

THE  
**FOA**  
PROJECT

**FISCAL OPENNESS ACCELERATOR**  
Fiscal Transparency for Public Participation  
for Better Use of Public Resources



# FOA Countries Meeting

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08 November, 2021 | Monday | 7:00 - 9:00 AM, EDT

Via Zoom Teleconference



US Department of State

# Meeting Objectives

1. Provide updates on the progress made in the FOA project in each pilot country
2. Explore areas of technical assistance to advance the selection process and implementation of the pilot public participation mechanism; and
3. Discuss plans and next steps

# Agenda



	<b>Topic</b>
I.	Welcome remarks (10 minutes)
II.	Country updates around the table (1 hour and 15 minutes)
III.	Open discussion (20 minutes)
IV.	GIFT/IBP plans for 2022 (10 minutes)

# FOA Country Process Updates

## (Public Participation and Fiscal Transparency Workstreams)



- Progress in forming a FOA Advisory Group; and in selecting, implementing, and documenting a fiscal policy pilot public participation mechanism;
- Benin, Liberia and Nigeria: Updates on the completion of progress assessments tables previously sent with IBP/GIFT's recommendations on advancing selected fiscal transparency indicators at the country level;
- Challenges or threats faced in advancing the pilots at the country level;
- Technical assistance requests or ways in which GIFT/IBP can provide further support to advance progress in each country; and
- Next steps

# Senegal

- GIFT/IBP team met with Senegal Advisory Group on November 4, where they shared the following updates
  - The MoF confirmed that the TOR for the Advisory Group been endorsed by the Ministry
  - The FOA Advisory group has initially identified the following options for a public participation mechanism to be implemented at national level under the FOA project:
    - **Pre-budget consultations for FY 2023 budget preparation**
    - **Public consultation on FY 2021 and 2022 budget execution**
    - **Citizen engagement in parliamentary deliberations**
  - The proposals currently await feedback from Budget Directorate group of the MoF

# Open Discussion

What is/are the main challenge/s that you have in moving the FOA process forward at the country level? How do you think can IBP/GIFT be particularly helpful in addressing these challenges?

# GIFT/IBP Plans for 2022

- GIFT country visits
- International peer-learning activities (virtual and in-person)
- Continued provision of technical assistance
  - Process Documentation
  - Local Consultant for Admin, Logistics, Comms & Record Keeping support
  - Public Participation Expert: Design and Implementation
  - Logistics Support to FOA Project Implementation Activities (venue, meals, transportation)
  - Support to Communication and Outreach

# Thank you!

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