



GIFT GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR FISCAL TRANSPARENCY

STEWARDS GENERAL MEETING 2022

*Sustaining Gains and Forging New Paths Ahead:
GIFT Stewards Fiscal Openness Commitments for the Next Decade*
Bogotá, Colombia | August 2 - 4, 2022

Background

In partnership with the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Colombia and the City Government of Bogotá, the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT) will be hosting the Stewards General Meeting (SGM) 2022 from August 2-4, 2022 in Bogotá, Colombia, in a hybrid setting.



As GIFT enters its next decade, the SGM 2022 is particularly timely and relevant. There is a need for GIFT stewards to revisit strategies, identify main goals for the next 10 years and find ways to work better together to address challenges that confront the network. Significant improvements on fiscal transparency have been achieved, but public engagement in the budget processes is only starting and efforts to achieve more inclusive and responsive budgeting are still incipient. Working together as a network, GIFT stewards must continue persisting, advancing, and innovating in fiscal openness.

Bringing together representatives from ministries of finance, civil society, international development institutions and other stakeholders, the SGM 2022 agenda will consist of hybrid in-person and virtual meeting sessions. For those joining the event in person, Colombia's Ministry of Finance and Public Credit and the City of Bogotá will also be hosting field visits that will provide a unique opportunity to benchmark and learn from their inspiring budget transparency and public participation efforts.

Objectives

The main objectives of the SGM 2022 are to:

1. Provide updates and capacity-building on the latest initiatives, norms, and guidance in advancing fiscal transparency and public participation in the budget process;
2. Discuss budget strategies for inclusion and minorities responsive budgeting, such as SDG tagging (gender, children) and inclusive development budget alignment;
3. Facilitate in-field peer-learning on budget transparency and public participation;
4. Strengthen collaboration and cohesion among GIFT network members; and
5. Draft GIFT's strategic plan for the next decade.



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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

DAY 1 | TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

8:00 - 9:00
UTC -05:00

OPENING SESSION

This session aims to officially launch the 2022 Stewards General Meeting, featuring welcome remarks from GIFT, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Colombia and the City of Bogotá representatives, and a presentation on the overview of the agenda and rules of engagement for the three-day event.

9:00 - 11:00
UTC -05:00

HYBRID SESSION 1: GIFT network updates from stewards

This session will serve as an opportunity for all GIFT Stewards to provide updates on their action plans and latest initiatives in advancing fiscal transparency and public participation in the budget process.

11:15 - 13:00
UTC -05:00

HYBRID SESSION 2: Stewards General Assembly

Led by the GIFT Coordination team, this session aims to discuss and provide updates on norms, membership, and activities of the network moving forward.

14:00 - 16:00
UTC -05:00

HYBRID SESSION 3: Fiscal transparency as a tool for assessing and favoring resource allocation to cross-cutting priorities (i.e. SDGs, Gender, Child and Youth, and Climate Change)

This session will provide a platform to feature and discuss international experiences on implementing budget strategies for inclusion and cross-cutting priorities responsive budgeting.

16:00 - 17:30
UTC -05:00

HYBRID SESSION 4: Paths to openness: Trends arising from the Open Budget Survey and the Global Data Barometer's Public Finance Module

This session aims to provide a deeper understanding of the results of the OBS 2021 and the Public Finance Module of the GDB and discuss the experiences of high performing countries.

*English, French, and Spanish interpretation will be available for all hybrid sessions.

** All hybrid sessions will be accessible remotely upon registration via the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYscuCrqTkuGderFwJOntkUqjQ1e8n1WHAj>





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DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022

IN-FIELD VISITS: Fiscal transparency and public participation in Colombia

Important Notes:

1. Meeting time for the in-field visits will be at **6:50AM** at the *lobby of the Tequendama Hotel*. Buses will leave at exactly **7:00AM**. It will take approximately one (1) hour to get to Ciudad Bolívar.
2. For those staying in the hotel, buffet breakfast opens at **6:00AM**.
3. There will be no option to connect virtually and remotely join these in-field visits.

8:00 - 11:00
UTC -05:00

Visiting Ciudad Bolívar: Fiscal transparency and public participation in the City of Bogotá

This in-field study tour of Ciudad Bolívar will showcase experiences, projects and results of participatory budgeting initiatives in the City of Bogotá.

14:00 - 15:15
UTC -05:00

Peer-Learning Session with Alcaldía de Bogotá

In this meeting, officials from the local government will provide a comprehensive overview of the participatory budgeting process in Bogotá and the latest updates on their efforts to engage more citizens in analyzing and monitoring the budget through their #ExploraDatos project.

15:15 - 16:30
UTC -05:00

Peer-Learning Session with the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Colombia

In this meeting, officials from the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Colombia will share their efforts in increasing fiscal transparency and promoting citizen engagement in the budget process at the national level.

19:00 - 22:00
UTC -05:00

Welcome Dinner

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DAY 3 | THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022

8:00 - 9:00
UTC -05:00

HYBRID SESSION 5: #BetterBudget DataQuest and Rallies: GIFT user engagement initiatives

This session will have a panel with winners of user-engagement initiatives from all around the world, and discuss ways for government-civil society collaborations to expand and enhance the use of fiscal data, while making listening to the demand impactful.

9:30 - 11:00
UTC -05:00

HYBRID SESSION 6: Innovative approaches to public participation in budget processes: Country experiences

Featuring country experiences and lessons learned from the implementation of the Strengthening Public Accountability for Results and Knowledge (SPARK) Initiative and the Fiscal Openness Accelerator (FOA) Project, this session will dive deep into challenges and lessons from public participation mechanisms that have succeeded in reaching out to marginalized groups while being impactful in the budget process.

11:15 - 12:45
UTC -05:00

HYBRID SESSION 7: GIFT/PFM in the next decade

This session will provide an opportunity for GIFT stewards and leaders of institutions working in the public financial management space to discuss key reflections on the scenarios and greatest changes expected in the PFM field in the next decade and understand the implications and challenges for the GIFT community.

14:30 - 16:00
UTC -05:00

CLOSING SESSION

This will serve as the concluding session of the SGM 2022 towards strengthening the collaboration and cohesion among GIFT members and will feature reflections from selected GIFT stewards and remarks from the GIFT Coordination Team, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Colombia, and the City of Bogotá leadership.

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