



26 July 2013

Rt. Honourable Helen Clark  
Administrator  
United Nations Development Programme  
New York, NY

Dear Ms. Clark,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 June 2013.

On 11 July the Steering Committee of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) met and enthusiastically endorsed the proposed partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The UNDP has a key role to play in assisting countries with implementing open government reforms and facilitating the exchange of ideas and best practice between countries. Your support will undoubtedly be a major boost to OGP.

We would like to suggest formally launching the partnership at the OGP Summit 31 October – 1 November in London. The Summit will bring together approximately 1000 participants from across the 60 participating countries in OGP, including government, civil society, academia, youth, and the private sector. The UK government will shortly be issuing official invitations to the heads of multilateral organizations, and we would be delighted if you could attend. In addition to launching the partnerships, there will be opportunities for multilateral organizations to announce their own commitments to transparency and space for discussion between organizations about the steps each are taking.

The OGP Support Unit, which serves as the Secretariat for OGP, will be responsible for working with your designated point of contact to develop and implement this partnership. My team is already in communication with Raul Zambrano to develop a joint work plan for the next two years that can form the basis for our announcement in October, and that can subsequently be shared with the broader OGP community.

At our recent meeting, the Steering Committee also agreed that organizations involved in multilateral partnerships with OGP should be invited to attend relevant Steering Committee sessions at least once per year. This will help inform discussions related to country support and peer exchange across OGP.

On behalf of the OGP Steering Committee, thank you for your support to OGP, and we look forward to a productive collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Frey".

Linda Frey  
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CC: Raul Zambrano, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP

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