

Head of the Sherpa Office  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Representatives of the Steering Committee  
Transition Fund  
Deauville Partnership

25 January 2013

Dear Representatives of the Steering Committee,

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) hereby endorses the project presented by the Government of Tunisia on *Operationalizing Public Private Partnership in Tunisia* and is ready to assist the Government of Tunisia to carry it out and implement it in accordance with the Transition Fund's Operations Manual and related procedures, and consistent with the terms of the Financial Procedure Agreement agreed with the Trustee. This project is jointly endorsed by the OECD and the African Development Bank (AfDB), which are the designated Implementation Support Agencies for this project.

This project will promote transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of public spending, and help the government of Tunisia in meeting its public policy objectives (nature of services and sectors covered, balanced development in the country, attracting Foreign Direct Investments, nature of the partnerships established). This will ultimately participate in i) strengthening governance in the delivery of public services and the design of PPP contract, (ii) increasing public investment efficiency, and (iii) stimulating job creation and economic growth.

This project has been fully prepared according to the OECD policies and procedures. The appraisal of the project has been completed and cleared by the OECD management and the project proposal and supporting project appraisal document is hereby submitted to the Steering Committee with a request for approval.

The OECD will act, together with the AfDB, as the designated Implementation Support Agencies for this project, according to the terms of the project proposal and of the FPA agreed with the Trustee.

Sincerely yours,



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Cc: Jacob Kolster, Regional Director (Egypt, Libya & Tunisia), African Development Bank