ICEFI and GIFT
My organization and GIFT

• Support co-organizing the seminar “Towards an effective fiscal transparency agenda in Guatemala”, Guatemala City, March 2017

• Comments on the public presentation of Icefi’s book, “CORRUPTION: its paths and impact on society and an agenda for combat it in the Northern Triangle of Central America”, Washington DC, October 2017

• Sharing experiences and fiscal transparency advances at OGP’s Fiscal Openness Working Group and general stewards meetings

• Support to promote an agenda and authorities awareness on citizen participation in fiscal policy (public expending observatories)

• GIFT’s fiscal transparency principles: now accepted by MOF

• Technical support and assistance on co-creating fiscal transparency in OGP’s action plans
Reaching out to the public with technology

- Technology has been useful for:
  - Promoting improvement of budget websites (fiscal transparency or integrated financial management)
  - Open data standards included in legal norms, as part of OGP’s commitments accomplished
  - Promotion of the Open Contracting standard and its eventual implementation by the national public procurement authority, as part of OGP’s commitments in process
  - Promotion of citizen participation mechanisms, as part of OGP’s commitments in process

- ICEFI’s Fiscal Observatory complying open data standards (xlxs) with official fiscal data from the 6 Central American countries
Motivating citizens on budgets

• Successful workshop with CSO’s in May-June 2018: “Using budget information systems for social audit”
  • Women and gender equality
  • Young people
  • People with disabilities

• Icefi’s social pedagogy program
  • Produce materials in plain language explaining complex technical topics
  • Campaign and materials: “Defend your rights learning about the budget!”

• Take advantage of elections:
  • Campaign “Ask you candidate how much will cost to comply her/his offerings!”
ICEFI’s gift to GIFT

• Promoting FT in political crisis environment: the Guatemalan experience
  • Analysis documenting how to achieve progress, even in the middle of a crisis

• Elections as a source of opportunities
  • Active role to promote debate and discussion of FT topics with candidates, political parties and voters
  • El Salvador and Guatemala in 2019

• Organize events to influence new Government administrations FT agendas
  • Successful experience in March 2016

• More time dedicated to GIFT and more promotion at national and regional levels
  • More people should know about GIFT and its potential

• More sharing of experiences, research, publications and other technical products
  • There is a lot being produced and done, not yet shared with GIFT…
¡Muchas gracias!