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## **NIGERIAN TOUR TO THE NATIONAL TREASURY**

*40 CHURCH Street, Resource Centre*

<b>Africa Country Partnerships on Fiscal Transparency Portals: Nigeria and South Africa</b>	
<b>Preliminary Programme</b>	
<b>DAY 0</b> <b>(Dec 4)</b> 18.00pm  19.30pm - 20.15pm	<b>Arrival at the Hotel</b>  <b>Briefing Session / Pre- Event Focus Meeting</b> ( Hotel Conference Hall)
<b>Day 1</b> <b>(Dec 5)</b> 9.00 – 9.40am	<b>Opening Session</b> Neil Cole ( CABRI) Representative ( GIFT) Dr. Anne Nzegwu (Ministry of Budget and National Planning, Nigeria) Raquel Ferreira (National Treasury, South Africa)
<b>Session 1</b> 9.40 – 10.45am  <b>VENUE :</b> National Treasury	<b>Nigeria Presentation</b>  <i>Objective: By the end of the session, participants will be able to better understand Nigeria’s context with respect to transparency and participation, specifically the fiscal transparency portal.</i>  The presentation will cover the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Importance and objective of improving transparency in Nigeria</li><li>• Context and challenges of PFM reforms (GIFMIS, TSA, etc.)</li><li>• What portals currently exist?</li><li>• What has Nigeria done towards developing a fiscal transparency portal?</li><li>• Authority, ability and acceptance related to Fiscal transparency and participation</li></ul> Presenter: Dr. Anne Nzegwu, Ministry of Budget and National Planning
10.45 – 11.15am	Tea Break



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<p><b>Session 2</b></p> <p>11:15– 13: 00pm</p> <p><b>VENUE :</b> National Treasury</p>	<p><b>South Africa Presentation</b></p> <p><i>Objective: By the end of the session, participants will be able to better understand South Africa’s context with respect to Fiscal transparency and participation, specifically development of fiscal transparency portal.</i></p> <p>The presentation will cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Importance and objective of improving Fiscal Transparency in South Africa</li><li>• How did South Africa approach the development of a fiscal transparency portal?</li><li>• What Portals currently exist?</li><li>• How did South Africa work with Civil Society to develop the portal?</li><li>• Authority, ability and acceptance related to budget transparency and participation</li></ul> <p>Presenter: Mrs. Raquel Ferreira, South Africa National Treasury. Note: a representative from civil society in South Africa to present on their partnership with the National Treasury on developing the portal.</p>
<p>13.00– 14.00pm</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p><b>Session 3</b></p> <p>14:00 – 15:15pm</p> <p><b>VENUE :</b> National Treasury</p>	<p><b>Foundations for Fiscal Transparency Portals: Planning and Coordination</b></p> <p>A credible budget process is imperative for sound public financial management. This session will focus on the prerequisites for a functional fiscal transparency portal.</p> <p>Moderator: South Africa National Treasury</p>



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<p><b>Session 4</b></p> <p><b>15.15 – 16.15pm</b></p> <p><b>VENUE :</b> National Treasury</p>	<p>PFM reforms such as Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) and Treasury Single Account (TSA) are meant to improve reporting, efficiency, budget credibility and reduced corruption. Fiscal transparency portals can play complementary role to achieve these outcomes. African countries, however, have encountered several challenges in implementing these reforms. This session will identify the challenges in developing a fiscal transparency portal and how best to address those challenges.</p> <p><i>Objective: By the end of the session, participants will understand the importance and existing challenges of implementing a centralized fiscal transparency portal.</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Michael Castro, CABRI</p> <p><b>( Afternoon Tea Break)</b></p>
<p><b>DAY 2</b> <b>(Dec 6)</b></p> <p>9.00 – 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>Recap of Day 2</b></p> <p><b>Summary of Discussions</b></p>



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<b>Session 5</b> 10:00 – 11:15am  <b>VENUE :</b> National Treasury	Open Procurement and Contracting: Where the budget meets citizens  Procurement is the mechanism that governments have to ensuring quality service delivery. This session will focus on benefits and challenges in including procurement and contracting in a fiscal transparency portal.  Moderator: Chief Procurement Office, South Africa National Treasury
11.15 – 11.45am	Tea Break
<b>Session 6</b> 11:45 – 13:15pm  <b>VENUE :</b> National Treasury	<b>GIFT Presentation</b>  <i>Objective: By the end of the session, participants will be able to better understand Brazil and Mexico experience in developing successful Fiscal Transparency Portals.</i>  The presentation will cover the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Importance and objectives of Brazil and Mexico Fiscal Transparency Portals</li><li>• Context and challenges of Fiscal transparency Portals</li><li>• Preview of Brazil and Mexico Fiscal Transparency Portals.</li></ul> Presenter: Lorena Rivero Del Paso, GIFT



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13.15 – 14.15pm	Lunch Break
<b>Session 7</b>  14.15– 15.30pm  <b>VENUE :</b> National Treasury	<b>Conclusion</b>  One Stop Centralized Fiscal Transparency Portal will play an important and complementary role in achieving the expected outcomes. African countries, however, have encountered several challenges in implementation of reforms and advancing transparency. This session will identify the following based on South Africa, Brazil and Mexico experiences in developing Nigeria Fiscal Transparency Portal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Advantages for NFTP</li><li>➤ Challenges</li><li>➤ Ways to address the Challenges</li><li>➤ Next steps</li></ul> Facilitator Dr. Anne Nzegwu. Nigeria Ministry of Budget and National Planning  <b>( Afternoon Tea Break)</b>
15.30 – 16.00pm  <b>VENUE :</b> National Treasury	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b>
<b>Day 3</b> <b>(Dec 7)</b>	<b>DEPARTURE</b>