

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? - 46 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 Estudos Socioeconômicos, 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.

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.

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