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Overview of the Breakout Sessions

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Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Wednesday, May 20 at 2:00 – 3:30

The Open Government Guide: A Resource to Build Stronger Commitments
UdzungwaRoom

OBJECTIVE:

This session will presentan overview of the Open Gov Guide which highlights practical, measurable, specific and actionable steps that governments can, and are taking across a range cross-cutting and focused areas to open government; and toengage participants in a practical exercise that illustrates how this resource can be used to build stronger commitments.

OUTCOMES:

Participants will become familiarized with the Open Gov Guide and its use throughout different phases of the OGP process, such as: awareness and agenda setting; planning and building commitments; and monitoring and evaluating progress. The discussion will also focus on how strong and ambitious commitments look like, particularly in the areas of access to information, public participation and extractives, and what are the steps that governments can take, depending on their different starting points.

CHAIR:

- Tania Sanchez, Open Government Guide, Transparency and Accountability Initiative

PANELISTS:

- ReinfordMwangonde, Executive Director, Citizens for Justice (Malawi)
- Andrew Tehmeh, Deputy Minister of Information, Cultural Affairs and Tourism (Liberia)
- WeziKayira, Permanent Secretary of Good Governance, Office of the President and Cabinet (Malawi) *TBC*
- QinisileDelwa, Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Public Service and Administration (South Africa) *TBC*
- KaburoKobia, Project Manager, Local Digital Content ICT Authority, (Kenya)

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Open Data Enhancing Accountability
Saadani Room

OBJECTIVE:

The Open Data Panel is aimed at examining the policy benefits of a viable Open Data policy for OGP members, sharing good practices and giving practical counsel on the policy strategies for a successful implementation. Five experts drawn from the policy, the academic, the business, the data user community and the development partnership sectors will speak in this session. Each expert will share unique perspectives from their experience.

OUTCOMES:

At the end of this discussion, participants will:

1. Understand how Open Data works

2. Know how to put in place a national Open Data policy framework

3. Understand the link between Open Data and Open Governments and how both enhance each other

4. Understand how data labs build capacity for all actors

5. Anticipate and maximize the benefits of the Data Revolution

CHAIR:

- Nnenna Nwakanma, Web Foundation (Cote d'Ivoire)

PANELISTS:

- Edward Anderson, World Bank (Tanzania)
- BitangeNdemo, former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications; Lecturer at University of Nairobi (Kenya)
- TheophilusChiviru, ONE Campaign (Zimbabwe)
- Stephen Adler, IBM
- AmandeepGrewal, Africa Manager, Open Data team, Web Foundation
- Jabir Bakari, e-Gov (Tanzania)

Wednesday, May 20 at 2:00 – 3:30

Civic Space and Open Governance in Tanzania
Mafia Room

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this session is to examine recent legislative changes in Tanzania and their implications for open government in Tanzania. In particular, this includes the Statistics Act and Cyber Crime Act, which were recently passed by parliament and the Access to Information Bill and Media Services Bill, which were both presented to parliament for first reading. The Access to Information Bill was promised by President Kikwete at the OGP London Summit in 2013, and is part of Tanzania's current OGP Action Plan. The bills have attracted considerable interest, both within the country and internationally.

OUTCOMES:

Speakers and participants will come away with an understanding of key features of these controversial bills and their implications for open government in Tanzania. The session will feature both critics and defenders of the bills.
Specific topics to be examined at the session include the following:

1. The Access to Information Bill – key features of the bill as presented to parliament, criticisms of the bill.

2. Media Services Bill – implications for open government of the bill as presented to parliament.

3. Statistics Act – concerns related to open government, and how they could be resolved.

4. Cyber Crimes Act – implications for open government, possible solutions to problems.

CHAIR:

- Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza

PANELISTS:

- January Makamba, Deputy Minister of Science and Technology (Tanzania)
- KajubiMukajanga, Executive Secretary, Media Council of Tanzania
- Maxence Mello, Jamii Forums (Tanzania)
- Ben Taylor, Twaweza

Wednesday, May 20 at 2:00 – 3:30

Land Transparency
Ruaha Hall

OBJECTIVE:

This panel will share experience on innovative approaches to strengthen transparency in land planning, allocation and use.

CHAIR:

- Chair: Barney Laseko. Private Sector Competitiveness Programme Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office (Tanzania)

PANELISTS:

- Executive Secretary, HakiArdhi Land Rights and Resources Institute (Tanzania)
- Civil Society Representative *TBC*
- Moses Mpogole Kusiluka, Commissioner of Lands, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development (Tanzania)

Wednesday, May 20 at 4:00 – 5:30

Open Aid & Open Contracting: Key Ingredients for Open Governance
Saadani Room

OBJECTIVE:

The proposed session "Open Aid & Open Contracting: Key Ingredients for Open Governance" aims to:

- Highlight leading examples of open aid and open contracting efforts in Africa
- Engage participants in identifying opportunities for future uptake of open aid and open contracting
- Explore how open data standards and best practices can be better leveraged at the country level to strengthen open governance
- Connect key thinkers and practitioners interested in open aid and open contracting in the region

OUTCOMES:

The session will be an interactive panel discussion. Topics will include: citizen engagement through open aid/contracting data; OGP Action Plans; adopting data standards at the country level; integrating data, systems, and platforms; the role of civil society in open aid & open contracting initiatives. Key questions will include:

- Why are open aid and open contracting relevant to the broader open government agenda in the region?
- How can open aid and open contracting connect within the context of a "follow the money" ecosystem?
- How can data on aid flows and public contracting processes serve as the foundation for increased citizen participation and enhanced accountability?
- How can we enhance accessibility of and demand for open aid and open contracting information?
- What are specific actions, tools and methodologies that can be applied to advance openness of international aid and public contracting?

CO-CHAIRS:

- Felipe Estefan, Open Government strategist, World Bank
- Gilbert Sendugwa, Africa Freedom of Information Centre (Uganda)

PANELISTS:

- Khadija Sesay, Director of the Open Government Initiative (Sierra Leone)
- SeemberNyagar, Private and Public Development Centre (Nigeria)
- Liz Dodds, Open Aid Partnership, World Bank

- Saidi Magonya, Commissioner –External Finance, Ministry of Finance (Tanzania)

Wednesday, May 20 at 4:00 – 5:30

Responsive Governance:
Closing the Feedback Loop between Citizens and Governments
Udzungwa Room

OBJECTIVE:

In this panel discussion, speakers and participants will address: 1) How do we build platforms that effectively bridge the gap between citizens and governments? And 2) What role does technology and innovation play in enabling responsive governance?

OUTCOMES:

Participants of the session are expected to walk away with enhanced understanding of how to design interventions that not only enable citizen engagement, but also strengthen the capacity of governments to respond to citizen demands. They will also learn practical lessons on the use of technology for responsive governance from case studies in South Africa, Uganda and Tanzania.

CO-CHAIRS:

- Daudi Were, Making All Voices Count
- Melissa Mbugua, Making All Voices Count

PANELISTS:

- Robert B. Okudi, Ag. Commissioner, Budget Transparency and Evaluation Dept., Ministry of Finance (Uganda)
- Benson Bana, former Head of Department of Political Science & Public Administration& Associate chairman of REDET, University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)
- Vincent Mbombo, Principal Investigation Officer, Commission of Human Rights and Good Governance (Tanzania)
- PramodMohanlal, CEO, Yowzit Pty (South Africa)

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Low-Tech and Low-Cost Innovation to Bridge the Information Gap
Mafia Room

OBJECTIVE:

This session seeks to sensitize the audience on ways that Liberians has used innovative but low-tech and low-cost means that are readily accessible to citizens to bridge the information gap between a state and its people.

OUTCOMES:

The main question this session will address is: How can governments and civil society engage citizens, particularly youth, to strengthen open governance in low-cost, creative ways?
Topics to be addresses in this session include:

- The Liberian experience of using citizen journalists to improve citizen-state relations and enhance civic education;

- The Liberian experience of using art and electronic media to reach youth and citizens;

- The use of film and music to support open government aims and provide trusted voices for engaging citizens around transparency;

- Government of Liberia outreach to CSO's with a media and technological mandate; and

- Strategies to integrate youth into the open government process in countries with an overwhelmingly young population.

CO-CHAIRS:

- Francis Lansana, Country Resident, Accountability Lab (Liberia)

PANELISTS:

- Andrew Tehmeh, Deputy Minister of Administration, Ministry of Information (Liberia)
- Oscar Kimaro, Restless Development (Tanzania)
- Hassan Mshinda, Commission of Science and Technology (Tanzania)

Civil Society-Government in the OGP: What do we need to ask ourselves?
Mafia Room

OBJECTIVE:

Global Integrity is well known for its research expertise, and for generating locally produced (including the Africa Integrity Indicators with a network of African researchers), granular, evidence-based data on governance issues and the challenges facing governments and civil society actors at both the national and subnational levels. We are currently working with the Transparency and Accountability Initiative to research the dynamics of civil society - government relationships and the extent to which both actors can really leverage the OGP to produce open government. We are studying this in five countries across the world, including Tanzania. The proposed session will bring together civil society experts, OGP representatives, and government actors to discuss: "Civil society-government dynamics in the OGP: What have we learned, what are we missing, and what questions should we research?"We think this discussion will allow a frank discussion about the OGP experience so far, particularly in Africa, and help guide some of the research questions for the research project mentioned above, which is still in its early stages.

OUTCOMES:

Our current research deals with questions like:

- What is known about the dynamics of civil society - government relationships within countries, especially in Africa?
- What informational deficits exist on these issues? How can targeted research projects fill in data gaps, producing the knowledge necessary for enhancing openness and governance in African countries?
- What are the key questions about how the OGP is contributing to more accountable governance in African contexts?
- What kinds of learning, both formal research and also reflective sharing of experiences, would help answer these questions? How do these learning needs vary across actor groups?
- How could supporting learning improve efforts to enhance openness and accountable governance in African countries, particularly in the context of OGP?

By sparking a vibrant panel discussion among a group of carefully selected open government champions, the proposed session will produce valuable information on how to best move forward on these very important topics.By tackling these difficult and pertinent questions and drawing from the African experience, the session will illuminate ways forward regarding effective civil society engagement, and highlight key areas of future research for those in the OGP community. In doing so, it represents an exciting opportunity for the exchange of ideas and expertise on how to best identify and evaluate successful methods of substantive collaboration between civil society and governments.

CO-CHAIRS:

- Hazel Feigenblatt, Global Integrity Managing Director of Research
- Khadija Sesay, Director of Open Government Initiative (Sierra Leone)

PANELISTS:

- Vitus Azem, Ghana Integrity Initiative (Ghana)
- Elisante Ole Gabriel, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information, Culture & Sports (Tanzania)
- Caroline Othim, IRM researcher (Kenya)

- Brendan Halloran, Transparency and Accountability Initiative (US)
- Joe Powell, OGP Support Unit

Thursday, May 21 at 9:00 – 10:30

Access to Budget Information and Public Participation
Udzungwa Room

OBJECTIVE:

This panel discussion aims to:

- Present the activities and opportunities that the Fiscal Openness Working Group offers to OGP country members in implementing their commitments on fiscal transparency.
- Share the experience of open budget and public participation in South Africa and Tunisia, two OGP countries that work with the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency .
- Learn about the peer-to-peer activities of the FOWG in Latin America.

OUTCOMES

The session will include Ministry of Finances and civil society organizations representatives from South Africa, Tunisia, and Tanzania. The Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency will facilitate the dialogue, that will address the following issues:

- Analysis of the fiscal transparency commitments in African countries OGP National Action Plans;
- Public participation and governance in budget processes;
- Principles of public participation principles in budget making and fiscal policies;
- Open budget data and public participation, the experience from Tunisia;
- Public participation and budget making, the experience of South Africa.

CHAIR:

Juan Pablo Guerrero, Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency

PANELISTS:

- AichaKarafi Hosni, General Director, Ministry of Finance (Tunisia)
- Riadh Abbes, General Director, Ministry of Finance (Tunisia)
- JazemHalioui, OpenGov.TN (Tunisia)
- Daygan Eagar, Rural Health Advocacy Project (South Africa)
- Adolph Mkenda, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance (Tanzania)(TBC)
- Keith McLean, Lead Social development specialist, World Bank

Thursday, May 21 at 9:00 – 10:30

Accountability for Results: OGP Accountability Mechanisms
Saadani Room

OBJECTIVE:

OGP is not just a "talk shop." It is about ensuring results and a race to the top. But how do we ensure results in OGP and make sure that being a part of OGP is meaningful? This session is about the tools, formal and informal, that we have to make sure that countries achieve big things in OGP.

First, we will look at OGP results in the region through the use of the Independent Reporting Mechanisms (IRM) reports. Through an interactive talk show format, panelists will discuss how to best use IRM reports as advocacy tools. IRM researchers will answer questions about the IRM process in their countries and their recommendations to improve country performance.

Second, we will look at OGP's new Rapid Response Mechanism, what it is, how it can be used, and its implications for OGP.

OUTCOMES:

Our hope is that participants will gain a deeper understanding of OGP's accountability tools, whether the IRM process and reports or the rapid response mechanism, and how to use these tools in their countries.

CO-CHAIRS:

- Joseph Foti, IRM

PANELISTS:

- Adamtey, Ghana IRM Researcher
- NgungaTepani, Tanzania IRM Researcher
- Emilene Martinez, OGP Civil Society Coordinator
- MukelaniDimba, OGP Steering Committee Member
- Robert Hunja, World Bank

Thursday, May 21 at 11:00 – 11:30

Enhancing Realization of the Right of Access to Information
Mafia Room

OBJECTIVE:

The session will have the objective of engaging both civil society and government in identifying strategies of how OGP can enhance the realization of access to information for OGP countries in the region.

The second Open Government Partnership (OGP) America's regional meeting, which was held from the 17th - 19th November 2014 in San Jose, Costa Rica recognized access to information as the cornerstone for open governance. The provision of accurate information helps individuals with the data and knowledge that they require to participate effectively in the democratic process in any political society.

Today, freedom of information is recognized and enshrined in the constitutions and legislations of various countries the world over. In Africa, policies and practices to implement the right of access to information have begun to emerge only in recent years and only 16 African countries have ATI laws.

The panel will explore ways to promote the advancement of the right to information through and adoption and effective implementation of access to information laws. It will also explore opportunities for knowledge exchange and experience sharing through OGP.

OUTCOMES:

The proposed session will seek to address 3 issues:

1. The inclusion of new and strong commitments on adoption and effective implementation of ATI within action plans for OGP participating countries within the region.

2. The assistance and support to OGP African countries to meet their ATI commitments, particularly by the engagement of civil society, public sector, ATI oversight bodies and OGP/ATIWG.

3. The exploration of good practice on specific transparency related topics such as proactive disclosure, data management and effective operations of ATI oversight bodies.

The issues /questions to be answered include:

- How can countries adopt strong access to information laws?
- What is needed to achieve effective implementation of ATI laws?
- How can technology be leveraged to enhance citizens' realization of their right to information?
- In the absence of legislation, how can the OGP be useful in the enhancing open disclosure regimes?

CO-CHAIRS:

- Henry Maina, Article 19 Eastern Africa (Kenya)
- Gilbert Sendugwa, Africa Freedom of Information Centre (Uganda)

PANELISTS:

- OtiendeAmolo, Commission on Administrative Justice (Kenya)
- Assah Mwambene, Director of Information Services (Tanzania)
- Daniel Obam, Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology (Kenya)
- Philip Thigo, Strategy & Partnerships, Infonet Africa (Kenya)

- MukelaniDimba, Open Democracy Advice Centre (South Africa)

Thursday, May 21 at 11:00 – 12:30

Permanent Consultation Forums: Fostering a Multi-Stakeholder Partnership to Advance Participation, Innovation and Accountability in OGP
Udzungwa Room

OBJECTIVE:

A permanent consultation forum means there is a formal structure for regular consultation that captures a two-way communication between government and civil society. Participants will learnhow OGP-member countries have used Permanent Consultation Forums tostrengthen multi-stakeholder engagement and to promote innovation and accountability throughout the 2-year National Action Plan cycle.

OUTCOMES:

By the end of this session participants will have:

- Identified how Permanent Consultation Forums can help build a true multi-stakeholder partnership and foster innovation in Action Plan Commitments.

- Become acquainted with country-cases where Permanent Multi-Stakeholder Consultation Forums have been successfully implemented.

- Acquired guidance on good practices related to consultation during implementation and Permanent Multi-Stakeholder Consultation Forums.

- Identified concrete ideas or action-items related to the content of the session that could be implemented in participants' national OGP process.

CHAIR:

- Emilene Martinez, OGP Support Unit

PANELISTS:

The session will be divided into three break-out sessions which will be facilitated by:

1. PethuelDanyoPublic Sector Reform Secretariat (Ghana)
   Mina Mensah, Human Rights Initiative(Ghana)
   LeslyBaesens, Independent Reporting Mechanism, OGP

2. Khadija Sesay,Open Government Initiative (Sierra Leone) *TBC*
   Marcella SambaSesay, Campaign for Good Governance (Sierra Leone)
   Emilene Martinez, OGP Support Unit

3. Obey Assery/ SigbertKavishe, Representative from the Government of Tanzania
   EvaristKamwaga, Twaweza

Maureen Kariuki, OGP Support Unit

Thursday, May 21 at 9:00 – 10:30

Transparency, Accountability and Open Data in Extractives: Examples from Africa
SaadaniRoom

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this session will be to look into how citizens have engaged with different local and international processes and opportunities to demand for transparency and accountability in the extractive sector and secondly about how open data in extractives can benefit CSOs, media and government it self. Examples will be drawn from civil society groups, journalists and government owned processes.

OUTCOMES:

Participants of this session will having a shared understanding on:

1. Role of stakeholders in using the EITI process to demand for accountability in the extractives. Case examples will be drawn from DRC, Tanzania, Nigeria, and Niger.

2. Role of CSOs in influencing extractive industry legal frameworks to ensure that transparency and accountability is integrated into the natural resource management process. Case examples will be drawn from Malawi.

3. Role of CSOs in advocating for governance systems that ensure the best possible deal, especially in extractive industry licensing and contracting processes.

4. Reaching a common understanding that use of data in extractives requires commitments from governments to release relevant data and capacity from CSOs and journalist to make use of it.

5. Lessons learned from data trainings of journalists: how journalists could benefit from training in data tools and increased information about data sources. What level of engagement is required and how can data come to play a bigger role in the media's coverage of extractives?

6. Using open data to reach new audiences: How can open data in extractives be used to inform and engage with the public? Panelist will share experiences on public engagement from Nigeria.

7. Using open data to improve policy making: We will show how public data was used to analyze the consequences of the falling oil price on the extractive revenues and budget in Ghana.

CO-CHAIRS:

- Carol Kiangura, Publish What You Pay
- Lee Robinson, Natural Resources Governance Institute

PANELISTS:

- OluseunOnigbinde, YourBudgIT (Nigeria) *TBC*
- ReinfordMwangonde, Citizens for Justice/ Publish What You Pay (Malawi)
- AmaniMhinda, HakiMadini, Tanzania
- Benedict Mushingwe, Tanzania EITI National Secretariat