

## **An Introduction to the Open Budget Initiative: New Researchers' Meeting May 29-30, 2007**

The Carlyle Suites  
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### **Monday, May 28**

6:00pm

#### **Welcome Dinner**

*All those who are in Washington, DC, on Monday evening are warmly welcomed to a dinner to get to know one another.*

Location: Heritage India  
1337 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC

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### **Tuesday, May 29**

8:00 to 9:00am

*Breakfast Available*

Location: Kalorama Ballroom, Carlyle Suites

9:00 to 9:15am

#### **Welcome and Introduction to the Open Budget Initiative 2008**

*Pamela Gomez, Project Leader, Open Budget Initiative*

Location: Kalorama Ballroom, Carlyle Suites

9:15 to 10:15am

#### **Open Budget Questionnaire, Section 1: The Availability of Budget Documents**

- Guiding Assumptions/Definition of Public Availability of Documents
- An Overview and Framework for Questions 1-123

10:15 to 10:45am

**A Taste of Success: Overview of Fundar's Advocacy for Budget Transparency** *Presenter: Alberto Serdán, Fundar, Mexico*

10:45 to 11:00am

*Coffee and tea break*

11:00 to 12:30pm

**Open Budget Questionnaire, Section 2: The Executive's Budget Proposal** *Discussion Leader: Satyendra Timilsina, The Strategic Group, Nepal*

- Estimates for the Budget Year (Questions 1-17)

12:30 to 2:00pm

*Catered Lunch*

Location: Kalorama Ballroom, Carlyle Suites

2:00 to 3:00pm

**Open Budget Questionnaire, Section 2, cont.: The Executive's Budget Proposal** *Discussion Leader: Satyendra Timilsina, The Strategic Group, Nepal*

- Estimates for Prior Years (Questions 18-34)

3:00 to 3:30pm

**World Bank's Public Financial Management (PEFA) Indicators**

*Presenter: Franck Bessette, Public Sector Specialist, Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability, [www.pefa.org](http://www.pefa.org)*

3:30 to 3:45pm

*Coffee and tea break*

3:45 to 5:00pm

**Open Budget Questionnaire, Section 2, cont.: The Executive's Budget Proposal** *Discussion Leader: Daniel Lukwago, Uganda Debt Network, Uganda*

- Comprehensiveness (Questions 35-47)

5:00 to 5:30pm

**Recent Governmental Reforms in Latin America to Promote Budget Transparency and Accountability** *Presenter: Carlos Scartascini, Senior*

*Research Economist, Inter-American Development Bank*

7:00pm

**Dinner**

Location: Etrusco

1606 20<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC

## Wednesday, May 30

8:30 to 9:00am

*Breakfast Available*

Location: Kalorama Ballroom, Carlyle Suites

9:00 to 10:00am

**Open Budget Questionnaire, Section 2, cont.: The Executive's Budget Proposal** *Discussion Leader: Daniel Lukwago, Uganda Debt Network, Uganda*

- Budget Narrative and Performance Monitoring, and Additional Key Information for Budget Analysis and Monitoring (Questions 48-65)

10:00 to 10:30am

**Open Budget Questionnaire, Section 3: The Budget Process**

*Discussion Leader: Daniel Lukwago, Uganda Debt Network, Uganda*

- Phase 1: Executive's Formulation of the Budget (Questions 66-73)

10:30 to 10:45am

*Coffee and tea break*

- 10:45 to 11:15am**      **IMF Fiscal Transparency ROSCs, Resource Revenue Guide, and Data Dissemination Standards Program** *Presenter: Jon Shields, African Department. International Monetary Fund*
- 11:15 to 12:30pm**      **Open Budget Questionnaire, Section 3: The Budget Process**  
*Discussion Leader: Nicholas Adamtey, Centre for Budget Advocacy (CBA) of the Integrated Social Development Centre (ISODEC), Ghana*
- Phase 2: Legislative Approval of the Budget (Questions 74-81)
- 12:30 to 2:00pm**      *Lunch*  
Location: Lauriol Plaza  
 1835 18<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC
- 2:00 to 2:30**      **Expenditure Tracking**  
*Presenter: Gabriel Filc, CIPPEC, Argentina*
- 2:30 to 3:30pm**      **Open Budget Questionnaire, Section 3, cont.: The Budget Process**  
*Discussion Leader: Nicholas Adamtey, Centre for Budget Advocacy (CBA) of the Integrated Social Development Centre (ISODEC), Ghana*
- Phase 3: Executive's Implementation of the Budget (Questions 82-100)
- 3:30 to 3:45pm**      *Coffee and tea break*
- 3:45 to 4:15pm**      **The Role of the SAI in the Budget Process: Reform of Poland's Chamber of Control** *Presenter: Adam Niedzielski, GSBE-HSICF, Poland*
- 4:45 to 5:15pm**      **Open Budget Questionnaire, Section 3, cont.: The Budget Process**  
*Discussion Leader: Adam Niedzielski, GSBE-HSICF, Poland*
- Phase 4: Executive's Year-End Report & the Supreme Audit Institution (Questions 101-123)
- 5:15 to 5:30pm**      **Wrap up & Conclusions**  
*Pamela Gomez, IBP*
- 7:00pm**      **Farewell Dinner**  
Location: Lebanese Taverna  
 2641 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC