



Newsletter

HIGHLIGHTS

What about the Accountability of the Global Goals?



On September 26, the 193 member states of the United Nations committed to delivering the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, or “SDGs” designed to eliminate extreme poverty and protect the planet. The goals and targets were defined through an unprecedented global dialogue that included millions of people and lasted several years.

Yet despite the enthusiasm accompanying the SDG launch, many stakeholders have questioned the degree to which governments will be accountable for delivering these aspirational commitments. Amina Mohammed, the top UN negotiator charged with

brokering the agreement, has said that “the one knot we haven’t tied is the accountability” of the goals.

What role will the GPSA and its partners play in helping to tie this accountability knot? At the [GPSA Partners Forum](#), World Bank President Jim Yong Kim challenged GPSA and its partners to consider how to scale successful accountability interventions in the context of the SDGs. “We’re not talking about small grants for projects anymore. We’re talking about integrating these ideas into the trillions of dollars that are going to be spent on the Sustainable Development Goals,” said President Kim, “We can find ways of saying ‘OK, you say you’re committed to listening to citizen voice? Here are 15 examples of how in other places in the world we made that work with this particular project.’”

The GPSA Secretariat is looking forward to working with its partners to exploring how to deliver on this vision. Stay tuned!

[Learn more about the SDGs>>>](#)

Membership in the GPSA Knowledge Platform Continues to Grow



Membership in the GPSA Knowledge Platform has reached new heights, thanks to the collaborative work of our partner, Fundar, and the GPSA. The The GPSA Knowledge Platform is a dynamic knowledge exchange and networking platform that hosts more than 1,860 members who contribute materials, reflections, news and events in the field of social accountability. Nearly 900 members have joined the Knowledge Platform since January, and many are contributing proactively. Marine Perron, the Knowledge Platform Coordinator, expressed that this growth has “allowed us to give the KP the turn we wanted: the members provide the knowledge and learn from each other’s work.”

Over the last six months, 5 webinars were organized, 2 expert forums were opened, 11 blog posts were published, and close to 60 materials were uploaded to the Knowledge

Repository... and much more is happening! [Join the GPSA Knowledge Platform to interact, network, share and discuss knowledge and learning >>>](#)

Scaling Social Accountability – New Note Online

Engagement between accountability institutions and civil society organizations is an important dimension for the GPSA. But what does this approach look like in practice? This note, “Taking Accountability to Scale: A Discussion of Collaboration Between GPSA-Supported Projects and Accountability Institutions,” explores the strategies used and the challenges that have been encountered, with the aim of learning from ongoing experiences in this area. [Read more>>>](#)



From the Knowledge Platform | Engaging Citizens in Auditing Work: The Experience of the Superior Audit Office in Mexico

Benjamín Fuentes Castro, Technical Secretary to the Mexican Auditor General, writes about a few initiatives of the Mexican Superior Audit Office to engage citizens in auditing work.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Can Citizen Empowerment Improve People’s Lives? Evidence from the Transparency for Development program | Oct. 6, 2015 | Organized by the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and the World Bank, this Webinar will explore the evidence from the Transparency for Development program. [More information to come on the Knowledge Platform>>>](#)

PAST EVENTS

Did you miss a GPSA Brown Bag Lunch? Webinar? You can read the write-ups [here](#) and watch video recordings of past events:

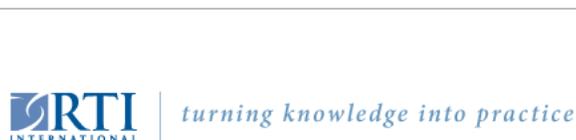
Information as a Tool for Regulation: How can Transparency work for you? | September 30, 2015 | This Open Government Partnership (OGP) Webinar explored how targeted transparency works, what are some of the common obstacles, what kinds of insights can be drawn from behavioral economics, and the future of transparency. [Read more and watch the Recording>>>](#)

Governments Matter: Taking Government Interests and Incentives for Social Accountability into Account | September 10, 2015 | This Brown Bag Lunch presented findings from ongoing research on social accountability and the impacts of contextual factors on whether social accountability tools and mechanisms achieve their intended results for service delivery, governance, or empowerment. [Read more and watch the Recording>>>](#)

Ouvrir La Boîte Noire: Facteurs Contextuels De La Responsabilisation Sociale | September 2, 2015 | The GPSA’s first French webinar presented an overview of a report which provides a framework on how to assess the contextual drivers of social accountability effectiveness. [Read more and watch the Recording>>>](#)

GPSA GLOBAL PARTNERS

Since our last edition, two new organizations have joined the GPSA partnership. [View the complete list of 260+ partners here >>](#)



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Global Innovation Competition: Win a Grant

The Global Innovation Competition (GIC) 2016 offers the chance to win a grant from a pool of £450,000 and attend the Global Innovation Week in Accra, Ghana. The themes for the competition support both the goals of the Open Government Partnership and the Sustainable Development Goals. The deadline for submissions is October 4, 2015. [Read more>>>](#)

Global Health Visions Launches a Groundbreaking Report

Commissioned by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Children's Investment Fund Foundation, the report is an in-depth review of accountability processes at the regional, national, and sub-national levels – with a particular focus on those led by or involving civil society. [Read more>>>](#)

Assessing the Effectiveness of Public Sector Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives | October 5, 2015 | This Roundtable meeting at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace will discuss the report, "Assessing the Evidence: The Effectiveness and Impact of Public Governance-Oriented Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives" (sponsored by the Transparency and Accountability Initiative). For more information, email John Gutman at jgutman@ceip.org.

Acceso a la Información y Datos Abiertos: herramientas complementarias para periodistas | October 14, 2015 | This OGP Webinar in Spanish seeks to explore the successes and challenges faced by research reporters who use access to information requests to obtain data in reusable formats that are not published proactively by governments. [Register here>>>](#)

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