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# Stewards General Meeting (SGM) 2024

*Strengthening Fiscal Openness Together: Progress,  
Innovation, and Collective Action*

December 4 & 11, 2024 | via Zoom Teleconference



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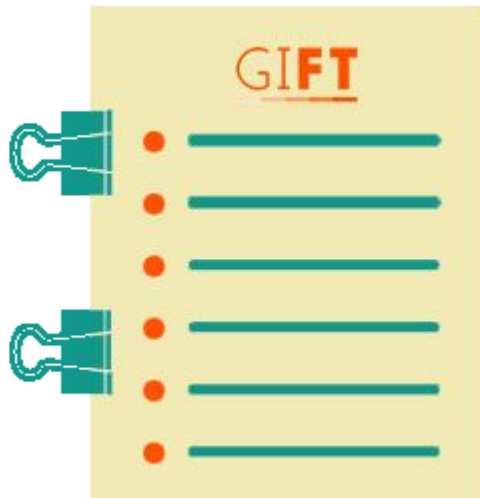
# Session #1: Stewards General Assembly

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# House Rules

- **EN, ES, FR interpretation is available** for the SGM 2024 sessions. Select the interpretation language by clicking on the interpretation icon at the bottom of the screen.
- **Rename yourself** using your name and organization. Name + Surname, Name of your organization. (Example: **Raquel Ferreira, GIFT / GIFT - Raquel Ferreira**)
- If you are joining by phone, identify yourself to the Host so they can change your screen name.
- Please have your **video ON** unless you are experiencing connection issues.
- **Mute your microphone** when you are not speaking.
- If possible, **use headphones**.
- When presenting, **speak slowly** to facilitate the language interpretation.
- Please use the **“Reactions” button** to raise your hand whenever you want to speak to the group.
- You can also **use the chat** to ask questions and make comments
- Please be advised that **all sessions will be recorded** for documentation purposes.

# SGM 2024 Objectives



1. Provide updates on GIFT membership and progress on the implementation of GIFT's work plan; and
2. Facilitate knowledge-sharing on challenges, accomplishments, and lessons learned by GIFT Stewards from their latest fiscal openness efforts and innovations

# SGM 2024 Agenda

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# Session Flow: Stewards General Assembly

- I. Welcome Remarks
- II. GIFT Stewards' Updates
- III. GIFT Workplan Updates
- IV. GIFT Online Course Incentives
- V. Closing and Announcements



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# **GIFT Stewards Updates**

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- What are your **latest milestones /achievements** in promoting fiscal transparency and inclusive public participation in the budget process?
- What **actions or specific plans** has your organization/country committed to implementing to promote fiscal transparency and inclusive public participation in the budget process?





# OPEN DISCUSSION

Any questions / thoughts?



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# **GIFT Workplan**

# GIFT Lead Stewards



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*“..housed within the International Budget Partnership, GIFT connects primary international actors with other networks, champion governments, civil society organizations, investors, specialists and technical assistance providers.”*

- p.1, GIFT Operating Procedures (2018)

# 3 Impact Areas



**GIFT's action  
network**



**Advancement of fiscal  
transparency and  
public participation**



**Technology  
and innovation**

# GIFT Network

26 Governments

19 Civil society organizations

9 International organizations networks

4 Funders/ Foundations



■ Countries of our **58** GIFT stewards  
■ GIFT partner countries

# GIFT Network

- 58 institutions
- Government & non-government stakeholders
- Open dialogue & partnership
- Non-contractual = trust & mutual cooperation
- Collective impact
- Regional & global opportunities for collaboration & synergy in focal areas

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# Advancement of fiscal transparency and public participation

- Shift from establishment of norms to implementation
- Meaningful fiscal transparency
- Emphasis on engaging users of information
- Opening opportunities for public participation in fiscal policies
- Well-designed, inclusive public participation towards real results



# Focus on technology and innovation

- Peer learning & technical support
- Diverse stakeholders
- Cutting edge resources
- Agile, non-contractual trust-based ground for developing, testing & piloting new innovations
- Digitalization, data standardization, open data, transparency portals etc.
- Facilitating tracking resources from budgets to targeted public towards development priorities





# Current projects: Egypt

- Since 2020, partnership with UNICEF Egypt in providing support to the ministries of finance and planning with a special focus on children and youth
- 2024: Updated fiscal transparency review and recommendations
- Hybrid engagements with key stakeholders in Egypt



# Current projects: Liberia

**2024:** Deliverables related to enhancing fiscal transparency & public participation across a range of government & non-government stakeholders, including two well received missions



# Current projects: Georgia

- Since 2021, partnership with Europe Foundation on enhancing fiscal transparency & public participation
- Analytical tool to monitor and assess public participation mechanisms in 11 municipalities
- Results & training presentations to key stakeholders



# Current projects: El Salvador

- Since 2023, with GIZ & European Union in promoting more open, inclusive & green PFM in El Salvador
- Significant progress made in review of fiscal openness landscape & drafting improvement recommendations, including for Open data, website design, citizen friendly budget documents & public participation
- Successful in-country missions, including in June 2024 where Cooperation Agreement was signed between Ministry of Finance & European Union on fiscal transparency



# Current projects: Advancing Fiscal Transparency for Development course



## Advancing Fiscal Transparency for Development

- Self-paced
- 5 modules
- 6-8 hours per module
- With certification

English

Enroll Now!



## Faire progresser la transparence budgétaire pour le développement

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French

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## Avanzando en la Transparencia Presupuestaria para el Desarrollo

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Spanish

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- 2022: English & French
- September 2024: Spanish launch
- 2025: Arabic launch

# Current projects: Tax Transparency course

- Collaboration between University of Sheffield, GIFT & IBP
- 2025 launch: Tax transparency course in English, Spanish & French
- Based on GIFT Transparency Principles for Tax Policy and Administration & Making Tax Work: A Framework for Enhancing Tax Transparency



# Current projects: Ghana

- Collaboration with DAI started in late November 2024
- Deliverables aim to enhance fiscal transparency and public participation across a range of stakeholders



# Other network engagements

- User engagement/hackathon activities across network stewards
- National Forum on Citizen Engagement and Good Governance, Abidjan 9-11 December 2024
- OGP Asia-Pacific Regional Event, Manila February 5–7, 2025
  - Co-hosting of session on public participation
  - Advancing Fiscal Transparency for Development course awards







**Questions? Comments?**




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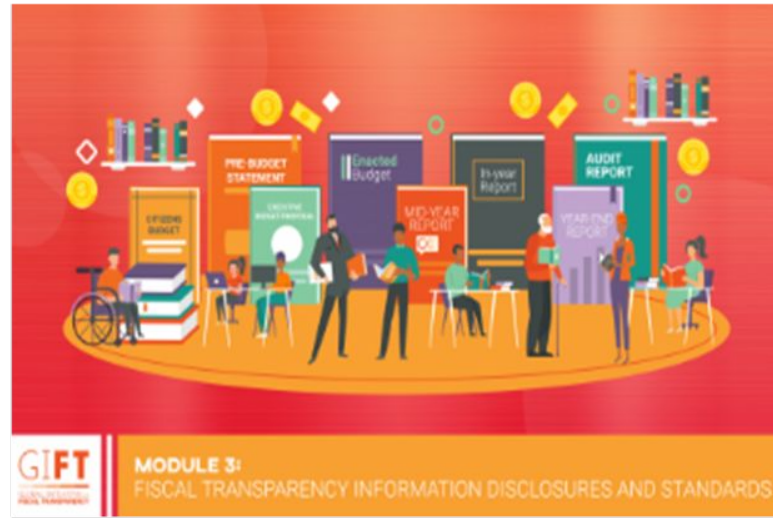
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- Available in English, French and Spanish
- 2025: Arabic launch
- Course developed with:
  - Practitioners (Benin; Brazil; Chile; Croatia; Georgia; Guatemala; Indonesia; Kenya; Mexico; Nigeria; Philippines; Peru; South Africa; Rwanda; etc.)
  - Renowned experts (IBP, IMF, OECD, PEFA, CABRI, EITI, INTOSAI etc.)
- Role of ministries of finance, government agencies, legislatures, supreme audit institutions, development cooperation partners, civil society & general public

# 5 Modules



# Module 1: An introduction to fiscal transparency



- What is fiscal transparency (FT)?
- Why does it matter as part of good governance?
- What are its benefits?
- How does one navigate the multiple norms and standards on fiscal transparency?

## Module 2: External Actors in Fiscal Transparency, Public Participation, and Accountability



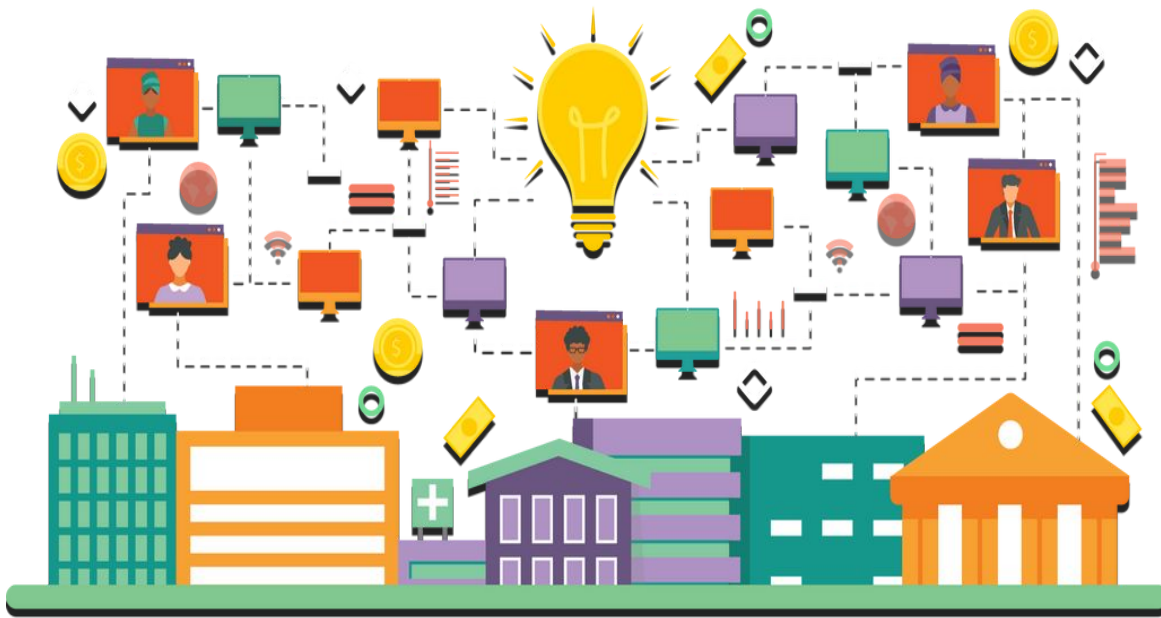
- Who are the key actors?
- What is the role of actors outside the executive?
- How can these actors contribute to and use FT?
- Public participation up close: what it means, GIFT principles, other norms & standards, and mechanisms

# Module 3: Fiscal Transparency Information Disclosures and Standards

- What is the executive's role in advancing FT for development?
- What enables it to fulfil its role?
- What do international norms and standards require pertaining to the contents and quality of key budget related publications?
- What does revenue transparency mean?
- How do different standard setters assess levels of FT?



## Module 4: Internal Systems and Digital Tools for Better Implementation



- Is it necessary to publish data beyond documents?
- How do digital tools assist in elevating levels of FT?
- What is the role of financial management information systems, open data, and other digital tools in facilitating improved levels of FT?
- What digital tools and guidance material are available to assist practitioners in doing this?





# What do our graduates say?

José Alfredo, El Salvador: “What I liked most about the fiscal transparency course is how the fundamental concepts were addressed in a practical and accessible way. The way in which the importance of accountability and citizen participation was emphasized really resonates, as it empowers people to understand and use budget information”

Marisol, Chile: What did you like the most about the course? “The artificial intelligence teachers”

Hawa, Liberia: “I am very glad to have participated in this course. It is an eye opener for me and offers so much more knowledge and skills for enhancing fiscal transparency which would eventually lead to improved development outcomes. I am so glad to have been selected by my institution to participate in this awesome course”

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Daniella, Uruguay: “The topics covered were all very interesting, the webinars allow to know the views of experts and share experiences. I found it very enriching to learn about the different international standards for budget transparency and the results of the evaluations by the bodies mentioned in the course. Also, the tools to facilitate transparency and the opportunity to think about how to contribute to it from my personal role as an official of a Supreme Audit Institution”

Karambal, Chad: “I am honored to take this opportunity to thank you very much for all the effort and professionalism you have put into this training course. A very rich, well-considered and well-delivered course. We'll always be eager to learn more.

Pablo, Costa Rica: “I really liked the testimonies from the different countries on their experiences of budget transparency”

# Be certified, be recognized!

- All individuals who pass the course receive a **certificate**, demonstrating their interest and knowledge in the subject
- **In 2025, GIFT will hold awards ceremonies to recognize the institutions and countries with the highest number of course graduates. High-performing graduates will also be recognized**
- By integrating the course into your organization's training programs, forming a partnership with us, or encouraging more participants, you can boost your chances of recognition—and more importantly, set an international example for advancing fiscal transparency

**REGISTER** on the following link: <https://aftx.learning.fiscaltransparency.net/>

# Incentives include

- Recognition for:
  - Highest number of registered participants from one country / institution
  - Highest number of graduates from one country / institution
  - Virtual graduation ceremonies for countries / institutions with number of graduates
  - Institutional & individual participation awards and recognition at GIFT & partner international events
  - Recognition on GIFT social platforms

**Do you have questions?  
Do you want to know more?**

**Just send me an email!**

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