

GIFT is a global network that facilitates dialogue between governments, civil society organizations, international financial institutions and other stakeholders to **find and share solutions to challenges in fiscal transparency and participation**. It works through **advocacy and high-level dialogue, peer-learning and technical collaboration, research, and tech for participation**.

1. ADVOCACY

GIFT works to **harmonize the normative architecture of fiscal transparency norms & standards**, for example by launching the **High-Level Principles of Fiscal Transparency** (endorsed by the United Nations), and the **Guide on Principles and Mechanisms of Public Participation in Fiscal Policies**, with the goal of promoting **public participation in the budget process**.

2. PEER-LEARNING

GIFT facilitates **workshops for peers from around the world to share experiences and solutions, ensuring a dialogue between budget officials and civil society**. For example, in the framework of the **Open Government Partnership (OGP)**, GIFT provides **technical cooperation for the adoption and implementation of OGP fiscal transparency commitments**.

3. RESEARCH

GIFT's **evidence-based research documents the impact of fiscal transparency and participation** to better understand and disseminate incentives in accessible formats. Examples include a thorough review of **all known evidence of fiscal transparency impact and lessons of participation in the budget cycle**.

4. TECH FOR PARTICIPATION

GIFT facilitates the **use of technology for open and inclusive fiscal processes**, for example by **supporting countries launching fiscal portals** and by developing an **open fiscal data package** for easy publication, visualization and analysis of budget data, and citizen engagement.



GIFT network has a good record of supporting governments, engaging civil society organizations and ministries of finance on dialogues about fiscal transparency. For example, **GIFT** has helped Guatemala, Paraguay, the Philippines, Liberia and Tunisia in **selecting ambitious budget openness commitment in their OGP National Actions Plans**. **GIFT** has also **brought together budget departments from more than 10 countries in peer-to-peer exchanges** about how to build **fiscal transparency portals that effectively address user's needs of information**.

Who are GIFT? - 47 transparency champion stewards in 2018

Governments: Federal Secretary of the Budget, Brazil; Department of Budget & Management of the Philippines; Treasury Department, USA; Ministry of Finance & Public Credit, Mexico; Budget Department of the National Treasury, South Africa; Office of Planning and Budget, Presidency, Uruguay; Technical Secretariat of Planning & Economic & Social Development, Paraguay; Ministry of Budget and National Planning, Nigeria; Ministry of Economy and Finance, Benin; General Directorate of the National Public Budget, Colombia; Ministries of Finance from Indonesia, Dominican Republic, Tunisia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Croatia, Chile, Ukraine and Argentina.

Civil Society Organizations: The International Budget Partnership (IBP); Fundar - Center for Research & Analysis, Mexico; Instituto de Estudios Socioeconómicos, Brazil; The National Campaign for Dalit Human Rights, India; The Center on Budget & Policy Priorities, USA; Instituto Centroamericano de Estudios Fiscales, Guatemala; The Indonesian Forum for Budget Transparency; Fundación Nacional para el Desarrollo, El Salvador; The Emerging Markets

Investors Alliance, USA; Public Service Accountability Monitor, South Africa; Social Watch, Benin; Observatory of Fiscal Spending, Chile; Latin American Open Data Initiative, Uruguay and the Civil Association for Equality and Justice, Argentina.

Expert/Technical organizations and networks: The Institute of Public Finance, Croatia; Global Integrity; Open Contracting Partnership; The Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative and The MITRE Corporation, USA and the Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA).

International Organizations: The World Bank (WB); International Monetary Fund (IMF); Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).

Foundations and development agencies: Omidyar Network; Ford Foundation; The UK Department for International Development and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Lead Stewards: WB, IMF, IBP, IFAC and the budget departments of the governments of Brazil, Philippines and Mexico.

For information on how to engage with GIFT, the **Lead Stewards** and/or the **GIFT streams of work**, please contact GIFT's Network Director, Juan Pablo Guerrero (guerrero@fiscaltransparency.net) or write to info@fiscaltransparency.net



Visit the website to check our latest research. **Stay informed about GIFT's work** by signing up to our **newsletter** or following us on **Twitter** and **Facebook**.