



2021 General Stewards Meeting Session: Mainstreaming Public Participation in Fiscal Policies: Lessons from the FOA Project

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Time: 7:30 - 9:30 AM EDT / 1:30 - 3:30 PM CET / 7:30 - 9:30 PM PHT

Language: English & French

Principle #10 of the GIFT High Level Principles on Fiscal Transparency, Participation and Accountability states that “the public should have the right and opportunities to participate directly in public debate and discussion over the design and implementation of fiscal policies”. The Principles of Public Participation in Fiscal Policies further emphasized the importance of citizen engagement as a means to ensure that all those with a stake in, affected by, or intended to benefit from fiscal policies have a voice in decisions that affect their lives.

Over the last ten years, there has been an increasing number of government and non-government actors that have initiated and sustained efforts in putting this principle into practice, linking it to other transparency, accountability and public financial management reforms geared towards the better achievement of fiscal and development outcomes. One of these on-going efforts is the International Budget Partnership (IBP) and GIFT’s Fiscal Openness Accelerator (FOA) Project. Launched in 2019, the FOA Project mainly aims to establish effective mechanisms to allow public participation in fiscal processes at national level in Benin, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa, through peer learning, knowledge sharing and technical collaboration.

In this session, discussions will focus on lessons, challenges, and opportunities in the way forward in the co-creation and implementation of mechanisms of public participation and how it contributes to increasing public trust, better public-decision making, and ultimately, achieving the goals of fiscal policies.



Provisional Programme

Time (EDT)	Activity
7:30 - 7:40 AM	Session Introduction and Overview of the FOA Project by Suad Hasan, Program Officer, International Budget Partnership
7:40 - 8:30 AM	Lightning Talks on Country Level Updates: Presentation on the FOA Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● South Africa ● Benin ● Nigeria ● Liberia ● Senegal
8:30 - 8:35 AM	5 min break
8:35 - 8:45 AM	Reaction and Sharing from Ketevan Vashakidze, President, European Foundation, Georgia (TBC)
8:45 - 8:55 AM	Reaction and Sharing from Richard Villacorte, Program Manager, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Philippines (TBC)
8:55 - 9:25 AM	Open Forum
9:25 - 9:30 AM	Synthesis and Wrap-up