

Programme: Launch Workshop

Supporting Fiscal Transparency and Participation Reforms in Africa
22-23 November 2012, Accra, Ghana

Day One: 22 November 2012

08:30 – 09:00	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
09:00 – 10:00	<p>WELCOME AND PRESENTATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome address – Mr Simeon Kyei, Budget Director, Ministry of Finance, Ghana ▪ Contextualisation: The Good Public Financial Declaration and the Governance Commitments (Neil Cole, CABRI) ▪ Introductory remarks (Paolo de Renzio, IBP)
10:00 – 10:45	<p>PRESENTATION OF PROJECT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of project goals and objectives (Emilie Gay, CABRI) ▪ Questions & Answers
10:45 – 11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 – 13:00	<p>DISCUSSION OF CABRI-IBP RESEARCH STUDY FINDINGS</p> <p>The session will provide a presentation of the main findings of the CABRI-IBP Research report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The status of Fiscal Transparency and Participation in Africa (Alta Fölscher, CABRI) ▪ Different approaches that are available to achieve fiscal and budget transparency and the main challenges faced by African countries to improve budget and fiscal transparency (Emilie Gay, CABRI) ▪ The ways in which interaction with civil society, parliaments and supreme audit institutions can be achieved (Paolo de Renzio, IBP) <p>Discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 15:30	<p>LANGUAGE BASED GROUP DISCUSSIONS: THE VALUE OF TRANSPARENCY AND PARTICIPATION AS A REFORM FOCUS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRY CONTEXTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The participants will break into language-based groups to discuss the importance of transparency and participation within public financial management reform programmes, and their experiences and challenges with transparency and participation, to identify key requirements for an effective programme of work with CABRI and the IBP.
15:30 - 16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00 - 17:00	<p>PRESENTATION OF COUNTRY ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of the draft framework to assess countries' capacity for transparency and participation (Alta Fölscher, CABRI) ▪ Questions and Answers

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09:00 - 11:00 **GROUP DISCUSSIONS OF THE COUNTRY ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK**

- Participants will break into groups of countries with similar transparency practices to discuss the validity of the proposed framework in assessing countries and enabling them to develop transparency and participation reform strategies
- Report back of group discussions
- Finalisation of country assessment framework

11:00 - 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 13:00 **COUNTRY BASED DISCUSSIONS**

- Participants from government and civil society from of each participating country will discuss in separate groups the need for transparency and participation improvements in their countries, current experiences and challenges, and the potential of the CABRI-IBP project to spearhead and/or support reforms in this area.
- Report back of country based discussions

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 - 16:00 **BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH CABRI & IBP**

- Countries will meet with CABRI & IBP to discuss their interest in the programme, how they would like to participate and a way forward.

16:00 - 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 - 17:00 **WORKSHOP CLOSE**

Summary of discussions during the workshop