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**Governance Cooperation Fund – Open Government Partnership
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SESSION SUMMARIES

DAY 1

Topic 1 Introduction to Open Government Partnership (OGP) and Role of Right to Information, Asset Disclosure, and User-Friendly Budget Information

Lead: OGP and The Asia Foundation (TAF)

Objectives: A regional representative from OGP and a delegation from Mongolia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, Philippines and Timor-Leste comprised of government representatives, civil society partners, and TAF experts will exchange knowledge, experiences, lessons and challenges on two eligibility criteria for membership of OGP: Right to Information (RTI) and Asset Disclosure.

Current OGP Partners, Mongolia, Indonesia, and the Philippines will offer their views on reaching OGP eligibility, becoming an OGP partner, and ensuring continued progress on transparency and accountability objectives after OGP partnership. In addition, representatives from India (which is an OGP-eligible country with strong RTI legislation) will share lessons learned on the roll-out and implementation of RTI, looking back over 10 years of RTI to discuss the short- and long-term impacts of the legislation and key challenges that have arisen. Learning countries will include Timor-Leste and Bangladesh, which are currently ranked as “close to eligible” for OGP partnership, and Sri Lanka, which recently joined OGP and is on the cusp of passing RTI legislation.

DAY 2

Topic 2 Opening up Budget Information – How to Make it Meaningful in Your Country

Lead: World Bank

Objectives: The purpose of this session is raise awareness of the various opportunities and constraints in making budget information available for better decision-making within the government, and outreach to NGOs and citizen participation in accountability and transparency processes. As an expected outcome of the session, governments and NGO should be able to ask the right and specific questions on how to make budget information available in a meaningful and relevant manner. The session will draw on country experiences and practices in a range of countries (+35 countries), where open budget data has been facilitated by Open Data Portals and/or by the World Bank BOOST initiative.

Topic 3 Opening up Budget Information – How to Make it Meaningful in Your Country

Lead: World Bank

Objectives: The International Budget Partnership Global Report (2015) revealed that the Philippines has improved in budget transparency and has the highest score among the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). According to the Open Budget Survey (OBS), the Philippines ranks 21st in the whole world and second in Asia in terms of budget transparency and openness. This provides a resounding affirmation of transparency reform efforts under this administration. This session will focus on advancing transparency reforms with strengthening public investment management and core-PFM reforms in the Philippines. Specifically, the presentation will focus on the use and adoption frameworks and technologies in several recently launched Philippines Open Government Platforms (including Open Roads, Reconstruction, and Bottom-Up-Budgeting) for identifying, aggregating and reporting financial transactions in the budget preparation, execution, accounting and auditing process.

Topic 4 Open Government Partnerships at the Local Level: The Banda Aceh, Indonesia Experience

Lead: Kinerja/RTI International and World Wide Web Foundation (Open Data Lab, Jakarta)

Background: The OGP acknowledges that “cities and sub-national governments are where considerable action and innovation takes place on open government” (Heller and Robinson, 2015) and that “majority of new and exciting open government techniques and approaches in the future will continue to emerge from the bottom up” (Heller and Bapna, 2015). The sub-national sphere is where the granularity of the intersecting relationships of government, civil society, and the private sector takes shape and propels action in ensuring more transparent, accountable, and responsive governance.

The World Wide Web Foundation’s Open Data Lab Jakarta partnered with Kinerja/RTI International (USAID Partners) Program in Indonesia to put into action OGP’s commitments on increasing availability of information on governmental activities, supporting civic participation, and increasing access to new technologies for openness and accountability. The pilot project, referred to as “Linking Freedom of Information and Open Data in Banda Aceh”, started off with information needs of citizens that became the basis for governments in proactively disclosing the data. This way of working is referred to as the responsive open data model. This resulted in:

- i) Increased capacity of city government personnel in proactively disclosing government data sets as evidenced by the launch of one of the first open data portal of a city government in Indonesia;
- ii) Institutionalization of open data disclosure practices that can potentially result to an open data policy
- iii) Increased capacity of interest groups in analyzing and visualizing government data to inform their advocacy and development work
- iv) A productive conversation between government and interest groups on critical social services relating to health and education

Objectives: At the end of the session, the participants would have been able to:

- i) Learn how open government principles can be implemented at the local level;
- ii) Understand the benefits of open data for both governments and civil society organizations and how these were realized;

- iii) Discuss how the sub-national work on open data and open government can be initiated, institutionalized, and sustained; and
- iv) How to identify, manage and mitigate risks in design and implementation

Topic 5 Sustaining, institutionalising open government reforms and reporting results: Critical Success Factors for counties represented

Lead: Session Leads from TAF, World Bank, OGP Kinerja/RTI International and World Wide Web Foundation

Objectives: At the end of this session participants will have an appreciation of; a) the importance of securing, monitoring and reporting results; b) conditions necessary for sustaining good practices; and how to anchor reforms in institutions that are able to sustain effective delivery.



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AGENDA

Session Schedule	Session No	Session Title and Speakers
DAY 1: Monday, 23 November 2015		
Event Facilitator: Socorro Feliciano Registration: 8:00–9:00		
Opening Session: Welcome and Introduction		
9:00–9:15		Bart Edes , Director, Social Development, Governance and Gender Division, SDCC, Asian Development Bank (ADB) Ellen Boccuzzi , Acting Director, Governance and Law, The Asia Foundation (TAF)
Session 1: Introduction to OGP and Reaching Eligibility through RTI Moderator: Ellen Boccuzzi , Acting Director, Governance and Law, TAF		
9:15–9:25	1A	A. Introduction to Open Government Partnership (OGP) Shreya Basu , Regional Civil Society Coordinator for Asia, OGP Unit
9:25–9:35	1B	B. Introduction to Right to Information (RTI) Anjali Bhardwaj Sharma , Co-convenor, National Campaign for Peoples' Right to Information (NCPRI), CSO Representative, India
9:35–9:45		Open Forum, Q & A Respondents: Shreya Basu , Anjali Bhardwaj Sharma
9:45–10:05	1C	Supporting the development and passage of RTI – Country Experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Munkh-Erdene, Head of Legal Department of the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of Mongolia Naranjargal Khashkhuu, President and CEO, Globe International Center, Mongolia Siliwanti, Director for State Apparatus, National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Government of Indonesia Dessy Eko Prayitno, Researcher, Indonesia Centre for Environmental Law (ICEL), Indonesia
10:05–10:20	1D	Open forum, Q & A Respondents: Munkh-Erdene , Naranjargal Khashkhuu , Siliwanti , Dessy Eko Prayitno
10:20–10:50	1E	Breakout session: Actions necessary for passing RTI legislation in non-RTI countries

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		Three Breakout Groups
10:50–11:05		Coffee break
11:05 – 11:45		Presentations by Breakout Groups Feedback to Plenary Breakout Group 1: Timor-Leste Presenters and Indonesia Respondents Breakout Group 2: Sri Lanka Presenters and India Respondents Breakout Group 3: Philippines Presenters and Mongolia Respondents
Session 2: RTI Implementation: Obtaining Results and Managing Risks Moderator: Ellen Boccuzzi , Acting Director, Governance and Law, TAF		
11:45–12:10	2A	Implementation of RTI in Mongolia and India: Lessons learned and sharing of experience for the benefit of Sri Lanka India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shailesh Ramkumar Gandhi, Former Information Commissioner, Chief Information Commission, Government of India • Anjali Bhardwaj Sharma, Co-convenor, National Campaign for Peoples' Right to Information (NCPRI), Mongolia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Munkh-Erdene, Head of Legal Department of the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of Mongolia • Naranjargal Khashkhuu, President and CEO, Globe International Center
12:10–12:30	2B	Discussant response and open forum for feedback and questions Discussant: Gopa Thampi , Director of Economic Governance, TAF Sri Lanka
12:30–13:30		Lunch (EDR Coffee Lounge)
Session 3: Advancing Budget Transparency and Asset Disclosure Moderator: Stanley Christoffel Asoka Obeyesekere , Executive Director, Transparency International, Sri Lanka		
13:30–13:40	3A	Reaching OGP Eligibility through Budget Transparency and Asset Disclosure Meloney Lindberg , TAF Country Representative, Mongolia
13:40–14:10	3B	Supporting the development and passage of budget transparency and asset disclosure legislation– Country Experiences: Indonesia and Mongolia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siliwanti, Director for State Apparatus, National Development Planning Agency/BAPPENAS, Indonesia • Dessy Eko Prayitno, ICEL, Indonesia • Naranjargal Khashkhuu, President and CEO, Globe International Center, Mongolia • Munkh-Erdene, Head of Legal Department of the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of Mongolia
14:10–14:20	3C	Open forum for feedback and questions Meloney Lindberg , Siliwanti , Dessy Eko Prayitno , Munkh-Erdene , Naranjargal Khashkhuu and Stanley Christoffel Asoka Obeyesekere

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14:30–15:00	3D	Breakout session: Representatives from Timor-Leste and Bangladesh develop the actions necessary for passing the relevant asset disclosure and transparent budgeting legislation in their countries
15:00–15:15		Coffee break
Session 4: Generating and Mobilizing Political Will for Key Reforms: RTI and Asset Disclosure Moderator: Ellen Boccuzzi , Acting Director, Governance and Law, TAF		
15:15–16:05	4A	Mongolia and Indonesia Roundtables Two simultaneous discussions
Session 5: Reflections, knowledge acquired and country-based next steps Moderator: Ellen Boccuzzi , Acting Director, Governance and Law, TAF		
16:05–16.30	5A	Country Actions for RTI & Asset Disclosure: Develop Next Steps
16:30–17:15	5B	Country-based presentation on next steps Bangladesh , India , Indonesia , Mongolia , Philippines , Sri Lanka , Timor Leste
17:15–17:30	5C	Wrap-up summary Ellen Boccuzzi , Acting Director, Governance and Law, TAF
18:00–20:00		Cocktail Reception (EDR Coffee Lounge)
DAY 2: Tuesday, 24 November 2015		
Event Facilitator: Socorro Feliciano Registration: 8:00–9:00		
Opening Session		
9:00–9:15		Reflections from Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2 Shreya Basu , Regional Civil Society Coordinator for Asia, OGP Unit
Session 6: Open Budget information – Concepts, Framework, and Country Experiences Moderator: Warren Turner , Senior Public Management Specialist, ADB		
9:15–9:30	6A	Open Budget information – Concepts, Framework and Country Experiences Leif Jensen , Senior Public Sector Specialist, World Bank
9:30–9:40	6B	Open Forum, Q & A
9:40–9:55	6C	Effective Engagements on Open Budget – Opportunities and Obstacles Leif Jensen , Senior Public Sector Specialist, World Bank
9:55–10:05	6D	Open Forum, Q & A

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10:05–10:20	6E	Open Budgeting to Strengthen Public Investment Management Reforms in the Philippines Hanif Rahemtulla , Senior Operations Officer, World Bank - Philippines
10:20–10:30	6F	Open Forum, Q & A
10:30–10:55	6G	Breakout groups What are the main obstacles to opening up budget data in your country? CSO and government perspectives
10:55–11:25		Reporting back to plenary
11:25–11:45		Coffee break
Session 7: Open Government Partnerships at the Local Level: The Banda Aceh, Indonesia Experience Moderator: Claudia Buentjen , Principal Public Management Specialist, ADB		
11:45–11:50	7A	Introduction Elke Rapp , Chief of Party, Kinerja/RTI International (USAID Partner)
11:50–12:00	7B	Aceh project overview Video presentation
12:00–12:10	7C	Linking Freedom of Information and Open Data for better access to information Elke Rapp , Chief of Party, Kinerja/RTI International (USAID Partner)
12:10–12:20	7D	Our experience in making open government real at the local level through partnerships Teuku Taufik Mauliansyah , Head of Information System Development (ISD) Division - Transportation, Communication and Information Agency, Banda Aceh.
12:20–12:30	7E	CSO Participation in Ensuring Proactive Disclosure of Data Eva Khovivah , PKBI Civil Society Representative
12:30–12:45	7F	Open Forum, Q & A
12:45–14:00		Lunch (EDR Coffee Lounge)
14:00–14:20	7G	Designing and implementing a responsive open data model – Michael Canares , World Wide Web Foundation (Open Data Lab, Jakarta)
14:15–14:30	7H	Open Forum, Q & A
14:30–15:00	7I	Breakout group activity on open data at the subnational level
15:00–15:30		Reporting back to plenary
15.30–15.45		Coffee Break

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Session 8: Sustaining, institutionalising open government reforms and reporting results: Critical Success Factors for counties represented Moderator: Shreya Basu , Regional Civil Society Coordinator for Asia, OGP Unit		
15.45–16.45	8A	Open Government Partnership Shreya Basu , Regional Civil Society Coordinator for Asia, OGP Unit
	8B	RTI and Asset Disclosure Ellen Boccuzzi , Acting Director of Governance & Law, TAF
	8C	Open Budget Information: Leif Jensen , World Bank
	8D	Open Government Portals Hanif Rahemtulla , World Bank, Philippines Country Office
	8E	Open Data at the subnational level – national level requirements Elke Rapp , Kinerja/RTI International
	8F	Open Data at the subnational level Michael Cañares , World Wide Web Foundation (Open Data Lab, Jakarta)
16:30–16:45	8F	Open forum, Q & A
Closing Session		
16.45–17:15		ADB Reflections and Wrap Up Haidy Ear-Dupuy , Social Development Specialist, ADB
17:15		End