



GIFT General Stewards Meeting Cascais, Portugal

ICEFI and GIFT

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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!

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