

## Open Government Partnership

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Dr. Valeria Merino  
Chair  
FiTI International Board

Dear Dr. Merino,

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) is an international, multi-stakeholder initiative that brings together reformers committed to making their governments more open, accountable, and responsive to citizens. This partnership now includes 78 participating countries, 76 local governments, thousands of civil society organizations, and several multilateral partners. Together we are advancing policy reforms in areas such as anti-corruption, digital rights and governance, access to information, civic space and public administration reform - with the goal to strengthen democratic institutions and pave the way for more open societies and economies.

Our community's fundamental values of accountability, transparency, inclusion and responsiveness have never been more vital as countries move from the initial COVID-19 pandemic response to recovery. We launched the *Open Response + Open Recovery* campaign in 2020 to show how the fundamental values of open government are essential in these efforts. Earlier this year, we launched the third component of the campaign, *Open Renewal*. The campaign is designed to further the work we started in 2020 to ensure the open government values are part of the response to and recovery from COVID-19. Key resources can be found on our [Open Renewal, Recovery, Response website](#).

As the Partnership celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, we endeavour to strengthen collaborations with like-minded institutions like FiTI. We see partnerships as critical to advancing open government reforms and support participating countries to implement their open government reform commitments. In this spirit, the OGP expresses an interest to become a permanent observer to the FiTI International Board. We see this as an opportunity for FiTI and OGP to work together to strengthen and deepen open government reforms in countries like Seychelles, Senegal and Cabo Verde.

With your approval, we would like to nominate Theo Chiviru, our Regional Lead for Africa and the Middle East to represent OGP on the FiTI International Board. Theo Chiviru joined the OGP Support Unit in 2017 and is responsible for the strategic leadership of our work across the region, including the establishment of a wide range of partnerships with multilateral organizations and other key stakeholders. He also supports OGP members, both government and civil society, to develop and implement open government reforms. Lastly, he works closely with our Steering Committee members and Ambassadors in the region.

We greatly look forward to strengthening our partnership by joining your International Board.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer