



## 2021 Stewards General Meeting Session

### Role of local/state governments in GIFT

**Day:** 25 August, Wednesday

**Time:** 16:00 PM - 17:00 PM EDT

**Language:** English/Spanish

Traditionally, GIFT has only had members/partners from the national sphere of government authorities. This is mainly due to this level being the main counterparts that GIFT's lead stewards typically work with. GIFT's operating rules however do not limit membership/partnerships to this sphere.

Local levels of government typically have more experience in public participation initiatives than national levels, given that they are closer to the people. National levels in turn typically have more experience in other areas. This diversity could be leveraged within the network. For instance, local levels of government could learn from national experiences in the use of technology and public financial management issues, while national agencies could learn from local experience in public participation. In this session we learn more about the Open Government's Partnership's Local initiative and from specific local governments that have expressed interest in joining GIFT.

Speaker	Focus	Time allocation
Open Government Partnership (OGP) Local initiative -Patrick Kazyak-Albaladejo	- The GIFT network has enjoyed fruitful relationships with subnational governments over the years, typically connected with their engagement with the OGP. Here we hear more about the OGP Local initiative.	4 to 4.10pm
	Q&A	4.10 to 4.15pm
GIFT - Juan Pablo Guerrero	- Since its inception, the GIFT network has maintained strong cooperative relationships with subnational governments that have shared their experiences in fiscal	4.15 to 4.25pm

	transparency practices, particularly, in public participation, and that themselves have benefited from the network's peer learning processes.	
City of Bogotá (Colombia) - Margarita Barraquer	- In 2020, after some collaborative activities, the Government of Bogota formally requested membership to the GIFT network. Here we hear more about how the City of Bogotá joining the network benefits the City and the GIFT network.	4.25 to 4.35pm
State of Guanajuato (Mexico) - Erika Jazmin Ortega	. Since 2019, the Government of the State of Guanajuato has been receiving technical support from the GIFT network in publishing budget information with the open data tool and expressed interest in continuing the collaboration on an ongoing basis. Here we hear about how this collaboration is mutually beneficial to the State of Guanajuato and to the GIFT network.	4.35 to 4.45pm
	Q&A and discussion	4.45 to 5pm