

Open Government Partnership 2015 Africa Regional Meeting

Hosted by the Government of Tanzania

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 20

7:30 – 9:00 **Registration** | Outside Ruaha Hall

9:00 – 11:00 **Opening Plenary** | Ruaha Hall

Moderator: Maria Sarungi (Tanzania)

Video presentation on OGP in Tanzania

- Message from Government of South Africa, Co-Chair of OGP Steering Committee *TBC*
- Remarks by Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza (Tanzania)
- Remarks by George H. Mkuchika, Minister of State, Good Governance (Tanzania)
- Keynote Speech by Dr. Jakaya Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania
- Vote of Thanks by Andrew Tehmeh, Deputy Minister of Information, Cultural Affairs and Tourism (Liberia)

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break** | Lobby

11:30 – 1:00 **High-Level Panel: Enhancing Accountability Through Open Governance** | Ruaha Hall

Panel discussion with government and civil society representatives on the progress, ongoing challenges and ways forward.

Moderators: Hon. Mathias Chikawe, Minister for Home Affairs and Aidan Eyakuze (Tanzania)

Speakers:

- Vitus Adaboo Azeem, Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII) (Ghana)
- Wezi Kayira, Permanent Secretary of Good Governance, Office of the President and Cabinet (Malawi)
- Mukelani Dimba, OGP Steering Committee Meeting, Open Democracy Advice Centre (South Africa)
- Khadija Sesay, Director of Open Government Initiative (Sierra Leone)

1:00 – 2:00 **Lunch** | Meru Hall

2:00 – 3:30 **Breakout Session 1**

The Open Gov Guide: A Resource to Build Stronger Commitments | Udzungwa Room

An overview of the guide which highlights practical, measurable, specific and actionable

steps that governments can, and are taking across a range cross-cutting and focus areas.

Chair: Tania Sanchez, Open Government Guide, Transparency and Accountability Initiative

Panelists:

- Reinford Mwangonde, Executive Director, Citizens for Justice (Malawi)
- Andrew Tehmeh, Deputy Minister of Information, Cultural Affairs and Tourism (Liberia)
- Wezi Kayira, Permanent Secretary of Good Governance, Office of the President and Cabinet (Malawi) *TBC*
- Qinisile Delwa, Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Public Service and Administration (South Africa) *TBC*
- Kaburo Kobia, Project Manager, Local Digital Content ICT Authority, (Kenya)

Open Data Enhancing Accountability

| Saadani Room

This panel aims to examine the policy benefits of a viable open data policy for OGP members, sharing good practices and giving practical counsel on the policy strategies for a successful implementation.

Chair: Nnenna Nwakanma, Web Foundation (Cote d'Ivoire)

Panelists:

- Edward Anderson, World Bank (Tanzania)
- Bitange Ndemo, former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications; Lecturer at University of Nairobi (Kenya)
- Theophilus Chiviru, ONE Campaign (Zimbabwe)
- Steven Adler, IBM
- Amandeep Grewal, Africa Manager, Open Data team, Web Foundation
- Jabir Bakari, e-Gov (Tanzania)

Civic Space and Open Governance in Tanzania

| Mafia Room

This session examines recent legislative changes in Tanzania and their implications for open government in Tanzania. In particular, this includes the Statistics Act and Cyber Crime Act that were recently passed by parliament and the Access to Information Bill and Media Services Bill, recently presented to parliament.

Chair: Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza

Panelists:

- January Makamba, Deputy Minister of Science and Technology (Tanzania)
- Kajubi Mukajanga, Executive Secretary, Media Council of Tanzania
- Maxence Mello, Jamii Forums (Tanzania)
- Ben Taylor, Twaweza

Land Transparency

| Ruaha Hall

This panel will share experience on innovative approaches to strengthen transparency in land planning, allocation and use.

Chair: Barney Laseko, Private Sector Competitiveness Programme Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office (Tanzania)

Panelists:

- Executive Secretary, Haki Ardhi Land Rights and Resources Institute (Tanzania)
- Moses Mpogole Kusilika, Commissioner of Lands, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development (Tanzania)

3:30 – 4:00	Coffee Break	Lobby
4:00 – 5:30	Breakout Session 2	
	<i>Open Aid and Open Contracting: Key Ingredients for Open Governance</i>	Saadani Room
	<i>This panel aims to highlight leading examples of open aid and open contracting efforts in Africa. Participants will be engaged to identify opportunities for future uptake of open aid and open contracting and to explore how open data standards and best practices can be better leveraged at the country level to strengthen open governance.</i>	
	Co-Chairs:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felipe Estefan, Open Government strategist, World Bank • Gilbert Sendugwa, Africa Freedom of Information Centre (Uganda) 	
	Panelists:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khadija Sesay, Director of the Open Government Initiative (Sierra Leone) • Seember Nyagar, Private and Public Development Centre (Nigeria) • Liz Dodds, Open Aid Partnership, World Bank • Saidi Magonya, Commissioner – External Finance, Ministry of Finance (Tanzania) 	
	<i>Responsive Governance: Closing the Feedback Loop between Citizens and Governments</i>	Udzungwa Room
	<i>In this panel discussion, speakers and participants will address: 1) How do we build platforms that effectively bridge the gap between citizens and governments? And 2) What role does technology and innovation play in enabling responsive governance?</i>	
	Co-chairs:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daudi Were, Making All Voices Count • Melissa Mbugua, Making All Voices Count 	
	Panelists:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert B. Okudi, Ag. Commissioner, Budget Transparency and Evaluation Dept., Ministry of Finance (Uganda) • Benson Bana, former Head of Department of Political Science & Public Administration & Associate chairman of REDET, University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) • Vincent Mbombo, Principal Investigation Officer, Commission of Human Rights and Good Governance (Tanzania) • Pramod Mohanlal, CEO, Yowzit Pty (South Africa) 	
	<i>Low Tech and Low Cost Innovation to Bridge the Information Gap</i>	Mafia Room
	<i>The deployment of creative, low-tech projects can play a significant role in strengthening practices that embody the spirit of open government and partnership with civil society actors. This session will highlight ways that the government and civil society have surmounted obstacles emanating from a lack of resources to promote open governance.</i>	
	Chair: Francis Lansana, Accountability Lab (Liberia)	
	Panelists:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Tehmeh, Deputy Minister of Administration, Ministry of Information (Liberia) • Oscar Kimaro, Restless Development (Tanzania) • Hassan Mshindi, COSTECH (Tanzania) 	
5:30 – 7:30	Cocktail Reception	Kilimanjaro Hall
End of Day 1		

Thursday, May 21

8:30 – 9:00 Registration | Outside Ruaha Hall

9:00 – 10:30 Breakout Session 3

Civil Society-Government in the OGP: What Do We Need to Ask Ourselves? | Mafia Room

In an effort to generate locally produced, evidence-based data on governance issues and the challenges facing governments and civil society actors, this session explores the dynamics of civil society - government relationships and the extent to which both actors can really leverage the OGP to produce open government.

Co-Chairs:

- Hazel Feigenblatt, Global Integrity Managing Director of Research
- Khadija Sesay, Director Open Government Initiative (Sierra Leone)

Panelists:

- Vitus Adaboo Azeem, Ghana Integrity Initiative (Ghana)
- Elisante Ole Gabriel, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information, Culture & Sports (Tanzania)
- Caroline Othim, IRM researcher (Kenya)
- Brendan Halloran, Transparency and Accountability Initiative (US)
- Joe Powell, OGP Support Unit

Access to Budget Information and Public Participation | Udzungwa Room

This panel will discuss: How does the OGP support fiscal transparency reform? What commitments on fiscal transparency are being made in Africa? How are the principles of public participation in budget making and fiscal policies being carried out?

Chair: Juan Pablo Guerrero, Network Director, Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency

Discussants:

- Aicha Karafi Hosni, General Director, Ministry of Finance (Tunisia)
- Riadh Abbes, General Director, Ministry of Finance (Tunisia)
- Jazem Halioui, OpenGov.TN (Tunisia)
- Daygan Eagar, Rural Health Advocacy Project (South Africa)
- Adolph Mkenda, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance (Tanzania) *TBC*
- Keith McLean, Lead Social development specialist, World Bank

Accountability for Results: OGP Accountability Mechanisms | Saadani Room

OGP is not just a “talk shop.” It is about ensuring results and a race to the top. But how do we ensure results in OGP and make sure that being a part of OGP is meaningful? This session is about the tools, formal and informal, that we have to make sure that countries achieve big things in OGP.

Chair: Joe Foti, IRM

Panelists:

- Adamtey, Ghana IRM Researcher
- Ngunga Tepani, Tanzania IRM Researcher
- Emilene Martinez, OGP Civil Society Coordinator
- Mukelani Dimba, OGP Steering Committee Member

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break** | Lobby

11:00 – 12:30 **Breakout Session 4**

Enhancing Realization of the Right of Access to Information | Mafia Room

The panel will explore ways to promote the advancement of the right to information through and adoption and effective implementation of access to information laws. It will also explore opportunities for knowledge exchange and experience sharing through OGP.

Co-chairs:

- Henry Maina, Article 19 Eastern Africa (Kenya)
- Gilbert Sendugwa, Africa Freedom of Information Centre (Uganda)

Panelists:

- Otiende Amolo, Commission on Administrative Justice (Kenya)
- Assah Mwambene, Director of Information Services (Tanzania)
- Daniel Obam, Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology (Kenya)
- Philip Thigo, Strategy & Partnerships, Infonet Africa (Kenya)
- Mukelani Dimba, Open Democracy Advice Centre (South Africa)

Permanent Consultation Forums: Fostering a Multi-Stakeholder Partnership to Advance Participation, Innovation and Accountability in OGP | Udzungwa Room

Participants will hear how OGP-member countries have used Permanent Consultation Forums to strengthen multi-stakeholder engagement and to promote innovation and accountability throughout the 2-year National Action Plan cycle.

Chair: Emilene Martinez, OGP Support Unit

Facilitators:

- Pethuel Danyo, Public Sector Reform Secretariat (Ghana)
- Mina Mensah, Human Rights Initiative (Ghana)
- Lesly Baesens, Independent Reporting Mechanism, OGP
- Khadija Sesay, Open Government Initiative (Sierra Leone) *TBC*
- Marcella Samba Sesay, Campaign for Good Governance (Sierra Leone)
- Obey Assery/ Sigbert Kavishe, Representative from the Government of Tanzania
- Evarist Kamwaga, Twaweza
- Maureen Kariuki, OGP Support Unit

Transparency, Accountability and Open Data in Extractives: Examples from Africa | Saadani Room

This session aims to share best practices around open data in extractives in Africa, covering disclosure of extractive contracts, licenses and concessions. The discussion will also incorporate the use of data published through EITI.

Co-Chairs:

- Carol Kiangura, Publish What You Pay
- Lee Robinson, Natural Resources Governance Institute

Panelists:

- Oluseun Onigbinde, YourBudgIT (Nigeria) *TBC*
- Reinford Mwangonde, Citizens for Justice/ Publish What You Pay (Malawi)
- Amani Mhinda, Haki Madini, Tanzania *TBC*
- Benedict Mushingwe, Tanzania EITI National Secretariat

12:30 – 1:30	Closing Plenary	Ruaha Hall
<i>A report on the outcomes of discussions and closing remarks.</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report on Outcome of Discussion by Breakout Session Chairs• Summary of Take-Aways by Aidan Eyakuze, Twaweza• Closing Remarks by George H. Mkuchika, Minister of State, Good Governance (Tanzania)		
1:30 – 2:30	Lunch	Meru Hall
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