



Peer-Exchange and Live Application Demonstration on Mainstreaming Citizen Participation through Mobile Civic Technologies

June 9, 2021, Wednesday, 1:00PM - 3:00 PM, Cotonou Time / 8:00AM - 10:00 Eastern Time /
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Manila Time

With the support of the US Department of State, the Fiscal Openness Accelerator ([FOA](#)) project was launched in 2019 by the International Budget Partnership and the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency with the objective of building the technical capacity of selected governments to improve fiscal transparency in Benin, Liberia and Nigeria, and to support the implementation of a public participation (PP) pilot in the budget cycle in such countries in addition to Senegal and South Africa. The ministries of finance in each of the five countries signed a memorandum of understanding to agree on the scope of the project and to commit to a set of activities and deliverables. Among other activities, each country established an Advisory Group, composed by civil society organizations and government representatives, to discuss and select the public participation mechanism.

To assist the FOA countries and Advisory Groups in moving forward with the selection process and implementation of their respective Public Participation Pilot Projects, a series of **project design workshops and activities** is proposed to be facilitated/supported by the GIFT/IBP Team in partnership with the Ministries of Finance of Benin, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, and South Africa.

The next sections herewith provide relevant details on the proposed learning event that is tailor-fitted to support the mainstreaming of citizen participation in the Benin FOA pilot mechanism.

Objective:

The event aims to:

1. To present and discuss the general features, design and development process, and implementation strategies for mobile civic technologies in Benin and the Philippines;
2. To conduct live demonstration of BousProb tool of Benin and Devlive mobile application of the Philippines; and
3. Facilitate benchmarking and exchange of lessons, challenges and practical areas/ entry points to mainstream public participation in mobile civic technologies between Benin and the Philippines



Provisional Programme (2 hours)

Time	Activity
1:00 - 1:10 PM	Welcome Remarks by GIFT Network Director and introductions around the table (10 minutes)
1:10 - 1:40 PM	Presentation on Mainstreaming Citizen Participation in the Development and Implementation of Mobile Civic Technologies: The Case of DevLive in the Philippines (30 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Rationale and Features of Devlive Mobile Application<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ At what stage of the budget cycle is the application used for? What kind of data does it make available? How does it work?○ Can you also share more about the technical specifications of the application (e.g. back-end platform technology systems, use of open source tools, etc)?● Who are the target audience/users of Devlive?● How did you do it: Development, Implementation and Roll-out, Monitoring Process for Devlive<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How did you involve citizens in the design process of the application and the implementation of the project?○ Can you share strategies on inclusion? How are marginalized groups reached and how are their inputs taken into account in the Devlive project?● How does DevLive facilitate and process citizen engagement in monitoring project implementation? Can you explain in detail Closing-the-Feedback Loop process and timeline of Devlive--from submission of feedback to resolution?● Can you also share strategies on how you popularized the application and generated demand for citizens to use the Devlive?● Can you share early results and impact from your pilot rollout?● What are the challenges and lessons you learned in implementing mobile civic technology at this scale?● What are your plans and ways forward? Demonstration of the Devlive application and its public participation features
1:40 - 2:00 PM	Q&A on Devlive (20 minutes)
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Presentation on the FOA Public Pilot Mechanism from Benin (30 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Benin's Public Participation Mechanism and the Features of the BousProb Tool<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What are the big goals of the mechanism?



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What are the general features of Bousprob Mobile Application?○ Who are the target audience/stakeholders/ users of the mechanism?○ How is your progress so far in the development and implementation of the mechanism and Bousprob application?○ What else do you need to do/achieve to move forward?○ What specific opportunities for public engagement does the mechanism and application provide?● Demonstration of the application and its public participation features<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ At what stage of the budget cycle is the application used for? What kind of data does it make available? How does it work?○ Can you also share more about the technical specifications of the application (e.g. back-end platform technology systems, use of open source tools, etc)?
2:30 - 2:50 PM	Open Discussion on Practical Entry Points for Mainstreaming Citizen Engagement in the BousProb Tool Design and Implementation (20 minutes)
2:50 - 3:00 PM	Next Steps and Closing Remarks (10 minutes)