

Fiscal Openness Working Group (FOWG) Draft Workplan 2014

Purpose of FOWG

The aim of the OGP-GIFT FOWG is to support the formulation and promote the implementation of fiscal openness commitments made by Open Government Partnership (OGP) governments.

FOWG Objectives

- Provide a platform for peer to peer sharing and learning among OGP members on FO (fiscal openness);
- Offer OGP members efficient and coordinated access to international good practices, tools, norms, assessments, and technical expertise on FO;
- Support OGP members to implement their FO commitments, and develop even more ambitious FO goals and good practices including perhaps common/shared goals;
- Motivate additional governments to become champions and models of FO.

See public documents and other supporting material about FOWG at <http://fiscaltransparency.net/category/ogp-gift-fowg/>.

Lead Coordinators

- Governments of Brazil and Philippines
- International Budget Partnership
- Coordination team from the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT)

Activities and Deliverables

Activity	Deliverable
March 2014. Report analyzing state of OGP national action plan implementation efforts with respect to fiscal openness (based on IRM reports), and providing recommendations for country commitments in new and updated OGP national action plans.	Produce and share this report to governments and other stakeholders.

Activity	Deliverable
May 6-7, 2014. Session on fiscal openness at OGP regional summit in Indonesia and peer-sharing session with Asian OGP stakeholders: What kinds of commitments exist in current national action plans; What kind of commitments could be made in national action plans; Provide peer-to-peer learning; Discussion of technical tools to support fiscal openness work.	Written summary of commitments along with listing of tools and other outputs from the workshop.
May 8-9, 2014. Session on fiscal openness at OGP regional summit in Ireland.	Written summary of workshop.
May / June 2014. Organize a session of experts on public participation in fiscal matters.	Written summary of session.
May 2014. Review draft National Action Plans from cohort 2 and cohort 4 countries.	Provide feedback to the countries through an OGP mechanism.
On-going. Generally invite additional government and non government representation in FOWG.	Increase participation in working group.
On-Demand. Peer technical assistance for countries developing new and updated action plans.	Provide technical assistance and broadly share general lessons.
June 2014. Session on fiscal transparency at OGP regional summit in The Americas.	Written summary of session.
July 2014 webinar exploring standards, norms, and conventions related to fiscal openness.	Webinar recording and presentation slides.
October 2014 webinar to share case study examples from two or three contexts where fiscal openness is gaining traction.	Webinar recording and presentation slides.
November 2014. Add to the existing case studies of three countries with five or more additional case studies.	Written case studies.

Budget

FOWG is grateful for support from GIFT, OGP and other sources, including in-kind contributions from working group members, to support the peer learning, technical assistance, research, and sharing activities of this working group.

Meetings \$80,000

Tools development / case studies \$50,000

Coordination and technical expertise \$70,000