

Wrap up



- Transparency is still a necessary first step
- Transparency can facilitate participation, but ...
- ... transparency and participation are not the same
- Joint and parallel responsibilities of civil society and government in promoting participation
- Transparency and participation are important at all stages of the budget cycle
- Need to focus and do more at local level

“food for thought” and next steps

- Linkages to other reforms:
 - Not just about increased distribution of the information published;
 - Consider impact on transparency when implementing new reforms.
- Next fiscal transparency and participation reviews:
- Tunisia – June 2014;
- Liberia – September 2014.

Consider an online forum to exchange views on fiscal transparency and participation.