

**Head of the Sherpa Office  
and Global Governance Unit**  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Representatives of the Steering Committee  
Transition Fund  
Deauville Partnership

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Dear Representatives of the Steering Committee,

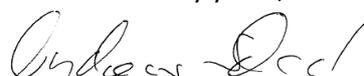
The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) hereby endorses the project presented by the Government of Tunisia entitled *Towards inclusive and open government: Promoting women's participation in parliament, local councils and policy-making in Tunisia*. The OECD is ready to assist 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.

The proposed project will provide direct country support to Tunisia to complement the current regional project in Morocco, Jordan, and Egypt that was approved by the Steering Committee of the MENA Transition Fund in June 2015. The overall objective of the project is to promote women's participation in parliament, local elected councils and policy-making by (a) making legislatures and local elected councils more transparent, equitable and gender-sensitive; (b) empowering and strengthening the capacity and skills of women electoral candidates at the national and local levels; and (c) improving the public consultation capacity of parliaments, local elected councils and women's CSOs in law-making processes.

This project has been prepared and finalised according to the OECD normal policies and procedures as set up by the OECD Governing Body. The appraisal of the project has been completed and cleared by the OECD management following internal consultation of the relevant OECD offices.

This endorsement letter is accompanied by the proper documentation reflecting the agreement by the OECD Governing Body to carry out such activities. The project proposal is hereby submitted to the Steering Committee with a request for approval.

Sincerely yours,



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