, private sector, multilateral, working groups	

Contributing to the achievement of higher levels of job performance for public administration leaders and employees by developing their competencies and skills

Lead implementing agency/actor	National School of Administration/ General Administration for Governance and Prevention of Corruption at the Presidency of the Government	
In accordance with the general guidelines of th platform for the training of public servants in pa and anti-corruption will be developed in coope Presidency of the Government.	rtnership and cooperation with the Korean cou	nterpart, training units in the field of integrity
These online training modules will help impro increasing efficiency in the fulfillment of their		and raise their performance levels, thereby
Problem/Background	<ul> <li>Lack of opportunities for regional officials to participate in face-to-face training courses,</li> <li>Lack of online training resources that contribute to strengthening the capacity of public assistance in areas related to integrity and anti-corruption,</li> <li>The multiplicity of data and methodological tools prevents a consistent understanding of training units in areas related to integrity and anti-corruption.</li> </ul>	
Identification of commitment objectives/expected results	<ul> <li>Standardization of concepts and data related to integrity and anti-corruption,</li> <li>Ensuring equal opportunities to participate in training,</li> <li>Sensitize public officials to the importance of integrity as a fundamental principle in improving the effectiveness of public facilities,</li> <li>Gaining the flexibility to participate in online training.</li> <li>Support and enhance the move toward digitization</li> </ul>	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem	<ul> <li>The commitment will help solve the problem and change the reality by opening the door to online training in the areas of integrity and anti-corruption,</li> <li>Awareness and guidance through the adoption of modules in all training programs of the National School of Administration,</li> <li>Learn about comparative experiences in the field and benefit from international best practices.</li> <li>Valuing, developing, and enhancing the capabilities of administrative human resources.</li> <li>Contributing to the achievement of higher levels of job performance for public administration leaders and employees by developing their competencies and skills.</li> </ul>	
Relevance with OGP values	• <b>Transparency:</b> Benefitting from the training modules in an equal and transparent way for a large number of civil servants.	
Source of funding /Relation with other programs and policies	<b>Funding source:</b> The Open Government Support Program in Francophone African countries, in its second version, "PAGOF2"	
Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline
	Formation of a working team to develop a program of integrity and anti-corruption training modules.	January 2024
	Developing content for integrity and anti-corruption training modules	February - May 2024
	Integration of these training modules into the national electronic training platform for civil servants at the National School of Administration.	June - July 2024
	Use these training modules in a pilot phase and make the necessary improvements	September - October 2024
	Mainstream the use of these training modules	November - December 2024









# Commitment 13 Strengthening associations governance in the context of civic space development

August 2023 - February 2024		
Lead implementing agency/actor	General Administration of Relations with the "IFADA" Center for Associations	Constitutional Bodies, in partnership with
	Description of the commitment	
space, through the development of a practice	nance mechanisms within associations, as they al guide to develop the governance of associatio scal level, which contributes to strengthening th	ns, so that associations can respond to legal
Problem/Background	Following the publication of a study on the diagnosis of civic space in January 2023, which was carried out with the support of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the General Administration for Relations with Institutions at the Presidency of the Government, in its capacity as national coordinator of this initiative, established a steering committee in charge of following up on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the study on the diagnosis of civic space. During the work of this committee, the needs of the associations were identified, including the development of governmental mechanisms within the associations, especially at the tax level.	
	The purpose of this guide is to address some of the challenges associated with handling multiple files, such as taxation, social security, financial and accounting management, division of tasks among association members, protection of personal data, access to information, and the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing.	
Identification of commitment objectives/expected results	This guide seeks to improve the governance mechanisms of associations by further clarifying procedures and promoting access to open spaces offered by many administrations by further simplifying this process and providing links within the electronic version of the guide. In addition, it seeks to benefit from successful experiences in the field of governance, particularly in the field of taxation. It also aims to clarify the procedures for registering with the Social Security, updating the National Register of Enterprises, procedures for filing tax returns, procedures for collecting value added tax, in addition to procedures for keeping records, procedures for keeping accounts, managing treasury and bank accounts, procedures for managing employees, and other procedures that will directly contribute to avoiding falling into various legal problems on the one hand, and acquiring mechanisms for effective and correct behavior on the other.	
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem	Contribute to the creation of associations that are active in public affairs and capable of fulfilling their role and tasks as one of the components of the civil space and enable associations to carry out tax registration procedures.	
Relevance with OGP values	<ul> <li>Transparency: Clarify the rules and obligations of associations</li> <li>Participation: Develop the work of associations that represent one of the most prominent actors in promoting citizen participation in public affairs</li> <li>Accountability: Achieve sustainability, accountability and effectiveness of associations</li> </ul>	
Source of funding /Relation with other programs and policies	<ul> <li>Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OCDE).</li> <li>IFADA Center</li> </ul>	
Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline
	Develop a work plan for producing the guide	August 2023
	Build an online questionnaire	December 2023
	Organize 5 regional workshops with associations	January 2024
	Finalize the guide	March 2024





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Contribute to the creation of associations that are active in public affairs and capable of fulfilling their role and tasks as one of the components of the civil space and enable associations to carry out tax registration procedures





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c trial version of the	February 2024	
the guide on IFADA's	February 2024	
nation campaign to ns to access the guide	March 2024	
point		
Al-Sghaier		
of IFADA Center of Relations with Constitutional Bodies (National Coordinator for Diagnostics Initiative in Tunisia)		
com gov.tn		
	<ul> <li>The departments of the relationship with constitutional bodies, civil society and human rights at the Presidency of the Government</li> <li>Ministry of Finance</li> </ul>	
multilateral, working		





**DEVELOPMENT AND DIGITALIZATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES** 



Lead implementing agency/actor

**Problem/Background** 

Identification of commitment

How will the commitment contribute

Source of funding /Relation with other

programs and policies

objectives/expected results

to solve the public problem

**Relevance with OGP values** 

# **Commitment 14** Re-engineering the investment process to digitize administrative services for investors

January 2024 - May 2025

**Description of the commitment** This commitment aims at simplifying procedures and ensuring their consistency with the procedures of the various bodies involved in investment, with the aim of providing a fast, smooth, consistent and transparent service experience that meets the aspirations of different investors, by redesigning the path of the investment process within the framework of digitizing administrative services directed at investors.

In the medium term, this will make it possible to develop a single electronic platform that brings together various administrative services

various areas related to investment.

the roles of the various actors.

Technical and technological problems:

the inclusion of other stakeholders.

The design of the current platform was based on the digitalization of administrative forms, without focusing on the experience and practical needs of investors in the

The lack of automated exchange through this platform between the Authority and its partners, including investment support agencies, which hinders the exchange of information, data and documents and disrupts the process of processing files and

The lack of a clear legal framework that regulates the responsibility of all actors with regard to the project (engineering the course of the investment process) and defines

The current platform has been developed with the technology: Microsoft Dynamics 365, which requires expensive "annual usage licenses" and represents an obstacle to

This commitment is aimed at simplifying procedures and ensuring their consistency with the procedures of the various bodies involved in investment. It aims also at providing

fast, smooth, coherent and transparent services that respond to the aspirations of the various investors, while ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the intervention of the various parties involved, redesigning the current path of the investment process in

Chain management of investment value operations via a dashboard (i.e. investment

Complete independence in managing the investment process and related documents Smoothly and automatically exchange data to facilitate and expedite file processing

By ensuring the transparency of procedures, information and channels used to provide services to investors and improving their quality, with a clear identification of the various actors in the process of providing services and responsibilities in the field of investment, which contributes to reducing the risks of corruption that can

By tracking the progress of the service delivery process between the various

Merging all investment structures with the new platform, ensuring the exchange

Technical support from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development BERD

Meeting the needs of investors by reducing costs and shortening timelines Ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency in driving the investment process forward

accordance with what has been done in comparative successful experiences.

amount by sector, impact assessment of incentives granted, etc.).

by enabling interoperability among stakeholders.

stakeholders in the investment process

of data and placing the investor at the center

Instilling the principles of transparency and integrity:

various procedures and mechanisms aimed at promoting investment

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for investors, with the aim of improving the business climate, promoting investment and attracting investors.

**Practical problems:** 





Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline
	Creating a multilateral working team within the Tunisian Investment Authority to follow up on the development of the project	January 2024
	Evaluation of offers received on the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (BERD) procurement platform	January 2024
	Selection of the company that will be in charge of the project development	February 2024
	Implementation of the first phase of the investment process reengineering project	March - June 2024
	Organizing a workshop to present the project in its first phase	July 2024
	Implementation of the second phase of the development of the new national investment platform project	August 2024 - April 2025
	Demonstrate the use of the system to all stakeholders by organizing training and awareness days	May 2025
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	CSOs, private sector, multilateral, working groups	

Ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency in driving the investment process forward



result from direct contact.

Accountabilitu:

Participation:





July 2023 - March 2024

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Lead implementing agency/actor	The E-Government Unit at the Presidency	of the Government
Digital access for people with disabilities is of the field of digital access and to adopt policie groups of society, especially groups with disab life patterns and improve their integration int established and agreed upon by various inter	s that contribute to supporting the process of vilities, to benefit from modern technologies ar o society, as well as to achieve the goals rela	digital transformation and enabling va ad the opportunity they offer to change
Given the importance of the issue and its link to position among countries, particularly in the fie Index, the e-Government Unit has embarked o a unified reference that includes specific techni	eld of digital accessibility and the measurement n the development of a national plan for digita	of the Digital Accessibility Rights Evalu l accessibility for people with disabilities
Problem/Background	<ul> <li>The lack of a specific reference that is adopted in the development of public</li> <li>Public portals, platforms and e-services for digital accessibility,</li> </ul>	c digital services and platforms.
Identification of commitment objectives/expected results	<ul> <li>Provide a unified reference that include in the development of public digital ser</li> <li>Inclusive access to digital services and people with disabilities</li> </ul>	vices and platforms.
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem	<ul> <li>Bridging the digital divide and enabling information and communication techr</li> <li>Consider the category of people with dis developing portals, platforms and e-serv</li> <li>Public portals, platforms and e-servi standards for digital accessibility,</li> <li>Improving Tunisia's index in the field of</li> </ul>	nologies, sabilities and the elderly when designing vices, ices compliance with sound internat
Relevance with OGP values	<ul> <li>Transparency: The development and improvement of national policies guidelines to enhance digital accessibility contributes to transparency by provide fair and equal opportunities for people with disabilities to access services information that rely on information and communication technologies.</li> <li>Participation: Promoting and advancing the participation of people with disability supporting their access to information and communication technologies public services,</li> </ul>	
Source of funding /Relation with other programs and policies	<b>Funding source:</b> This project falls within the framework of technical cooperation wi United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).	
Stages and implementation timeline	Milestones	Implementation timeline
	Elaboration of a questionnaire to collect data on the current reality of digital accessibility	July 2023
	Producing a report that analyzes the current state of digital accessibility	August and September 2023
	Development of terms of reference for the local expert	December 2023
	Hiring a local expert	January 2024
	Developing a draft of the national plan	January 2024 - March 2024
	Organizing one (or more) workshops on policies and technical guidelines for digital accessibility	April 2024
	Organizing an information day to present the national plan for digital accessibility for	July 2024



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Other Actors involved	State actors involved	All ministries
	CSOs, private sector, multilateral, working groups	Associations active in the field

all members of society to access and use information and communication technologies













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