**GIFT GENERAL STEWARDS MEETING**

**October 10-11, 2017**

**MITRE Corporation Headquarters**

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McLean, Virginia 22102**](https://www.google.com/maps/place/7525+Colshire+Dr/@38.9212309,-77.2050583,785m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x89b64ac8bdbe0aab:0xdfea41213d5f2d82?hl=en) **– Metro: McLean, Silver Line**

***Annotated Agenda***

*(October 9th, 2017)*

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**Background**

GIFT’s General Stewards Meeting takes place at least twice a year (Section 3, [Operating Procedures](http://www.fiscaltransparency.net/Operating_procedures.pdf)). The Meeting provides a forum for GIFT stakeholders to define and advance the objectives of the initiative and to exchange their experiences in promoting fiscal transparency and participation. It is the occasion for government agencies, civil society organizations, international financial institutions, specialized institutions and experts, that are GIFT stewards and partners, to share actions and plans to increase fiscal transparency and participation in their area of responsibility in their countries.

Stewards comprise the action network and establish GIFT’s value proposition, core strategies, and main areas of action. They ensure that GIFT represents an effective and efficient multi-stakeholder action network (Section 4) and help the network to cover as many stakeholders as possible within the fiscal and budget community and continuously work to improve the credibility and impact of GIFT streams of work.

**General Stewards Meeting Context and Objectives**

In the preceding General Stewards Meeting, held in Mexico City on March 8-9, [eight new members](http://www.fiscaltransparency.net/documents/New_Members_GIFT.pdf) were welcomed and the Mexican Treasury became a lead steward; GIFT’s strategy for its next phase (2018-2021) and the 2017 work plan were discussed; and relevant peer learning took place around the issues of public participation in fiscal policies, and the publication budget information in open data and visualizations, and, in particular the experience of the Mexican Treasury.

The second 2017 General Stewards Meeting will be the opportunity to get a fresh update on stewards’ and partners’ progress and plans to advance fiscal transparency and participation ([report](http://www.fiscaltransparency.net/accountability/) on GIFT activities). Moreover, the **main objectives** of the Meeting are: 1) to **continue and deepen the exchange on open data, learning from the experience of the US Federal Government** in implementing a model of budget information disclosure in open data to comply with the Open Data Act; 2) to start a conversation on the **relevance of transparency and public participation in tax policy**, convinced that in order to address the full range of opportunities and trade-offs involved in budget policymaking it is paramount to start also addressing the revenue side of the fiscal equation; and finally, 3) to provide a space for detailed discussions on the work of some Stewards on transparency and anti-corruption, addressing granularity aspects of budget administrative classification data, and the Information Technology Working Group work plan.

**Program**

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| ***Day 1. October 10, 2017*** | | |
| **TIME** | **SESSION** | **PRESENTER(S)** |
| 8:30 | Registration & coffee |  |
| 9:00 | **Welcome** | - **Jim Cook,** Vice-president, The MITRE Corporation  - **Juan Pablo Guerrero**, GIFT Network Director |
| 9:15 | **Meeting objectives & agenda** | **- Juan Pablo Guerrero** |
| 1. **Stewards and partners updates** | | |
| Objective: Stewards and partners around the table provide updates on fiscal transparency and participation, in order to be more fully informed about their respective work programs and plans, which in turn will be an input to planning GIFT’s strategic discussions and work program, and to shape the network’s peer learning/sharing activities. At the end of this session, participants should have a clear idea on the main areas and trends of work around the table, identifying areas of convergence and opportunities for collaboration. | | |
| 9:30 | 1. *Around the table*   Every participant around the table will present her/himself (name and institution) | Moderated by:  **- Juan Pablo Guerrero**  -**All participants (list attached)** |
| 10:30 | 1. *Presentation of GIFT’s Peer-Learning Assessment (Please refer to document on the matter)* | -**Anja Linder**, GIFT Coordination Team |
| 10:38 | 1. *Update on CABRI work on Fiscal Transparency in Africa* | -**Michael Castro**, CABRI |
| 10:46 | 1. *Presentation of a pilot project proposal by Global Integrity* | -**Jorge Florez**, Global Integrity |
| 10:54 | 1. *International Public Sector Financial Accountability Index* | -**Vincent Tophoff**, IFAC |
| 11:02 | 1. *Future work on impact* | -**Paolo de Renzio**, IBP |
| 11:10 | 1. *Hand-out of the updated version of the GIFT expanded High Level Principles* | -**Murray Petrie**, GIFT, Coordination Team |
| 11:18 | 1. *An overview of GIFT’s priority areas and work plan* | -**Juan Pablo Guerrero** |
| 11:25 | Coffee break |  |
| 11:55 | 1. *Breakout group discussions*   Organizing breakout groups: Participants will break-out in thematic groups to discuss and further learn about peers’ initiatives, actions, and experiences on the topics presented in the previous session (see suggested thematic breakout groups below)  Each group will nominate a rapporteur to report back in plenary about next steps in their respective area of collaboration, and how the network may assist in advancing peer learning in that topic. | -**Tania Sánchez**, GIFT Team |
|  | Suggested thematic breakout groups: | Facilitated by: |
| 12:05 | a. Peer Learning | -**Anja Linder** |
| b. Working more closely with African countries | -**Michael Castro** |
| c. Connecting demand and supply in fiscal transparency. Consultation and dialogue with users of fiscal information | -**Jorge Florez** |
| d. Global norms on fiscal transparency | -**Murray Petrie**/ **Claire Schouten**, IBP |
| e. Communicating fiscal and budget information, including portals | -**Tarick Gracida**, GIFT |
| f. Public participation in fiscal policies and budget making | -**Greg Linden**, MITRE |
| 12:40 | 1. *Report back*   Each group rapporteur will present a summary of next steps in their respective area of collaboration, and how the network may assist in advancing the main points discussed and common areas of interest.  Q&A | Moderated by: **Tania Sánchez**, GIFT |
| 13:20 | 1. *Moving forward* | **-Jim Cook**, MITRE |
| 13:30 | Lunch |  |
| 1. **Public participation in tax policy and administration** | | |
| Objective  To start a conversation on transparency and public participation in the tax policy and administration, among the increasing number of stewards that have been working on the matter from different perspectives, in a dialogue that could certainly help identify gaps and complementarities between the different approaches, emphasizing access to information concerning government revenues, in order to conduct relevant analysis, and address the question of inequality, while keeping in sight the full range of opportunities and trade-offs involved in budget policymaking. By the end of the session, it is expected that participants will share an understanding of the centrality of this issue, and will identify the areas where there are opportunities and a need for collaborations, and the components of a work agenda in the areas of norms and peer learning on transparency and public participation in the revenue side of the fiscal equation. Panelists should be able to respond to the question: why their sector’s work benefits the other sectors that are working on the topic? *(Please refer to GIFT concept note on the matter)* | | |
| 14:30 | 1. *Framing the conversation*   The state of affairs on the matter of transparency and public participation in tax policy and administration. | **-Murray Petrie**, GIFT |
|  | 1. *Presentations and discussions* | Moderated by: **Nicola Smithers**, WB |
| 14:40 | 1. “Corruption, Taxes and Compliance” (Research paper) | **-Sanjeev Gupta & Anja Baum**, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF |
| 14:50 | 1. “Tax Spillover: a new framework” | **-Richard Murphy**, City, University of London |
| 15:00 | 1. “Tax Amnesties and reliefs. Access to Information and Tax Secrecy” | **-Javier Garduño**, **Iván Benumea,** Fundar, Mexico |
| 15:10 | 1. “Guatemala 2015-16: A Case of Tax Administration Recovery Reform Lead by Civil Society” | **-Ricardo Barrientos**, ICEFI, Central-America |
| 15:20 | 1. Presentation | **-Jean Ross**, Tax specialist, IBP |
| 15:30 | Q&A |  |
| 16:00 | Coffee break |  |
|  | *Presentations and discussion continued* | Moderated by: **Manal Fouad,** IMF |
| 16:30 | 1. Presentation | **-Jim Brumby**, ‎  Governance Global Practice, World Bank |
| 16:40 | 1. Presentation | **-Leonardo Arroyo, Mexico** Federal Revenue Administration Service |
| 16:50 | 1. Presentation | **-Iara Pietricovsky** & **Grazielle David**, INESC, Brazil |
| 17:00 | 1. Presentation | **-Jodi Patterson**, MITRE |
| 17:10 | Q&A |  |
| 17:30 | 1. Conclusions | **-Rakesh Rajani**, Ford Foundation  **-Jorg Petrovic**, Court of Audit, Slovenia |
| 18:00 | Final comments - Wrap up of the day | **- Jim Cook**  - **Juan Pablo Guerrero** |
| 18:30 | **End of day 1** | |
| 19:00 | **Stewards Dinner**  GIFT will offer a dinner cocktail for all stewards and partners, as an opportunity for an informal exchange and conversation about common interests.  The reception will be at the MITRE Building 4 Roof Terrace.  There will be transportation from MITRE to the hotel running from 18:30 to 21:30. | |

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| ***Day 2. October 11, 2017*** | | |
| **Time** | **Session** | **Presenter** |
| 8:30 | Welcome coffee |  |
| 1. **Open fiscal data state of the art** | | |
| Objectives:  The objectives are to promote an exchange of experiences with state of the art initiatives, in particular that of the US Treasury’s implementation of the Open Data Act; to explore ways to link contract and facility level execution databases with budget information; deepen the use of the Open Fiscal Data Package; and to expand the number of countries interested on advancing in this area. Ultimately, based on the US experience with USASpending.gov, this conversation seeks to identify better ways to collaborate and deepen work in this agenda. | | |
| 9:00 | 1. *Learning from the US experience with the implementation of the Open Data Act and the USASpending.gov platform* 2. Presentation | * Moderated by: **Amparo Ballivian**, World Bank * **Amy Edwards**, US Treasury |
| 9:30 | 1. Response and comments | * **Diana Krebs**/ **Vitor Baptista**, Open Knowledge International |
| 9:40 | 1. Response and comments | * **Lorena Rivero**, Mexico Treasury |
| 9:50 | 1. Response and comments | * **Kathrin Frauscher**, Open Contracting Partnership |
| 10:00 | 1. Q&A |  |
| 10:20 | Coffee break |  |
|  | 1. *Reflecting on and complementing the US experience: other stewards’ and partners’ initiatives and progress* | Moderated by: **Torben S. Hansen,** IMF |
| 10:50 | 1. “Brazil Updates” | **-Mauro Santos**, Brazil |
| 11:05 | 1. “Progressing from budget transparency to accessibility to participation. The Croatian experience” | **-** **Hana Zoricic,** Croatia |
| 11:20 | 1. Presentation | -**Janet López**, Uruguay |
| 11:35 | 1. Presentation | -**Lorena Rivero,** Mexico |
| 11:50 | 1. Presentation | - **Leonardo Buitrago**, Colombia |
| 12:05 | 1. Presentation | -**Kathrin Frauscher**, Open Contracting Partnership |
| 12:20 | 1. Presentation | **-Diana Krebs**/ **Vitor Baptista**, Open Knowledge International |
| 12:35 | 1. Response and comments | -**Jeanette von Wolfersdorff** Observatorio del Gasto, Chile |
| 12:45 | 1. Response and comments | **-Amparo Ballivian**, World Bank |
| 12:55 | 1. Response and comments | **-Amy Edwards**, US Treasury |
| 13:05 | Q&A |  |
| 13:30 | Lunch |  |
| 1. **Break-out sessions- various topics** | | |
| Objectives: Based on stewards and partners topic proposals, we will have the following breakout sessions for in-depth discussion (subject to changes, according to your preferences): | | |
| 14:30 | Simultaneous breakout groups sessions |  |
|  | 1. Transparency and anticorruption, the experience of Central America. Work by ICEFI.   Response and comments  Objective: to explore the strong links between fiscal transparency and fighting corruption, with examples from Central-America. | **-Ricardo Barrientos**, ICEFI  **-Jorg Petrovic**, Slovenia Court of Audit  **-Javier Garduño**, Fundar, Mexico  Facilitated by: **Jasmine Faubert,** MITRE |
|  | 1. Budget administrative classification data: transparency at the public service facility level and IT Working Group discussions   Objective: to explore the challenges/limits of budget information granularity: to what extent are citizens in your country able to see the budgeted and actual spending on local public services? e.g. the budget of the local school, health facility. What are the obstacles to the publication of such detailed expenditure data? | * World Bank representative * IMF representative * **Ivor Beazley,** OECD * **Lewis Hawke**, PEFA * **Diana Krebs**/ **Vitor Baptista**, Open Knowledge * **Lorena Rivero**, Mexico Treasury * **Mauro Santos**, Brazil MoF * **Leonardo Buitrago**, Colombia MoF * **Vincent Tophoff**, IFAC   Facilitated by: **Murray Petrie** |
|  | 1. Fiscal Transparency and public participation in Africa   Objective: To explore ways in which the GIFT network can engage more strongly and support efforts in East and West Africa to advance our agenda. | * **Michael Castro**, CABRI   Facilitated by: **Claire Schouten** |
|  | 1. Communicating Reform Progress with Investors.   Objectives: To brainstorm on ways to present reform progress to investors in publicly trade sovereign and corporate debt and equities; to share views on which reforms are important to communicate to investors; and to discuss how the Emerging Markets Investors Alliance can facilitate governments' communication with investors. | Facilitators:   * **Ashok Parameswaran** & **Guido Cipriani**, Emerging Markets Investors Alliance |
|  | 1. Other topics of interest within the network. This space is open for participants to propose issues or areas that they want to explore and further discuss. *Please feel free to forward your suggestions, this space is open for them.* | Facilitators:  **Greg Linden**, MITRE  **Tania Sánchez**, GIFT |
| 16:00 | Coffee break |  |
| 16:30 | *2. Report back* | Moderated by:  **-Juan Pablo Guerrero** |
| 17:15 | **Concluding remarks** | GIFT Stewards  -**Jim Cook**, MITRE  -**Katarina Ott,** Institute of Public Finance, Croatia  -WB representative  -Government representative(TBC) |
| 17:30 | **Final conclusions and next steps** | - **Juan Pablo Guerrero**, GIFT |
| 17:45 | End of day 2 | |